

CAPITAL PROJECT NEWS

MEDINA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ~ SPECIAL ISSUE



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Proposed Capital Project Focuses on Asset Preservation, Safety & Security, and Educational Program Enhancements

Dear District Residents,

On Tuesday, February 14, 2023, Medina Central School District residents will have an opportunity to vote on a capital project that is designed to address facilities and equipment needs in each of our buildings and throughout our site. It consists of high-priority needs identified during the facilities assessment required by the State Education Department every five years.

Major reconstruction and mechanical upgrades for our aging pool were identified among our most critical asset preservation needs. In addition, key educational program goals of this project include renovations to our music, technology, and STEAM spaces. The project will also address important safety and security improvements at all school entrance vestibules and main offices. Rehabilitation and reconstruction of our intercampus roadways, parking areas, and bus loops will further improve safety and circulation for parents, students, and staff.



Dr. Mark Kruzynski
Superintendent

The Board of Education and District Administration have determined that the proposed upgrades will provide broad, lasting benefits to our students and the entire community with no additional impact on our taxpayers. The District is committed to exercising care and good judgment in managing the resources with which we are entrusted. The project being proposed enhances the educational opportunities and experiences provided to students while being mindful of our taxpayers.

Please visit **www.medinacsd.org** to learn more about the project. We hope that you will also join us for the Public Information Meeting on Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Kruzynski, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Medina Central School District
Board of Education

Save The Dates



Public Information Meeting

Monday, February 6
6:30 p.m.
Jr/Sr High School Auditorium

Capital Project Referendum



Tuesday, February 14
Noon – 8:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room



Key Project Scope Items



Proposed New Band Room (Conceptual Rendering) Jr/Sr High School

Junior/Senior High School \$17,324,760

- Reconstruct secure entrance vestibule
- Reconstruct Main Office including lock-down security notification
- New General Music classroom
- New Choral Room (including new office and practice rooms)
- New Band Room addition (including new offices, practice rooms, and storage)
- New Music Storage Room with stage access
- Replace stage curtains and add stage outlets
- New STEAM Classroom
- New Technology Computer Lab
- New Technology Wood Shop addition (including exterior dust collector system)
- New Greenhouse addition
- New first-floor connector link to provide access to new classrooms
- New first-floor classrooms at former District Office
- New 8' wide corridor including new single ADA-compliant toilet rooms
- New first-floor Boys' and Girls' toilet rooms
- New second-floor Boys' and Girls' toilet rooms
- Reconstruct existing roadways and parking areas
- New shared bus arrival/dismissal parking area for Jr/Sr High School and Intermediate School

Bus Garage \$1,064,893

- Roof replacement
- New staff parking area



Anticipated Project Timeline



Clifford H. Wise Intermediate \$9,769,533

- Reconstruct secure entrance vestibule
- Reconstruct Main Office including lock-down security notification
- Reconstruct existing Pool (including pool tank, gutter, deck, mechanical equipment, and lighting)
- Reglaze and reseal windows with failed seals
- Reconstruct select mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems throughout the building, including:
 - Generator replacement
 - Panel board replacement
 - Sanitary piping replacement
 - Sump pump replacement
 - Crawlspace drainage improvements
- Reconstruct existing roadways and parking areas:
 - Reconstruct existing exit onto Gwinn St
 - Expanded parking and roadway configuration

Oak Orchard Primary School \$6,198,091

- Reconstruct secure entrance vestibule
- Reconstruct Main Office including lock-down security notification
- New District Office in former Media Center
- Reconstruct Girls' Locker Room to provide ADA-compliant toilets adjacent to Cafeteria and Gymnasium
- New Media Center
- New Computer Lab
- Reconstruct select mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems throughout the building, including:
 - Panel board replacement
 - Sanitary piping replacement
 - Crawlspace drainage improvements
- Reconstruct existing roadways and parking areas
- New parking lot at relocated District Office
- Bus loop paving restoration

Proposed New Media Center (Conceptual Rendering) Oak Orchard Primary



Frequently Asked Questions



Why is the District proposing a capital project now?

Medina Central School District is committed to exercising care and good judgment in managing the community resources with which we are entrusted. We need to continue to take care of our schools, an important asset the community owns.

Just as one's home ages and needs upkeep and repairs to keep it in good shape, so do our schools. The District is addressing its highest-priority facilities issues now, rather than delaying and facing future higher costs and further deterioration.

