

CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS & SCHOOL SAFETY BOND



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Chappaqua Central School District Community,

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, there is a community-wide vote on two bond referendums that focus on facility and security projects at our schools. We ask that you please take the time to vote on these proposals. Should these referendums pass, it will enable us to take actions to preserve and enhance our facilities and upgrade the security systems in all of our six buildings.

We have successfully managed our facilities under the tax levy limit since it was established in 2011. While the community was presented with a bond in 2016 to create new instructional spaces, athletic fields, and improve the Chappaqua Public Library, there has not been a bond referendum to address significant infrastructure improvements and repairs of this nature since 1994. The capital projects set forth in the referendums require a greater financial commitment than what can typically be covered in the District's annual operating budget.

The Board and District administrators met continuously throughout the summer and fall to discuss and refine the scope of the projects, and to finalize the two bond proposals outlined in this newsletter. You can learn more about the specific projects presented in the bond referendums by visiting our website at www.chappaquaschools.org/bond2022.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to vote on November 29, 2022.

Sincerely,

Chappaqua Central School District Board of Education

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VOTING INFORMATION

★ **Tuesday, November 29th** ★
7am - 9pm
Greeley Gym

Call 914-238-7200 x1002
for voter registration and
absentee ballot information.

REFERENDUMS AT-A-GLANCE

Referendum #1

Infrastructure Repairs & Upgrades

The total cost associated with this first proposal is \$33,985,000.

- 71% Existing Infrastructure repairs/replacements
- 16% Air Conditioning of Gyms, Cafeterias & HG's L Building
- 7% Athletics Storage and Bathrooms
- 3% Security Improvements K-8 Buildings
- 3% HG Auditorium Lighting & Rigging

Referendum #2

Single Point of Entry

The total cost of this second proposal is \$11,340,000.

Create a single point of entry at HGHS based on safety audits and task force recommendations.



Visit our bond website to learn more at chappaquaschools.org/bond2022 or scan here:



BOND OVERVIEW

REFERENDUM #1: INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS & UPGRADES

Safety & Security

- Roof Replacement (all buildings)
- Greeley J Bridge (full replacement)
- Greeley Fire Alarm System Replacement
- Electronic Classroom Door Locking System (K-8 buildings, already at HG)

Preventative Maintenance and Repair

- Paving Projects at Greeley and Westorchard
- Electrical Panel/Underground Feeder Cable Replacement (Greeley Gym)
- HVAC Repair and Replacement (all buildings)
- Playground Resurfacing at Elementary Buildings
- Light Pole Replacement at Greeley Tennis Courts
- Auditorium Upgrades at Greeley
- Network and Fiber Optics Upgrades (all buildings)

Priority Upgrades to Support Academic and Extracurricular Programming

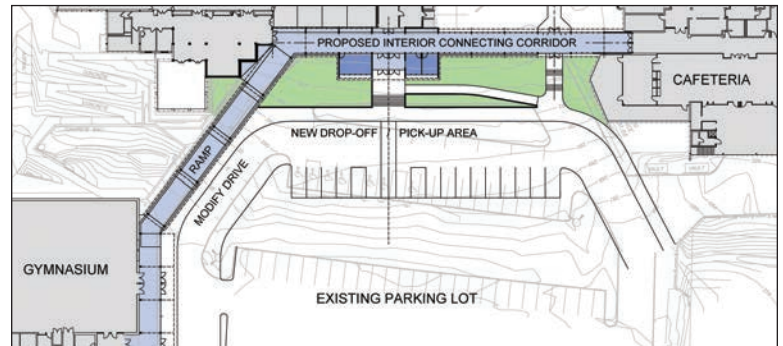
- Air Conditioning in Cafeterias and Gyms (all buildings)
- Air Conditioning in L Building at Greeley
- Outdoor Bathrooms at Greeley
- Storage at Greeley's Athletic Complex
- Modified Baseball Field at Seven Bridges



