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JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

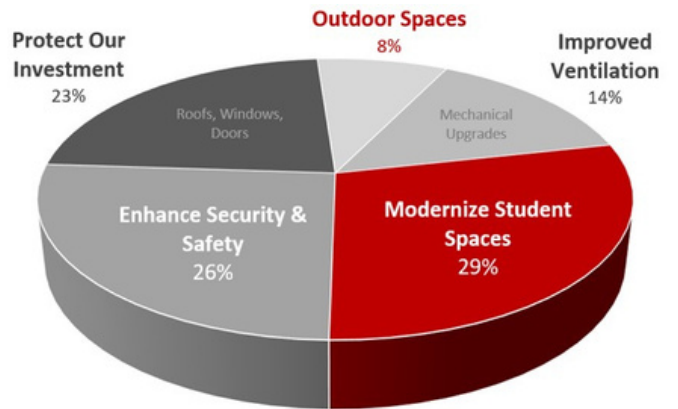
# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



On Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, you will have an opportunity to *show your support for our district* and vote on a **Capital Improvements Project** to address critical needs for our district. Learn more about the proposed Capital Improvement Project at [jpsny.org/capital project](http://jpsny.org/capital project).

## Main Objectives

- Modernizing Classrooms & Student Spaces
- Enhancing Safety & Security
- Performing Essential Maintenance To Protect Our Investment



**Tax Impact  
for Local  
Community**

**Public Hearing**  
Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m.  
Administration Building  
197 Martin Road

	High School	Jefferson MS	Persell MS	Washington MS	Bush Elementary	CC Ring Elem.	Fletcher Elem.	Lincoln Elementary	Love Elementary	Bus Garage
<b>Modern Student Spaces</b>										
Auditorium Upgrades or Technology										
Upgrade Kitchen Infrastructure										
Renovate & Improve the Cafeteria										
Gym Renovations										
Interior Flooring Replacements										
Bathroom Renovations										
Outdoor Track Improvements										
Outdoor Tennis & Pickleball Court Improvements										
<b>Essential Maintenance to Protect our Investment</b>										
Replace Leaky, Difficult to Open Windows										
Replace Out of Warranty Roofs										
Replace Deteriorated Doors										
Interior Stair Renovations										
Heating & Cooling Improvements										
Building System & Equipment Replacement										
Safe & Accessible Parking Lots										
Safe & Accessible Sidewalks										
Safe & Accessible Exterior Stairs & Ramps										
Retaining Walls										
<b>Enhanced Safety, Security &amp; Technology</b>										
Replace Old Generators or Add One to Building										
Replace Failing Clocks										
Emergency Systems & Communication Systems										
Replace Electronic Road Sign										
Replace Exterior Building Lighting										
Exterior Site Security Improvements										
Security Window Film										

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. What will be the total cost of the proposed JPS Capital Improvement Project?**

The estimated cost of the five-year capital improvement project is not to exceed \$126 million. This amount represents the total sum that will support the scope of the entire project, with repairs and improvements to be made in eleven district buildings.

### **Q. I just voted on a Capital Improvements Project in 2021. Why are we voting on another project two years later?**

Work approved by district taxpayers in 2021 is currently ongoing across Jamestown Public Schools. To best preserve our educational environment, we want to continue our positive momentum and not skip a beat in our multi-year construction timeline in order to maintain, protect, and enhance our facilities for student use into the future. The scope of work included in this project aims to address improvements unable to be included two years ago. The work left to do is significant and cannot be funded by the local budget alone, without an undesirable impact to local property taxes. The upgrades, renovations, and replacements outlined in the 2024 Capital Project are needed improvements to keep our students warm, safe, and dry in a positive learning environment, accomplished with no additional burden on local taxpayers.

### **Q. How will this project be funded?**

The JPS Capital Improvement Project will be funded through borrowing to be paid over a period of time. In order to repay the loans used for this project, debt payments will be offset by New York State building aid. The New York State building aid ratio for JPS is 98% - which means, for every dollar spent on capital improvement work, the district receives 98 cents in aid. The remaining 2% will be funded by district reserve funds (a voter-sanctioned savings account for this specific purpose) and other state funds specific to capital improvement work. These funding sources enable the district to complete \$126 million in necessary improvements with no additional cost to the local taxpayer.

### **Q. Why not fund repairs and renovations through the regular budget?**

Under New York State law, the district cannot borrow money to fund personnel or other operational costs. However, money can be borrowed to invest in modernization and improvement of learning spaces that better support students, teachers, and staff.

Large building projects such as roofs, plumbing, and structural renovations are too costly to include in a school district's annual operating budget. Through a bond vote, we are able to borrow funds to be repaid with state building aid that may only be used for capital projects, and cannot be used for operational expenses. By spreading the cost over several years through a capital project, and maximizing available building aid, we are able to complete millions of dollars of essential repairs and renovations with no impact to the local taxpayer.

### **Q. How does this project benefit the community?**

A school district's facilities are a reflection of its educational program. A quality school district helps to protect and increase property values while enhancing marketability to attract future homeowners. Not only can the proposed project be completed with no increase to local taxes, it has the potential to improve property values by improving the overall condition of our school buildings and the appeal of our community.

**Find more FAQs at**  
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