

Williamson Central School District
4184 Miller Street
Williamson, NY 14589

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Williamson, NY 14589

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VOTE: Tuesday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
in the Middle School Cafeteria

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**QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS
AT DISTRICT MEETINGS**

Education Law, Section 2012

A person shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting or election of school district officers, and upon all other matters which may be brought before such meeting or election who is:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. A legal resident within the district for a period of 30 days immediately prior to December 14, 2021.

LEGAL ADDRESS IS THE ADDRESS ON YOUR:

1. Drivers license.
2. Federal Income Tax form.
3. Car registration form.
4. Where you are registered to vote in county, state and federal elections.

TO VOTE YOU:

1. DO NOT have to own property.
2. DO NOT have to be a parent or have children in school.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Education Law, Section 2014 & 2018-a

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the District Office, 4184 Miller St, Williamson, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, or by calling the District Office at 589-9661. The District Clerk must receive this application at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or, the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally by the voter. Ballots must be returned to the District Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2021.

Voters are eligible to vote by absentee ballot under the following conditions:

1. Illness or physical disability.
2. Business responsibilities which require travel outside of the district of residence on the day of the vote.
3. Vacation outside of the district of residence.
4. Detention or confinement in jail for an offense other than a felony.



Williamson Central School
Proposed Capital Improvement Project
Building for Brighter Futures



Dear District Residents,

Our District facilities are a point of pride for our community and we take seriously our commitment to providing the safest and most comfortable building environment possible for our staff and students. Our facilities set the stage for all of the great learning and activities that take place in our District, and are the foundation of our student's "bright futures." To honor this commitment, our Administration and Board of Education have been working with District stakeholders as well as our Architects and Construction Management firm to plan for the best strategic investments in these facilities.

In the past year our Facilities Committee has done a line-by-line review of our required Building Condition Survey (BCS), and in the process, identified the most pressing needs of our District. In addition, our Board of Education has also committed to saving for capital improvements through Capital Reserve Funds. Our goal is to utilize these reserves in combination with building aid from New York State to maintain and improve our facilities without any additional tax burden.

On October 20, 2021, the Williamson Board of Education adopted a resolution to ask the community to vote on a \$12,019,927 Capital Improvement Project. About 20% of this project would be funded by our strategic reserves (\$2,625,000) and about 80% would be funded by bonds (\$9,394,927), the payment of which will be supported by NYS building aid. Please refer to the diagrams shown on the following pages. The project will generally address architectural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and site work needs at all District buildings, with major highlights as follows:

Elementary School: Kitchen renovation, room HVAC systems and controls, access and intrusion detection replacement, playground renovation.

Middle School: Auditorium renovation, corridor ceiling tiles, bathroom renovations, energy efficient windows, room HVAC systems and controls.

High School: Replace emergency generator, renovate band and chorus rooms, upgrade energy management systems.

The proposed capital project **will have no additional tax impact or tax increase**. Community members will vote on Tuesday, December 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Residents are encouraged to review the information provided in this brochure and to attend the public information session. If you have specific questions or comments, please contact Marygrace Mazzullo at (315) 589-9661. Information is also available on our website at www.williamsoncentral.org.

Sincerely,

Marygrace Mazzullo, Superintendent
Jay Schickling, School Business Administrator

Board of Education:
Jamie Sonnevile, President
Ashtyn Mohanlall, Trustee
Francis Gasparri, Trustee
Angela DeFisher, Vice President
Geoffrey Governor, Trustee



Note:

**A Community Public Presentation will be held on
Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Middle School Cafeteria**

