

MAY 2023

# WEST CANADA VALLEY PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT



West Canada Valley School District Residents:

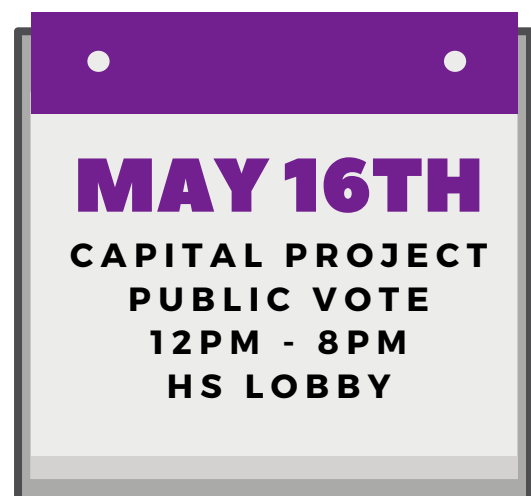
The West Canada Valley Board of Education has remained focused on the continued development of the upcoming capital project. As discussed during our monthly meetings, the district has been approached by an anonymous donor who continues to have very strong ties to the West Canada Valley School District. The donor has offered an amazing donation of \$500,000 toward the continued enhancements in the track and field area. As you know, the district installed a new regulation track as part of a previous project. Since the installation, the district has hosted several league and sectional events showcasing this beautiful campus to many schools from around the region. The upcoming project originally included plans to install a bleacher system to accommodate the many people who attend our events. With the assistance of this generous donation, the district would now be able to complete this portion of facility upgrades by also installing lights and a synthetic playing surface inside the track area. This would not be possible at this time without the generous offer of financial support.

If approved by public vote on May 16th, 2023, the district would move forward with phase two of the current project with construction to begin in the spring of 2024. The proposed upgrades would allow our football, soccer, and track/field teams to compete under the lights on the new surface beginning in the fall of the 2024-2025 school year. In addition, the facility would support many school, regional, and community events that would not be possible without the proposed upgrades.

The combination of federal funding and the donation has provided West Canada Valley CSD with a unique opportunity to complete a great deal of facility work with minimal impact to the district budget and the supportive taxpaying community. As you will read throughout this newsletter, the proposed project is designed under the financial parameters not to exceed \$4,000,000. The \$500,000 donation will be used to leverage phase two of the project. In addition, the district will be maximizing project aid estimated at 94.1%. The overall project is expected to be 98% aid eligible. This will be explained in full at the upcoming public hearing.

The project hearing is scheduled for May 8th in the high school library at 6:15 pm. The hearing will also be streamed and questions can be submitted to Karen Sheets, District Clerk ([ksheets@westcanada.org](mailto:ksheets@westcanada.org)) throughout the hearing if you decide not to attend in-person. The public vote is scheduled for May 16th as proposition three on the ballot. Voting is from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the high school lobby. The district looks forward to your participation at the hearing and your vote on May 16th. As always, if you have any questions and/or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the district office at 315-845-6800. Take care.

D.J. Shepardson – Superintendent of Schools





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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

