

FY24-25 BOE CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

RANK	PROJECT	BOE Request
1	Curriculum Materials & Textbooks	250,000.00
2	New Strings Equipment	300,000.00
3	Montessori Expansion Classroom	125,000.00
4	Enhancements To School Security	86,500.00
5	Instructional Technology	1,322,500.00
6	Air Conditioning Program	500,000.00
7	Capital Repairs And Replacements	250,000.00
8	Boe Asbestos Abatement Program	600,000.00
9	Heating Systems Replacements	200,000.00
10	New Food Service Truck	198,000.00
11	Oil Tank Replacement	500,000.00
12	School District Paving And Concrete	700,000.00
13	Replacement Of Middle School Lockers	500,000.00
14	Sono Land Acquisition	3,370,000.00
15	Air Conditioning Program	9,132,585.00
		18,034,585.00

Brief Description of Projects:

1. Curriculum Materials & Textbooks

POCD Code: 5.1.A.IV

Explore creation of new educational programs.

- New Social Studies Curricula: The state of Connecticut is updating the social studies K-12 curricula. Materials for this update need to be purchased.
- Curriculum Materials: The process of updating Science materials and textbooks in High School has begun.

2. Band Instrument Replacement

POCD Code: 5.1.A.IV

Explore creation of new educational programs.

- Many of the instruments in the current inventory are over 20 years old. The normal life expectancy of school-owned instruments is approximately 10 years. A decline in family-owned and/or rented instruments has been observed. The financial burden of renting or purchasing instruments is beyond the means of many families. The music programs in the City of Norwalk have historically been a showcase for the Norwalk Public Schools. To provide an exceptional music education, students must be supplied with quality instruments in addition to quality instruction.

3. Brookside Montessori Program

POCD Code: 5.1.A.IV

Explore creation of new educational programs.

- What is Montessori? Montessori is a developmental approach to learning that fosters independence and allows children to progress at their own pace. Montessori learning environments are carefully prepared to respond to the child's innate drive to work and learn. Each environment is led by a carefully trained adult who guides each child on their journey toward discovery and development.
- The Montessori program at Brookside ES requires the renovation of an existing classroom to accommodate grades 4 and 5 as students from the current grade Montessori classroom progress to the next grade. A Montessori classroom must be outfitted with special furniture and appliances that are inclusive of the program.

4. Enhancement to Security

POCD Code: 5.2.A

Implement the facilities improvement plan over time.

- Maintaining a safe environment for students and staff is of paramount importance to the District. Recent threats have exposed areas where the District needs to bolster its security infrastructure. The recently-convened District-Wide Safety & Security Task Force is conducting a comprehensive analysis of the District's needs, but improvements are required to the District's radio infrastructure, security cameras, alarm systems, and other deterrent measures.
- Replaces old camera servers with (5) Milestone Recording Server 48TB Windows Server 2022 to appropriately handle the additional cameras installed at various schools to prevent lagging and increase video footage storage capabilities.

5. Instructional Technology

POCD Code: 5.1.A.IV

Explore creation of new educational programs.

- Initiates an Instructional Technology refresh program to provide replacement devices to students (Chromebooks) on an established schedule. Replacement and addition of ViewSonic LCD panels or comparable. Networking and switching gear replacements and upgrades as needed. Replaces staff laptops as needed.

6. Air Conditioning Program

POCD Code: 5.2.A.IV

Support sustained maintenance and renovation of all schools. Implement the plan to air condition all schools.

- Installs portable and modular air conditioning units in existing classrooms and other instructional spaces, for buildings that are not equipped with central air conditioning systems. West Rocks Middle School has been removed from this list, assuming that the City will fund a major renovation in FY 2024-25, which will include a central air conditioning system.

- In order to support effective learning during warmer weather, it is essential for the District to air condition all schools. As the climate grows hotter and the District has expanded summer learning, this has become more imperative.

7. Capital Repairs & Replacement

POCD Code: 5.2.A

Implement the facilities improvement plan over time.

- Frequent and unplanned emergency repairs and replacements are required to effectively operate a large district of this size that has upwards of 23 sites. This includes essential building systems that must be addressed on an emergency basis.

8. BOE Asbestos Abatement Program

POCD Code: 5.2.A

Implement the facilities improvement plan over time.

- Asbestos Abatement: Wolfpit School, Marvin School, Tracey School.

9. Heating System Replacement

POCD Code: 5.A.IV

Support sustained maintenance and renovation of all schools. Implement the plan to air condition all schools.

- Select heating units and associated heating equipment with the district are at the end of useful life and in need of replacement.

10. District Vehicles

POCD Code: 5.2.A

Implement the facilities improvement plan over time.

- Continues the District vehicle replacement program. Current NPS vehicles are beyond their useful life.

11. Fuel Tank Replacement

POCD Code: 5.2.A

Implement the facilities improvement plan over time.

- Removes underground heating oil tanks reaching the end of their useful life, and replaces them with gas-fired boiler units where possible. Where gas lines do not exist, replaces them with appropriately screened above-ground storage tanks.

12. School District Paving and ADA Compliance

POCD Code: 5.2.A

Implement the facilities improvement plan over time.

- Driveway paving and sidewalk refurbishment as recommended in the facilities master plan. The work includes complying with ADA accessibility requirements.

13. Replacement of Middle School Lockers

POCD Code: 5.2.A

Implement the facilities improvement plan over time.

- Existing lockers are original to the four Middle school facilities and are beyond useful life. Lockers have equipment missing, including doors, many locks do not work, and jagged metal that poses potential safety concerns.

14. SONO Land Acquisition

POCD Code: 5.2.A

Implement the facilities improvement plan over time.

- Acquires land necessary for a new SONO school.

15. Air Conditioning Program

POCD Code: 5.2.A.IV

Support sustained maintenance and renovation of all schools. Implement the plan to air condition all schools.

- In order to support an effective learning environment during the warmer months, it is essential for the district to properly temper all schools. The district has expanded activities at all schools, and they are occupied twelve months of each year.