

Developing a Bond Project



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How Are Building Upgrades & Enhancements Paid for?

- There are two (2) ways major facility upgrades & enhancements are funded:
 - >Through a Bond Issue

or

Through budgeting the funds in the "Transfer to Capital" line in the current budget.



IMPORTANT!!!!!!

THIS POTENTIAL BOND ISSUE WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE CURRENT 2014-15 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS!!!!



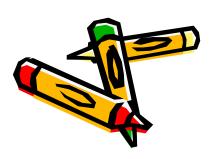
Why Consider a Bond?

· Bond Issue:

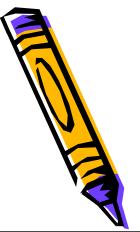
- ✓ Allows for the re-payment of debt over a period of time.
- ✓ Better aligns the receipt of building aid with the annual debt service payments.
- ✓ District's building aid ratio is 68% we get back 68 cents on every dollar.
- ✓ Aggressively managed District debt over last 14 years to minimize the impact on the tax rate, thus enabling the District to provide for necessary facility upgrades.
- ✓ Window of opportunity to provide for infrastructure upgrades and enhancements with NO impact on the current tax rate levels.

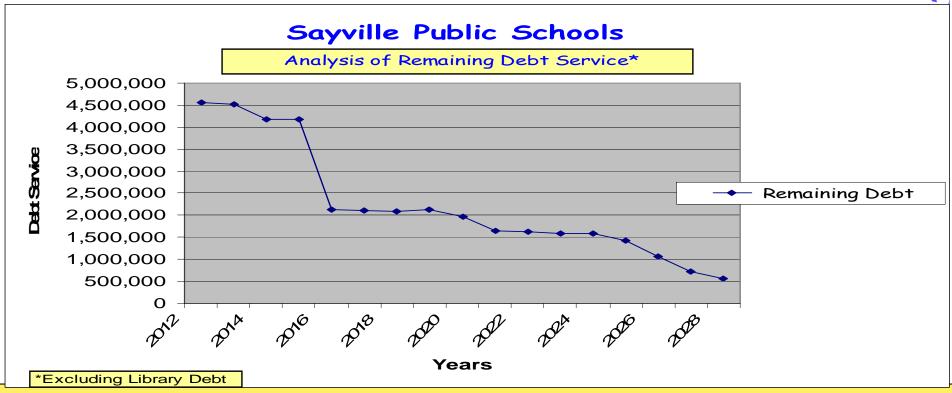
Why Not Consider Funding All Major Capital Projects Through the Budget?

- Taxpayers shoulder the fiscal burden of 100% of the project costs in one budget year;
 - > Significant impact to the tax rate!
- Building Aid is paid out by the State over the useful life of the upgrades - i.e., 10, 15, 20 years;
 - > Results in misalignment of budget revenues and expenses!



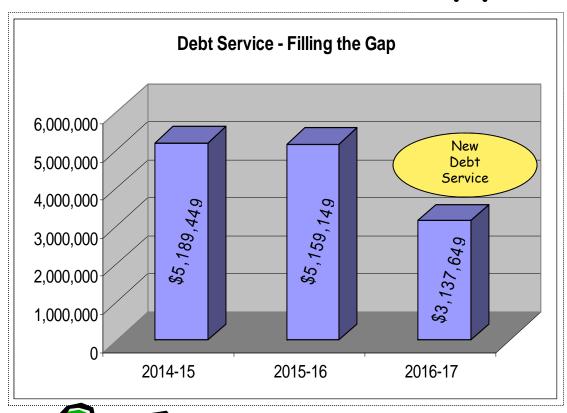
Current Debt Service Analysis





In November 2012 we refinanced a portion of District's outstanding debt, saving \$743,589 over a nine-year period.

In a Nut Shell - Here is the Window of Opportunity



- 1. Beginning in the 2016-17, school year we see our debt service decrease by over \$2.0 million
- 2. For 2015-16, we are budgeting at the \$5.1M level
- 3. If we are able fill some of the debt going into 2016-17, there would be no additional tax burden over the previous 2015-16 year

What Can Go Into a Capital Bond Project?

Items For A Bond

- 'Building' additions, renovations and alterations -
 - Roofs, boilers, windows, HVAC, plumbing, masonry, ceilings, technology, security hardware, etc...
- Site improvements -
 - > Turf fields, elementary playgrounds, site drainage, fences, paving, etc...

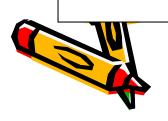
NOT For A Bond

- No Instructional Program costs or General Support type items-
 - No staff salary/benefit costs or classroom materials, etc...
 - Non-Capital items which are considered repairs or maintenance items painting, annual service contracts, etc....

