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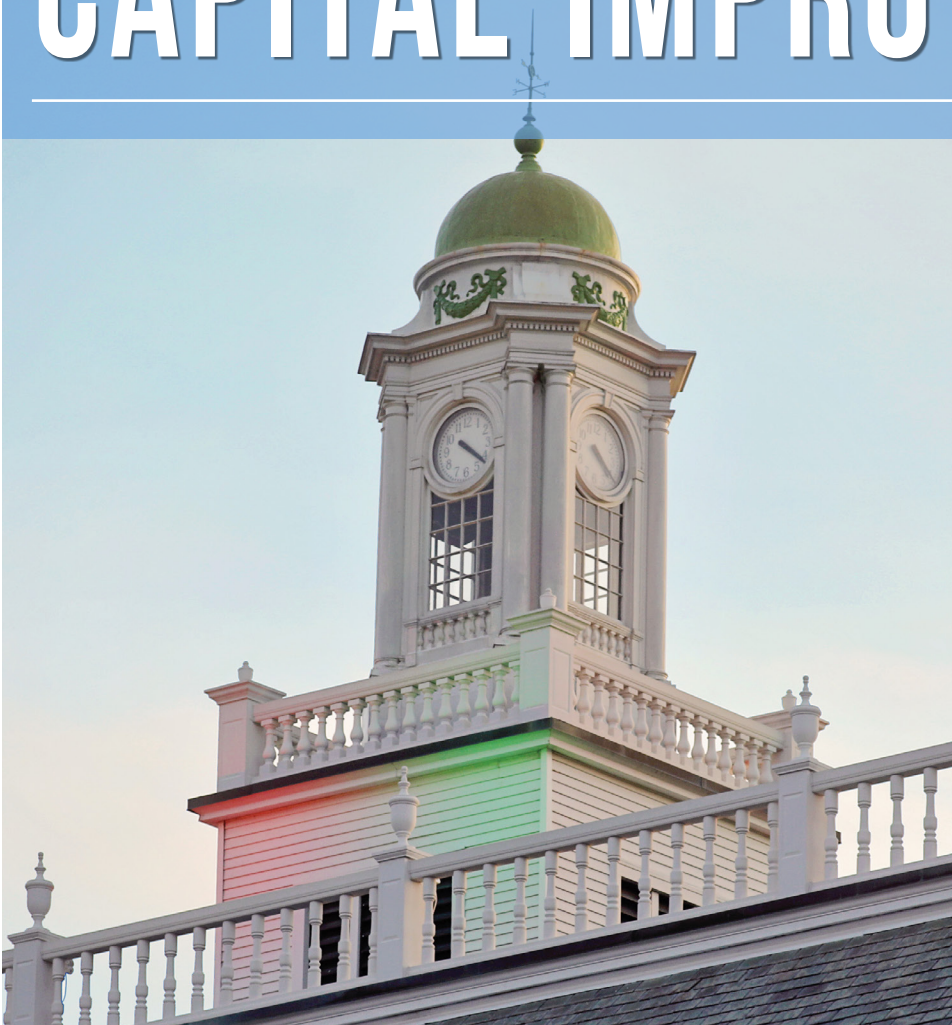
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2023 PROPOSED

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT



CAPITAL PROJECT AT A GLANCE

TOTAL PROJECT COST:
\$26 MILLION

CONTRIBUTION
BY NY STATE AID: **86%**

LOCAL TAX IMPACT:
**NO
TAX INCREASE**

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VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FORUM

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SAVE
the
DATE

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Vote!

FROM 7:00 A.M.
TO 8:00 P.M.
AT PARKWAY, MARCY, AND
DEERFIELD SCHOOLS

COMMITTED TO OUR FUTURE

On Tuesday, February 14, 2023, the Whitesboro Central School District residents will head to the polls to vote on a \$26 million capital improvement project.



 **NO tax increase for the community**

The proposed project will address the District's most immediate facility and instructional needs. This includes updates to aging infrastructure throughout the District's school buildings, such as boilers and fire alarm systems. The project also includes Districtwide improvements to our athletic facilities, bus garage, mechanical systems and safety and security systems.

There is no tax increase associated with this project. Debt service costs are expected to be funded by New York State building aid and by leveraging debt service schedules.

"A commitment to ongoing improvements to school facilities is essential to meet the emerging and evolving needs of our students and staff," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian K. Bellair. "Our District and Board of Education are committed to continued and ongoing improvements that address all aspects of our facilities. While we have done extensive work in recent years, it is incumbent upon us to continually review, update, and improve our District to provide a safe, welcoming and dynamic learning environment that meets the needs of all learners. As was the case with our three most recent projects, this proposed project would have **zero** impact on the tax levy."