How was the proposed capital project developed?

Over the past several years, the District administration and Board of Education have been developing a long-range facilities plan to assess current and future capital improvement needs and the means to responsibly achieve them. During this process, critical safety upgrades and building preservation needs were identified and prioritized, as were opportunities to enrich our students through academic program enhancements. To evaluate conditions at all facilities, the District utilized its Building Condition Survey (BCS), which is mandated by the State to be conducted every five years, and considered work completed in previous projects.

What needs does the project address?

The proposed project focuses on three key areas: building preservation needs, health and safety upgrades, and academic program enhancements. In addition to the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural priorities identified in the Building Condition Survey (BCS), the project will also address important safety and security improvements at all school entrance vestibules and main offices. Rehabilitation and reconstruction of our intercampus roadways, parking areas, and bus loops will further improve safety and circulation for parents, students, and staff. Key educational program goals of this project include renovations to our music, technology, and STEAM spaces to prepare our students for successful futures.

When will the work take place?

It's expected that State Education Department's approval for the project would be received in early 2024 with the bulk of work starting that summer. It is anticipated that the project would be completed in early 2026.

What is the total cost of this proposed project and how can it have NO TAX IMPACT?

The total cost of the project is \$34,357,277. The project will be paid for using a combination of available State Building Aid and funds from the District's Capital Reserve, which is designated to be used specifically for capital improvements. The remaining portion of the local share will be fully offset by retiring debt service payments, resulting in a "tax neutral" financing plan.

Why was the cost of this work not included in the District's annual budget?

Routine facility maintenance and repair work is typically funded within the annual District budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost. However, large renovations, reconstruction, and replacement of "end of useful life" items, such as those included in this project, would have a major impact on the tax rate if included in the annual District budget. A capital project is the fiscally responsible alternative because the State reimburses a vast majority of the cost, and expenses are spread out over a longer period of time.

Isn't State Aid just my tax dollars too?

Yes, it is. The New York State Legislature has given all Districts in the state an opportunity to use tax dollars to enhance their communities through school building improvements and renovations. This is an opportunity to keep some of those tax dollars in our own community, working to improve the educational setting for our children and the public.

What if the referendum does not pass?

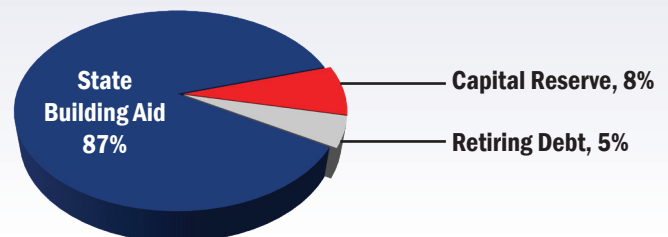
The critical safety requirements and building preservation needs would still be absolutely necessary. If the referendum does not pass, these requirements would still need to be addressed. A capital project allows the District to receive partial reimbursement of the project's cost through State Building Aid. Without the State's aid, the funds for any required work would have to come from the annual budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost.

Project Financing

The 2023 Capital Improvement Project will be paid for using a combination of available State Building Aid and funds from the District's Capital Reserve, which is designated to be used specifically for capital improvements. The remaining portion of the local share will be financed through the tax levy and fully offset by retiring debt service.

The result: Due to careful planning and budget implementation, the impact to local taxpayers will be **TAX NEUTRAL**.

FUNDING SOURCES:



REFERENDUM AMOUNT	\$34,357,277
State Building Aid	\$29,895,213
Capital Reserve	\$2,750,000
Retiring Debt	\$1,712,064
NET COST TO TAXPAYERS	\$0



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SAVE THE DATES



Public Information Meeting

DATE: Monday, February 6, 2023
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jr/Sr High School Auditorium



Capital Project Referendum



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TIME: Noon - 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: District Office Board Room

Voter Qualifications: You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen; 18 years of age or older; and a resident within the Medina Central School District for a period of 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee Ballots: Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the District Office and must be received by the clerk at least seven days before the vote. For more information, call the District Office at (585) 798-2700.



Scan the code for
more information



Where can I find out more about the capital project proposal?

In the schools: There is a Public Meeting scheduled for February 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium. There will be a capital project presentation and an open forum for questions and answers. Information will also be on display in the school lobby areas.

Online: Visit www.medinacsd.org or scan this QR Code with your mobile phone to view project information on the District website.