**Vote Date:
Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

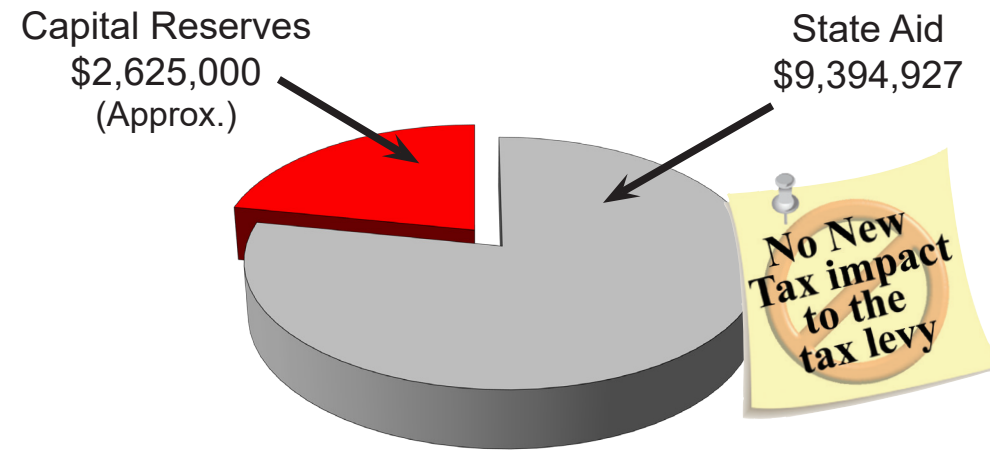
**Time:
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Location:
Middle School Cafeteria**



**No New
Tax impact
to the
tax levy**

Capital Project Funding Breakdown



Total Project Cost: \$12,019,927

Q&A

Q: What will the tax impact be?

A: The Capital Project will have no impact on local taxes. The proposed overall project cost is \$12,019,927, and will be paid for by a combination of State Building Aid and District Capital Reserve funds. First, the State Education Department will pay a portion of the costs for allowable Capital Improvements through their Building Aid formula (up to 84.2% for Williamson). Second, the District plans to utilize up to \$2,500,000 from our capital reserve fund.

Q: What is included and why is the project needed?

A: If approved, it is anticipated that the proposed project would address a variety of needs and enhancements that will vastly improve student safety and protect district-wide investments. The scope of work under consideration will address architectural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and sitework. Please review diagrams and lists shown. All items are necessary to address aging and end of life "infrastructure" improvements.

Q: Why is voter approval needed?

A: Just as we are required to seek voter authorization for our Annual Operating Budget, any time a School District in New York State proposes a Capital Improvement project, a Public Referendum (Vote) is necessary. The purpose is to allow community members a voice in deciding whether they are in favor (or not), of the expenditure of District funds for the specific project purpose. Additionally, a "Capital Reserve" fund was established for the purpose of providing a portion of the Capital Project financing, and voter approval is required to authorize the expenditure of those funds as well.

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Q&A

Q: Isn't State Aid just my tax dollars too?

A: Yes, it is. The New York State Legislature has given all Districts an opportunity to use tax dollars collected across the state to enhance their communities through school building improvements and renovations. This is an opportunity to keep some of those tax dollars in our own community and improve safety and the educational setting for our children.

Q: Why doesn't the District just include these items in the annual budget?

A: By creating a Capital Project from the work that needs to be done, the District will receive back approximately 84.2 cents on every dollar spent. Without that reimbursement from New York State, the entire cost would rest on the taxpayers.

Q: What happens if the Capital Project is not approved?

A: Costs could go up. The financing for this project will allow the Williamson Central School District to spread payments for the work over several years to correspond with the building aid that we receive from the State. If not approved, several of the items will need to be addressed in the annual operating budget, and would generate NO State Building Aid (100% local share).

Q: If the project is approved, when will the work start and be completed?

A: After voter approval, the plans and specifications will need to be completed by the architects and engineers and will be submitted to New York State for approval (SED issues our "building permit"). This process and approval from the state can take up to a year. Construction will begin in the spring of 2023 and continue through the summer of 2024. The construction schedule would seek to minimize disruptions to the school day.

Q: How can we learn more about the project?

A: We encourage the community to attend a Public Information session on December 8 at 6:30 pm, in the Middle School Cafeteria. Additional information can be found on the District's website at www.williamsoncentral.org, as well as contacting the Superintendent, School Business Administrator or any Board Member. A brochure including project information will be mailed out in late April or early May.

Q: What if we have additional questions?