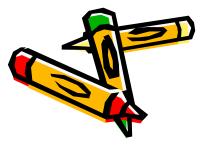


How Does the District Evaluate Its Facility Needs?

- Through Instructional Program Enhancements/Needs
 - > How we teach our students and the appropriate facility space to ensure a conducive learning environment
- Through the requirements of NYS, every district must comply with RESCUE Regulations (Rebuilding Schools to Uphold Education - 8 NYRR 155
 - > Annual Visual Inspections
 - Five (5) Year Capital Facilities Plan
 - > School Facilities Report Card



- Middle School Roof Replacement
- Replacement of boilers at High School, Cherry & Lincoln Elementary Schools and Administration Building
 - ➤ Boilers range in age from 18 46 years old
- Duel fuel generators at IMC (Technology Building) and Middle School
- · HS & MS Library Media Centers
- Air Conditioning 3rd floor Old Junior High, HS auditorium, cafeterias at HS, Lincoln, Cherry



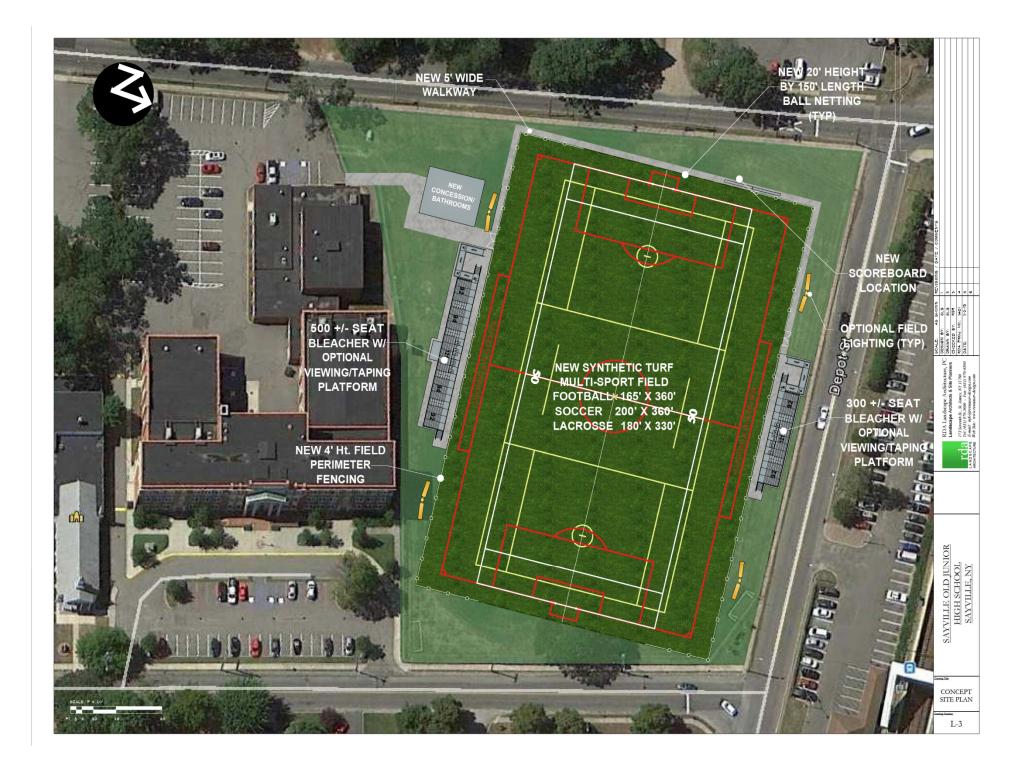
- Lincoln upgrade public address system throughout building
- MS upgrade auditorium wiring, lighting & sound system for musical productions and assemblies
- MS pool area ventilation system
- Upgrade electrical service at Sunrise Drive Elementary School
- Bus loop in front of High School (Brook Street)
- Review / evaluate relocation of tennis courts at HS and expansion of parking area

- Additional parking at Lincoln Avenue Elementary School
- · Playground upgrades at each Elementary School
- MS upgrade of planetarium lens and equipment
- Turf field, lights & bathrooms at Depot Street and Greeley property
- Turf field & lights at High School



District-wide project considerations:

- > Spline ceiling replacement (12 X 12)
- > Upgrade kitchen equipment
- > District-wide paving and updating of storm drains
- > Security interior door card access
- > Upgrade intrusion security alarm systems
- > Upgrade emergency lighting where necessary
- Expand & upgrade fire alarm systems where necessary





Questions for the Bond Committee -

This is your homework assignment:

· What have we forgotten?

 What items would you or your stakeholder group like to see become part of this bond referendum?