REFERENDUM #2: SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY

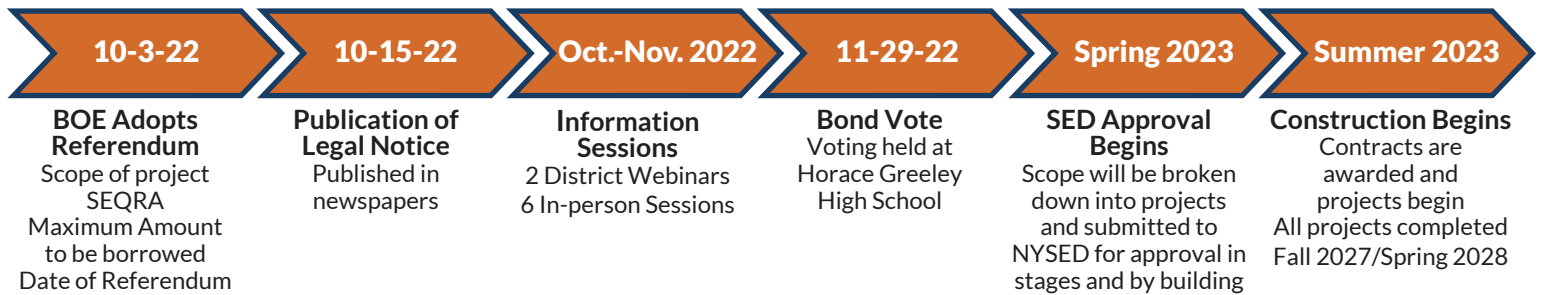
The second proposal creates a single point of entry at Horace Greeley High School by redesigning the front entrance from the gym to the cafeteria and office spaces.

This proposal is based on the 2019 recommendations from the CCSD Safety and Security Task Force, as well as recommendations from professional safety audits conducted prior to the pandemic.



BOND REFERENDUM TIMELINE

If approved, the timeline below assumes some construction will begin in the summer of 2023. The funding would begin with two years of short-term financing Bond Anticipation Notes and then a final Bond would be issued with repayment over 15 years to coincide with New York State Building Aid.





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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The chart below outlines the potential tax impact of the propositions under different scenarios. Visit our website for a personalized cost estimate using our Tax Impact Calculator, or scan here:



Voting Result	Estimated Marginal Tax Rate Impact	Estimated Average Annual Tax Impact
If Both Propositions Pass	1.7%	\$451
If Only Proposition 1 Passes	0.9%	\$232
If Only Proposition 2 Passes	No Impact Due To Declining Existing Debt	N/A

Notes/Assumptions:

- All cost figures are estimated and exclude all other annual budgetary changes that may be necessary.
- *Marginal Tax Impact* means the cost above the current annual tax levy/rate. Average reflects the first 6 years only for comparison purposes. If both propositions 1 & 2 pass, the marginal increase will continue beyond year six but at a lesser annual amount.
- *Estimated Average Annual Tax Impact* is based on a \$1,250,000 Market Value home with Basic STAR Exemption. Median home value is based on sales information from June 2022. (source: Zillow)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a bond?

A bond is a financing option used for school districts to fund large capital projects. School districts are permitted to issue debt in the form of long-term bonds or short-term notes, which are bought by investors with interest rates based on market conditions. Financing a capital project through the issuance of a bond helps to align the cost of the project with available building aid from New York State, which is generally paid out over an assumed period of time.

What are the facilities needs of the school district?

Our facilities need these upgrades to preserve our District buildings and to provide our students with long-term, safe, secure and fully functional schools. The Building Condition Survey (BCS) has identified the immediate, short-term and long-term needs of our existing school facilities. The BCS, which is required by New York State every 5 years, was used to prioritize the items included in the bond proposition.

Why can't we fund these facilities repairs through the regular school district budget?

Over the last several years, the District has delayed major renovations in order to support programmatic needs. While this has brought amazing educational opportunities for our students and community, our existing building infrastructure has continued to age. The repairs and upgrades that our schools need are currently more than our annual budget can support in any one year. Our buildings need this attention now, and a bond allows us to reduce the impact on taxpayers by spreading it out over a longer period of time.

What happens if we do not pass the bond?

If bond proposition 1 does not pass, the District will need to address building needs in smaller projects, over a longer period of time, with funding available through the annual budget. During this time, facilities needs will continue to grow more urgent as our facilities continue to age.

For a complete list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit our website or scan here:





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★ VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022 ★

7am to 9pm

Horace Greeley High School Gymnasium

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In order to vote on the Chappaqua Central School District's Facilities Improvements & School Safety Bond on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, you must be a registered voter. To be eligible to vote you must:

- be a citizen of the United States.
- be at least 18 years old by November 29, 2022 (the date of the vote).
- be a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to November 29, 2022.
- be registered with either the school district's board of registration or with the county board of elections. If you have previously registered to vote, but have not voted in either a school district or general election in the last four years, you must re-register to vote. You can call the District Clerk to verify your registration status.

Registration: You may register in person with Liisa Elsner, the School District Clerk, Chappaqua School District Education Center, 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York, 10514 (238-7200 x1002) during regular business hours. The last day to register to vote is Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

Absentee Ballots: Absentee ballot applications are available from Liisa Elsner, District Clerk at the Education Center during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or by downloading the application on our website.

Absentee ballot applications should be submitted in original form, with the original signature. It must be submitted at least seven days before the vote/election (November 29, 2022) if the ballot will be mailed to the voter and by the day before the vote (November 28, 2022) if the ballot will be personally picked up by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote (November 29, 2022) in order to be counted.