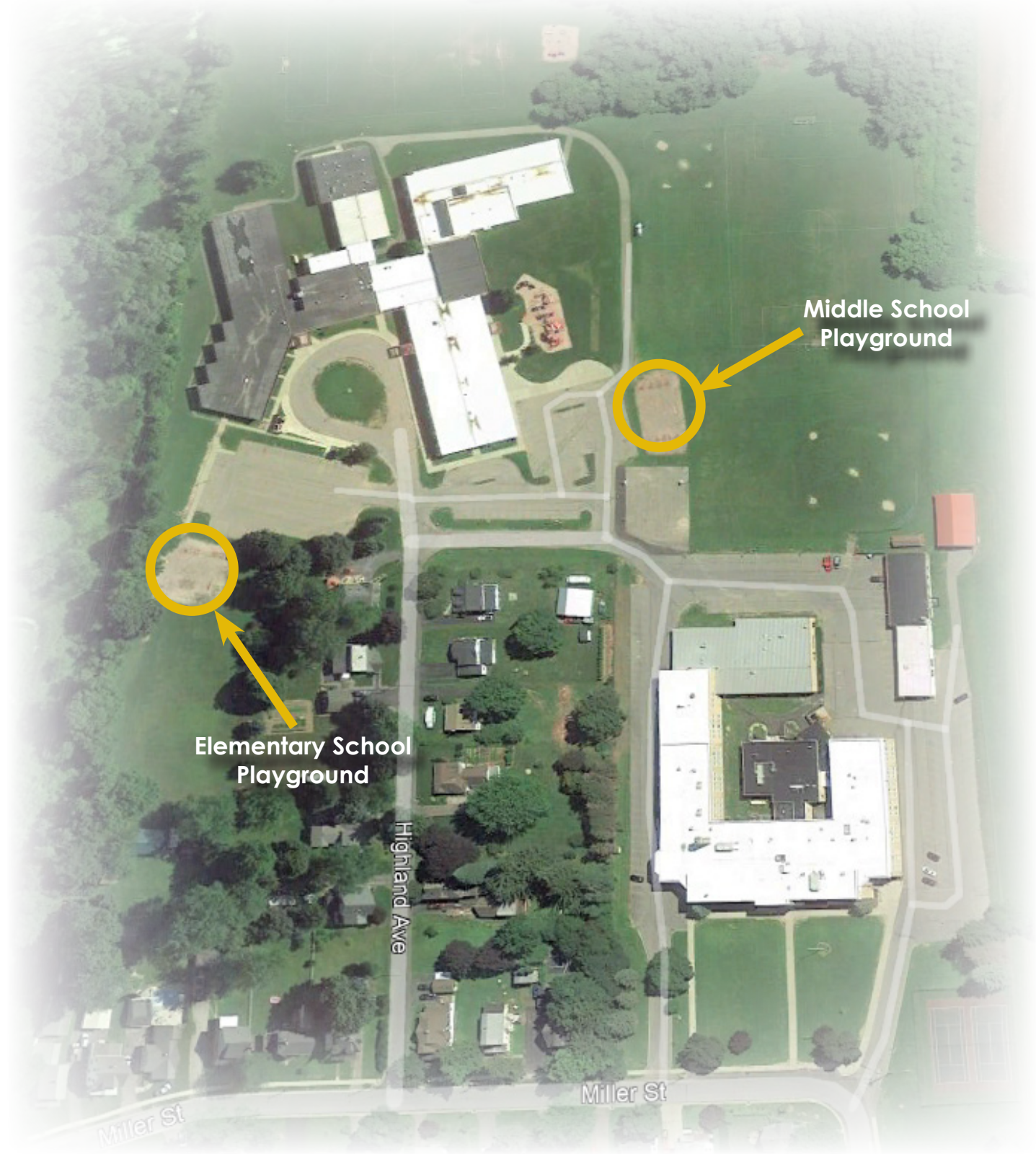
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Q: When and where do I vote?