Just like a home, school facilities need regular attention and upkeep to continue to operate year after year as originally intended.

The cost of keeping up with the daily wear and tear caused by thousands of students, staff, and visitors can rise above what the annual school budget can support.

Capital improvement projects are a way for school districts to access state aid to complete a larger amount of facilities work than possible within the scope of the annual school budget.

Every five years, school districts are required by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to complete a Building Condition Survey (BCS) for each District building. The BCS is designed for schools to partner with an architect/engineer to identify infrastructure items in need of improvement.

To guide its work for this project, the District used the data from the BCS, community surveys, student forums, as well as the District Facilities Committee and Leadership Team to determine the potential scope of this

project. Based on the data reviewed and collaboration with our stakeholders, the District identified various core categories for improvements, such as: health, safety and security, aging infrastructure/systems, instructional spaces, and technology infrastructure.

The District Facilities Committee worked collaboratively with our financial advisor to develop a proposed project that removes any tax impact to District taxpayers. Therefore, the referendum going before voters on February 14 will have no tax impact on community members.

MARQUEE REPLACEMENT

As a part of the proposed capital improvement project, each elementary school and the Parkway School will replace their current marquee signs with new, digital marquees.



Current marquee at Parkway School

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED AS A PART OF THIS CAPITAL PROJECT?

HIGH SCHOOL

- Art room and Family & Consumer Science room upgrades
- HVAC upgrades
- Select window/floor replacements
- Interior/exterior wall upgrades
- Replace parking lot lighting
- Upgrades to auditorium including sound and lighting systems



Family & Consumer Science classroom at HS



Art classroom at HS



Windows at HS

STUDENT FORUM

In December, middle and high school students were given the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the proposed project.



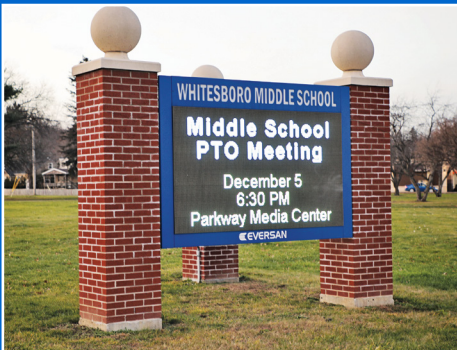
"WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS ON THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS AND THE HIGH SCHOOL AS WE CONTINUE OUR EDUCATION."

-Whitesboro Middle School student



"This project has the potential to positively impact every student in the Whitesboro School District and we are excited to be a part of it!"

-Whitesboro High School student



Example of digital marquee (located at Middle School)

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED AS A PART OF THIS CAPITAL PROJECT?

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- HVAC upgrades
- Reconstruct auditorium entry/steps
- Replace retaining walls at football & baseball fields
- Replace gym flooring
- Art room and Family & Consumer Science room upgrades
- Kitchen upgrades



PARKWAY

- Replace boilers
- Replace water heating system
- Replace select windows
- HVAC upgrades
- Upgrade emergency lighting
- Kitchen upgrades
- Select wall upgrades and floor replacements
- Gym insulation/exterior envelope improvements
- Provide accessible ADA walkways to athletic field & courts

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCESSION

- Exterior wall upgrades
- Upgrade temperature controls
- Waterproof masonry on back of building
- Public address (PA) system additions

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED AS A PART OF THIS CAPITAL PROJECT?

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY

- New centralized ADA compliant playground
- Kitchen upgrades
- Replace boilers
- HVAC upgrades
- Installation of new sidewalk
- Classroom/nurse's office modifications



Playground equipment at Deerfield

Sidewalk extension at Deerfield

MARCY ELEMENTARY

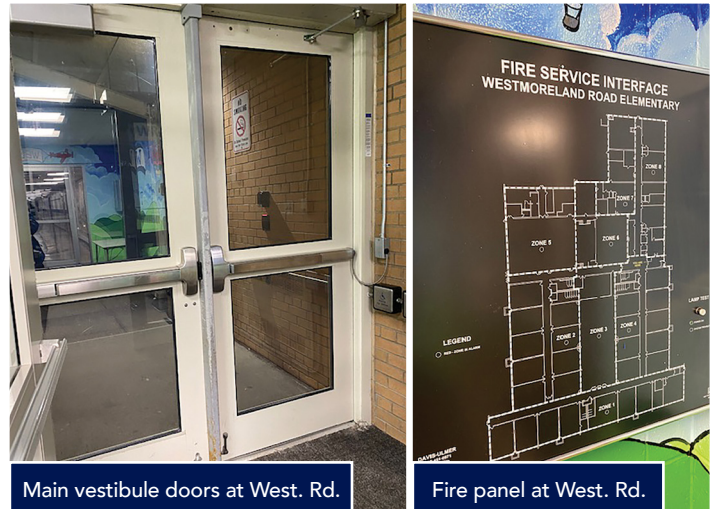
- Kitchen upgrades
- HVAC upgrades
- Replace boilers
- Replace water heating system
- New centralized ADA compliant playground



