

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

January 30, 2024



For additional information, the presentation given by KG&D Architects and Triton Construction to the Board of Education on January 18, 2024, can be viewed [here](#).

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What is the current status of each project included in the Future Facilities Capital Plan?

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COMPLETE

Stormwater Drainage Upgrades*

- CET and CHHS have been successful and will conclude once ancillary work is completed this winter.

District-wide Roofing-Phase 1 (Transportation, CET & DO)

- Complete

IN-PROGRESS

District-wide Roofing Phase-2 (CHHS & PVC)

- Project Bid in Winter 2023/24
- Recommendations were presented to the BOE 1/18/24

*Funded through the Capital Reserve Fund; separate from the \$45.5 million Capital Project Bond

PENDING APPROVAL FROM NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (NYSED)

Athletic Fields (Spencer Field, CET Upper Field, PVC Playground Field) and District-wide Security Upgrades

- Projects submitted in mid-August 2023 (on time)
- Pending NYSED review and permit (review started 1/16/24)
- **Anticipated Construction Start:** June 3, 2024 (no change to the original schedule at this point)

District-wide Program and Infrastructure (CHHS, CET, PVC, DO, Transportation)

- Projects submitted: End of September 2023 (on time)
- **Pending NYSED review and permit** (approximately 380 projects away from review as of 1/10/24)

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Q Which projects may be delayed?

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District-wide Programs and Infrastructure at CHHS, PVC, CET, Transportation, and District Office may be delayed due to NYSED's newly extended review period. Construction for these projects was originally planned to begin this summer (2024). Please see below for a complete list of these projects.

CET Elementary School

- Library & Maker Space Renovation
- Gymnasium Improvements
- Kindergarten Courtyard Renovation
- Air Condition Kindergarten Wing
- Cafeteria Improvements

PVC Middle School

- Student Services Suite
- New Science Classroom
- Outdoor Learning Space
- FLEX Support Center
- 4th Floor Conference Suite

Croton-Harmon High School

- Auditorium Renovation
- New Sound and Lighting Systems
- Stage and Backstage Enhancement
- Music Suite Renovation
- Innovation Learning Center
- Cafeteria Expansion
- STEAM Center Renovation

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What could the district have done to prevent NYSED delays?

Nothing. This is an unfortunate and unavoidable delay due to a change in the NYSED's review process. Our team met the approved project schedule and timelines. Previously, districts were expected to wait anywhere from 12 to 14 weeks for approval. The timeline is now 22 to 24 weeks and was communicated after the process began, impacting hundreds of districts throughout the state.

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Why weren't all of the projects submitted to NYSED for approval at the same time?

The projects were broken out into phases and submitted separately for a few reasons. Since all projects cannot be completed simultaneously, the timing of our submissions to NYSED aligned with the timeline of the project's construction. In addition, certain projects were submitted together to optimize State Aid funding, while other, less complex portions of the project, were submitted separately and ahead of schedule to begin construction earlier.

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Will the delay impact the scope and cost of the projects?

We are currently evaluating what the impact of the delays will be and developing contingency plans. However, due to escalation, we do expect the delay to impact the related costs associated with these projects.

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When can we expect construction to begin?

Early contingency plans presented by our architects and construction consultations estimate that if we receive our project permit from the state in Spring 2024, construction will begin on some portions in Summer 2024, with other portions being completed in the Summers of 2025 and 2026.

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When will we know more?

Contingency plans will be finalized upon approval from NYSED and shared with the community as soon as possible.

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