



# Discovery

GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Where Discovery Leads to Greatness

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE

### MODERNIZING DISTRICT ASSETS TO EXPAND AND PRESERVE STUDENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



E.M. Baker Auditorium Addition



North High School New Slate Roof



South Middle School Library/Media Center

Five years ago, in 2017, the Great Neck community approved a bond referendum to preserve and upgrade the district's school buildings and other physical assets, enhance districtwide security and safety, and enhance the educational program and opportunities available to all students. By utilizing bond financing, the district will be able to complete all the projects included in the bond plan by the summer of 2023 while spreading the total cost over a 20-year period, minimizing the impact on annual operating budgets.

Work began on the projects outlined in the bond plan in the summer of 2019. Over these past 32 months, every school building in the district has seen improvements, upgrades, renovations, and new construction that have made Great Neck schools safer, more secure, more accessible, and better equipped to deliver a 21st century education that inspires, challenges, and provides a pathway for every child to discover their highest potential...or, as the district motto states, to "discover greatness."

Already, students across the district are benefitting from redesigned library media centers, renovated auditoriums and cafeterias, classroom air conditioning, and state-of-the-art science labs.

While there is still some work left to do over the next two summers (see back page), a majority of the projects included in the \$77.8 million bond plan have been completed. In financing these projects, the district's proposed financial plan included the use of reserve funds in addition to the issuance of serial bonds. Due to sound, conservative financial management and a bond rating of Aaa, Moody's highest rating, the district was able to reduce the total amount of serial bonds necessary to cover capital project costs by over \$4.3 million despite increased construction costs due to heightened demand and supply chain challenges over the COVID period.

The inside two pages of this newsletter offer a school-by-school review of completed projects to date, as well as projects underway which are scheduled to be completed during the summer of 2022.

## GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library/Media Center renovations</li> <li>New testing suite</li> <li>Boys locker room renovations</li> <li>Roof replacement</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Window replacements</li> <li>Classroom A/C</li> <li>New greenhouse</li> <li>HVAC roof-top-unit replacement</li> </ul> |
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Renovated Library/Media Center

## GREAT NECK NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- New slate roof, as required by the landmark status of the 93-year-old building
- New parking lot at corner of Polo Rd. and Beach Rd.

### PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

- Library/Media Center renovations
- Science lab renovations



Stairs and Parking Lot

## SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library/Media Center renovations</li> <li>Classroom A/C</li> <li>Bathroom renovations</li> <li>New auditorium seating</li> <li>Auditorium A/C</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roof replacement</li> <li>Window replacements</li> <li>Exterior door replacements</li> <li>Tennis court renovations</li> <li>HVAC roof-top-unit replacement</li> </ul> |
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New Auditorium Seating

## NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Library/Media Center renovations
- Family and Consumer Science (FACS) room renovations
- Window replacements
- Masonry work

### PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

- STEM Lab
- Auditorium renovations
- Roof replacement



Renovated Library/Media Center

KEY

HEALTH

SAFETY/SECURITY

EDUCATIONAL













# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ENHANCE STUDENT PERFORMANCE

- New, state-of-the-art secondary science labs meet the demands of 21st century science curriculum
- Air conditioning in classrooms help ensure a learning environment supportive of optimal student/teacher performance
- Redesigned library/media centers provide students with the research tools, collaborative work spaces and technology to take on advanced and complex research projects and assignments
- Additional classroom space at Lakeville and Baker elementary schools will provide for increasing enrollment in these catchment areas while maintaining the district's small class sizes






## E.M. BAKER ELEMENTARY

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- New auditorium addition   
- Cafeteria reconstruction   
- Window replacements   
- Roof replacement   

### PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

- Classroom addition\*   












Artist's Rendering of Classroom Addition

## JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Library/Media Center renovations   
- Classroom A/C   
- Auditorium A/C   
- Roof replacement   
- New elevator   
















- Corridor ceilings replacement   
- Corridor lighting replacement   
- Electrical service replacement   












Renovated Library/Media Center

## LAKEVILLE ELEMENTARY

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Classroom A/C   
- Auditorium A/C   
- Roof replacement   
- Reading room renovations   
- New PA/Intercom system   

### PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED













- Classroom addition\*   
- Site improvements   
- Ventilation upgrade   






Artist's Rendering of Classroom Addition

## PARKVILLE ELEMENTARY

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Classroom A/C   
- Roof replacement   
- Auditorium A/C   
- Window replacements   






- Electrical service replacement   















New Windows and Roof

## SADDLE ROCK ELEMENTARY

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Library/Media Center renovations   
- Classroom A/C   
- Auditorium A/C   
- New PA/Intercom system   

- Roof replacement   
- Window replacements   
- Exterior door replacements   
- Parking lot paving and drainage improvements   



Renovated Library/Media Center

\* In addition to the improvement projects supported through the 2017 bond referendum, the Great Neck community also approved a capital projects proposition in 2019 for the construction of classrooms to accommodate growing student enrollment at E.M. Baker and Lakeville schools. Voters authorized the district to transfer existing funds from the unassigned fund balance to the capital fund to pay for these projects. As a result of the community's support, the construction of these new classroom spaces will be completed without bond financing.



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### Mission Statement

The Great Neck Public School District provides an innovative and collaborative educational environment that supports academic excellence and the social and emotional growth of all students so that they may become life-long learners and compassionate, productive members of a diverse, global society.

# WHAT'S NEXT

The projects included in the 2017 bond plan, when completed in their entirety, will provide greater safety and security, a healthier learning environment, and state-of-the-art facilities for our students today and for generations to come. This could not have happened without the support of the Great Neck community to plan for future generations and ensure that the Great Neck Public Schools can continue to fulfill its mission to provide an innovative educational environment for all students. Below are the remaining projects that will complete the 2017 bond referendum.

## NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

- Library/Media Center renovations including technology upgrades
- Science lab renovations including technology upgrades
- New electrical panels
- Window replacements (street façade)
- Aerobic room A/C



## NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

- New auditorium seating
- New auditorium rigging and curtains
- New auditorium sound system
- Convert auditorium lighting to LED
- Auditorium A/C
- Create new STEM lab
- New electrical panels
- Window replacements
- New exterior doors



## VILLAGE SCHOOL

- New greenhouse
- New PA/intercom system
- HVAC upgrades
- ADA compliance/accessibility renovations
- New exterior doors



## GRACE AVE SCHOOL

- Kitchen upgrades
- Window replacements



## CLOVER DRIVE SCHOOL

- Window replacements



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