A: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

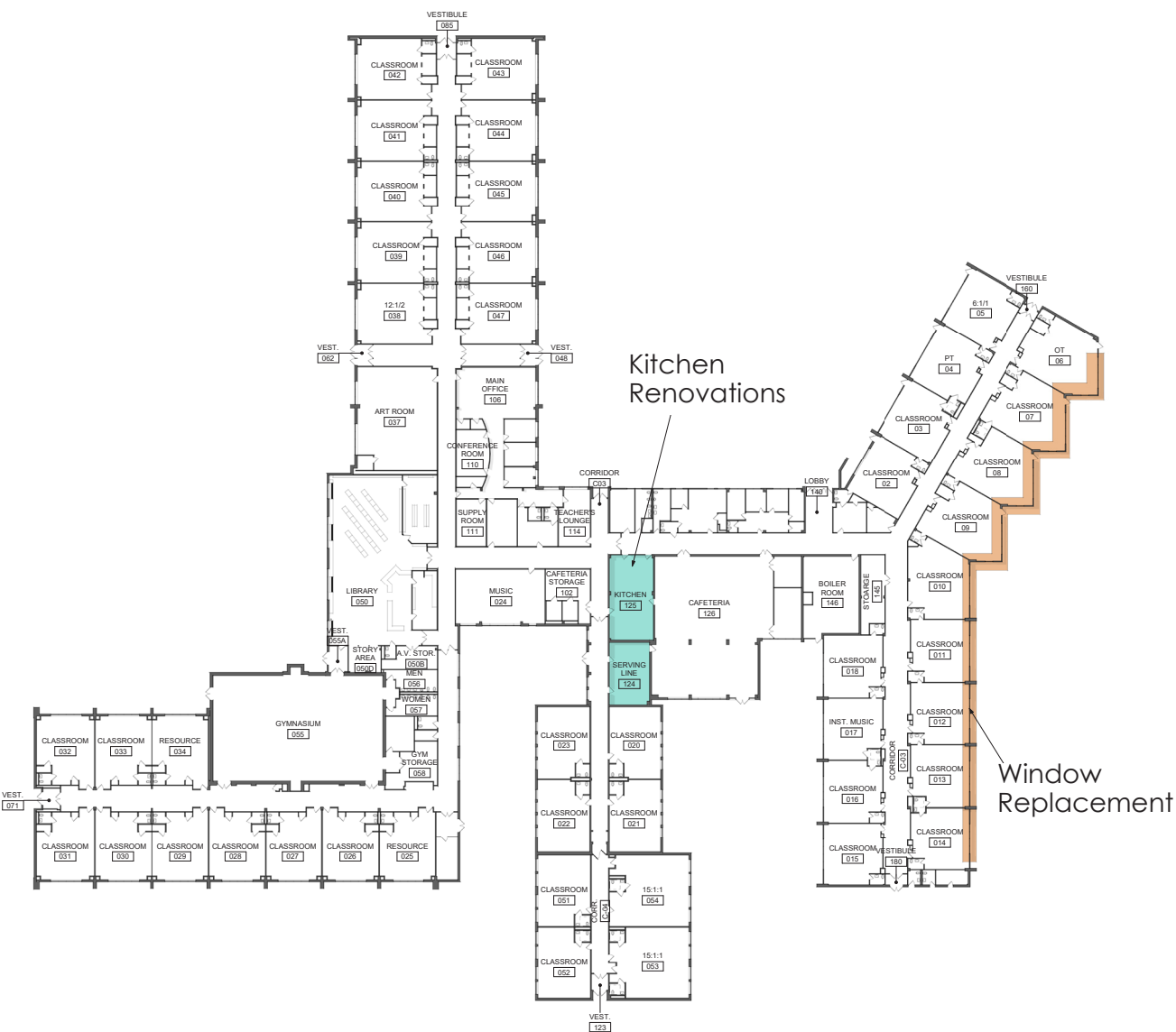


NEW PLAYGROUND SITES



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCOPE OF WORK

- Kitchen Renovations
 - Equipment Upgrades
 - Circulation Improvements
- Window Replacement
- Classroom Renovation
 - Ceiling Replacement
- Building Wide Upgrades
 - Update Access Controls
 - New Emergency Generator
 - Select Unit Ventilation Replacement
 - Playground Replacement



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCOPE OF WORK

- Auditorium Renovations

 - Ceiling Repair
 - Carpet Replacement
 - Stage Rigging Replacement
 - Provide Motorized Shades
 - Reupholster Seats
 - Refinish Stage Floors
- Window Replacement
- Toilet Room Renovations
- Gymnasium Renovations

 - Replace Wall Pads
 - Replace Basketball Hoops
- Building Wide Upgrades

 - Ceiling Replacement Throughout Main Bldg.
 - Unit Ventilation Replacement
 - Dust Collection System in Technology Lab
 - New Emergency Generator
 - Playground Replacement



SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

HIGH SCHOOL SCOPE OF WORK

- Band/Chorus Renovations
- Tech. Lab Dust Collector
- Building Wide Upgrades

 - Updgrade Energy Management Systems
 - Replace Emergency Generator
- Add Toilet Rooms to Storage Concession Bldg.



High School Site