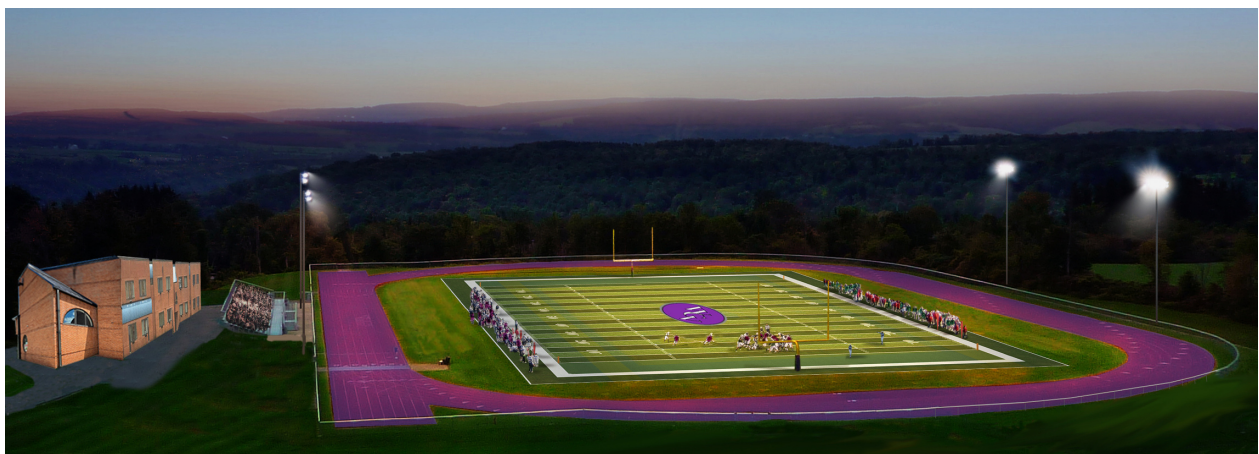
An anonymous donor with strong ties to the School District has offered an amazing donation of \$500,000 toward enhancements in the track and field area. With the assistance of this generous donation, the District would now be able to install field lights as part of facility upgrades as well as installing a bleacher system and a synthetic playing surface inside the track area. The proposed upgrades would allow our football, soccer and track/field teams to compete under the lights on the new surface beginning in the fall of the 2024-2025 school year.

## GOALS OF THE PROJECT

- Multipurpose Synthetic Turf Field
- Sports Field Lighting
- Elevated Bleachers
- Stormwater Improvements required by Field Work
- Minor Building Work

## PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW:

- Public Hearing to be held on May 8, 2023
- Proposition to be voted on May 16, 2023
- Proposition 3: Capital Project Athletic Field Improvements \$4,000,000
- Construction anticipated to begin late Spring 2024



**Field lighting - LED sports field lighting will illuminate main field and track and field events**



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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

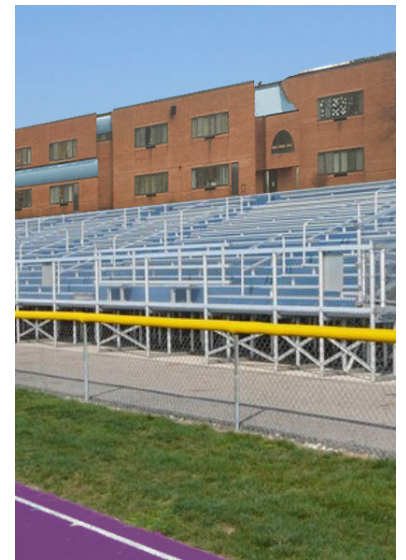
- Project is designed to not exceed \$4,000,000 in total cost.
- Project aid from New York State is 94.1% with the overall project anticipated to be 98% aid eligible. Therefore, the district will be responsible for less than 6% of the total cost over a 15-year period.
- A \$500,000 donation will be applied in full to the total cost of the project further reducing the overall cost and the tax impact of the proposed project.
- The overall tax impact of the proposed project is expected to be one third of a percent or less.
- Expected construction is the Spring of 2024.

## ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF \$500,000

The district has received a very generous offer to donate \$500,000 toward the completion of the lighting, bleachers, and synthetic playing surface. With the support of this donation, the district will be able to cover a large portion of the overall cost as well as cover the initial first year payment prior to the return of project aid funding for the district.



**Synthetic Turf Field** - Synthetic turf sports field will replace existing grass field.



**Elevated Bleachers** - Elevated bleachers, accessed from the existing walkway, will provide mid-field viewing.

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**Calendar**

**Project Hearing :**

May 8, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
High School Library

**Capital Project  
Public Vote :**

May 16, 2023  
12p.m.— 8p.m.  
High School Lobby

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upcoming meetings, or current  
happenings at the school!

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