Playground equipment at Marcy

WESTMORELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY

- Kitchen upgrades
- HVAC upgrades
- Replace water heating system
- Upgrade non-ADA bathrooms
- Replace select original plumbing fixtures
- Replace main vestibule doors



Main vestibule doors at West. Rd.

Fire panel at West. Rd.

HART'S HILL ELEMENTARY

- Kitchen upgrades
- HVAC upgrades
- Replace select flooring
- Provide basement ventilation
- Replace boilers
- Replace water heating system
- Install field drainage



Kitchen at Hart's Hill

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED AS A PART OF THIS CAPITAL PROJECT?

ELEMENTARY AND PARKWAY GYMNASIUM FLOORING

Gymnasium floors in all elementary school buildings as well as the Parkway building will be resurfaced as part of this capital improvement project.



ATHLETICS

- Dugouts on baseball field at HS
- Dugouts on softball field at Parkway and at Westmoreland Rd.
- Turf baseball field at MS (multi-purpose field)
- Turf softball field at Westmoreland Rd. (multi-purpose field)
- Replace exterior scoreboard (Wadas Field) at HS
- Replace baseball scoreboard at MS
- Replace gym scoreboard at Parkway
- Football stadium retaining wall and fence upgrades at MS
- Retrofit stadium lights at HS to LED
- Resurface select areas of the track at HS
- Provide new shot put location at HS



BUS GARAGE

- Replace fire alarm system
- HVAC upgrades
- Interior/exterior wall improvement



DISTRICTWIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- Replace fire alarm systems
- Replace carbon monoxide detectors
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems upgrades
- Network infrastructure
- Security initiatives
- ADA accessibility

TAXES WILL NOT INCREASE TO FUND THIS PROJECT

The \$26 million capital improvement project will not increase future taxes. The District's ability to fund the project without increasing school taxes is a result of utilizing state building aid (86%), and replacing existing debt service payments that will be retiring in 2024.

New York State distributes expense-driven building aid on school construction projects. Each school district has a unique building aid ratio. For Whitesboro, 86% of every dollar spent on construction will be reimbursed by New York State. In addition, the District has budgeted money for debt on previous capital projects that will soon be paid in full.

As a result of careful financial planning, and the option to leverage our high state building aid, Whitesboro CSD is able to eliminate the impact on school taxpayers while improving the facilities for the community and investing in the school district's future. **School taxes will not increase as a result of this project.**

Total Project Cost

\$26 MILLION

Contribution by NY State Aid

86%

PROJECT TIMELINE

The District will utilize a multi-phase approach to this project in order to:

- Maximize state aid
- Minimize disruption to instruction
- Minimize disruption to athletic programs/extracurricular activities

ZERO IMPACT TO TAX LEVY

LEVERAGING STATE AID: State aid reduces the cost for local taxpayers. Principal and interest costs for eligible capital improvement projects are reimbursed by New York State at rates specifically calculated for each district.

STRATEGIC DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS: The District was able to eliminate additional local taxes by replacing existing debt service payments that will be retiring in 2024 with new debt service payments that are associated with this proposed capital project.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

HOW MANY RESPONSES?

357 responses

(survey closed on 11/8/2022)

Respondents were asked to rate the various categories for potential improvements.



WHAT WERE THE TOPICS IDENTIFIED IN THE SURVEY:

- Health, safety, and security
- Aging infrastructure/systems
- Instructional spaces
- Technology infrastructure
- Energy efficiency
- Art/music
- Athletics
- Accessibility



"Thank you for the option to give input!"



"You have done an excellent job with building security in the last 10 years. I feel my children are very safe in school knowing all the security measures that have been put into place. Please continue this trend."

65 Oriskany Boulevard, Whitesboro, New York 13492

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**QUALIFICATIONS
OF VOTERS**

The qualifications necessary for voting on the capital improvement project are:

1. **Citizen of the United States**
2. **Eighteen (18) years of age**
3. **A resident of the school district at least 30 days prior to the vote**

Proof of residency may be required, i.e., a document showing the address of your permanent residence.

**VIRTUAL
COMMUNITY
FORUM**

FEBRUARY 1, 2023
6:00 P.M.

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