SOUTH ORANGETOWN Central School District

Dear Community Members,

For the past several years, our Board of Education, administrative team and Facilities Committee have been engaged in long-range master capital planning. We have invested in ongoing maintenance and capital projects over the years. However, our schools are approaching or beyond 60 years of age and our aging facilities must be addressed.

The proposed 2022 Capital Improvements Bond represents an important investment in essential infrastructure to support student health, safety and success. If approved, construction would begin in Summer 2023 and be completed by Fall 2027.

Students learn best in healthy and secure environments. This means classrooms kept at a comfortable temperature with fresh air and efficient filtration; appropriate lighting; ceilings, floors and fixtures in good condition; appropriate storage and casework; and, ample electrical and data outlets to support technology. Climate-controlled learning environments will enable our District to extend academic and enrichment programming to support students year-round and site work on our grounds will expand the use of our school campuses for learning and community use.

With our community's support, the proposed 2022 Capital Improvements Bond will address every aspect of our educational program and benefit current and future South Orangetown students.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important project.
Please vote on Tuesday, March 8.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Pritchard, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Leon Jacobs
President, Board of Education

SOUTH ORANGETOWN Central School District

2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROPOSAL

Essential Infrastructure for Student Health, Safety and Success

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
6:30-8:00PM
Tappan Zee High School Auditorium

PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, MARCH 1
6:30PM
South Orangetown Middle School Library

In the event of school closures, rescheduling information will be posted at www.socsd.org/bond.

Questions regarding the 2022 Capital Improvements Project Bond vote?
Email bond@socsd.org.

Si hablas español visita www.socsd.org/bond

VOTE

BOND VOTE & SPECIAL BOARD ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

VOTE

2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROJECT SCOPE






Our Board of Education, administrative team and Facilities Committee have been engaged in long-range master capital planning for the past several years. This process has included a district-wide Building Conditions Survey; extensive building-level conversations with staff; meetings with architects; and, detailed facilities tours and discussions.

The team created a series of maps of our buildings and rated learning spaces based on: HVAC system age, performance and control efficiency; quality of lighting and flooring; adequacy of electrical and technology outlets; and, condition of casework, sinks and plumbing.

To prioritize needed capital work, the District team established the following criteria:

- ***Is the work student-focused?***
- ***Is the work aligned with our Strategic Plan in terms of promoting academic success, enhancing the health and safety of our school community, and fiscal responsibility?***
- ***What must be done to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our students?***
- ***What additional work would we like to do?***

To address prioritized needs, our District is proposing a 2022 Capital Improvements Bond focused on essential infrastructure for student health, safety and wellness:

New HVAC and control systems

Upgrades to lighting, ceilings, flooring, casework and plumbing

Added electrical and data outlets

Security enhancements

DISTRICT-WIDE CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS

- New **HVAC and building management systems** to increase fresh air, filtration, cooling and efficiency
- New **drop ceilings and lighting upgrades** from fluorescent to LED
- Abatement and removal of vinyl asbestos tile and replacement with vinyl composite tile **flooring**
- Removal and replacement of **casework**
- Addition of **electrical and data outlets**
- New **plumbing fixtures** for classroom sinks and bathrooms
- **Security enhancements**
- **Window repairs** where necessary
- **Painting**

BUILDING-LEVEL IMPROVEMENTS

- **HVAC upgrades for cooling in the gymnasiums and cafeterias** at William O. Schaefer Elementary School and Cottage Lane Elementary School
- **Main entrance security redesign** at Cottage Lane Elementary School
- **Auditorium renovation** at Tappan Zee High School

OUTDOOR SPACE DEVELOPMENT

- New **outdoor classrooms** at all four schools
- Installation of **fitness paths** at Cottage Lane Elementary School and South Orangetown Middle School
- Upper grass **field renovations** at South Orangetown Middle School

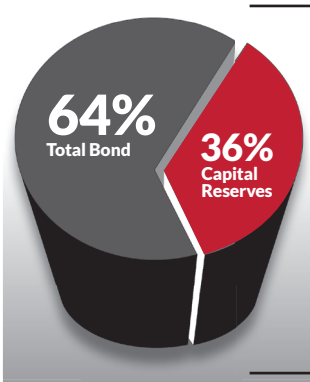
FOR DETAILED INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT

2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROJECT COST






PROJECT COST



$49.9M *Total Project Budget*

- $18.0M *Capital Reserve Funds*

$31.9M TOTAL BOND

It is estimated that the project will result in an additional **1.61%** tax levy increase which equates to **$128.69** for a home with an **assessed value of $200,000**.

Homeowners may calculate the estimated impact of the proposed bond by:

- **STEP 1:** Finding the **assessed value** of their home on their most recent tax bill
- **STEP 2:** Dividing the **assessed value** of their home by 1,000
- **STEP 3:** Multiplying the result by 0.6435

Assessed Value ÷ 1,000 X 0.6435 = Cost to Homeowner

SPECIAL ELECTION: Information for Prospective Board of Education Candidates

A special Board of Education election will be held on March 8, 2022 to fill the seat vacated by Christine Lee, who relocated. The candidate elected will serve the remainder of Lee's current term, which ends on June 30, 2023.

Nominating petitions are available from the District Clerk's office at 160 Van Wyck Road, Blauvelt, New York. ***Candidates must submit petitions with a minimum of 25 signatures to the District Clerk's office by February 7, 2022 at 5:00PM.***

At the time when a board member takes office, they cannot be employed by the board or live in the same household with a family member who is also a member of the board.

Additional information regarding Board responsibilities and what prospective candidates can expect is posted at www.socsd.org/bond.

BOARD MEMBER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Board of Education candidates must be:

- U.S. citizens;
- at least 18 years old;
- qualified voters in the South Orangetown Central School District;
- able to read and write; and,
- residents of the School District continuously for at least one year prior to the election.

OUR WEBSITE AT: **WWW.SOCSD.ORG/BOND**

The South Orangetown Central School District Board of Education asks voters to consider and vote on the following propositions on **March 8, 2022**:

PROPOSITION #1: 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BOND

That the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District, in the County of Rockland, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct alterations and improvements to all District school buildings and sites substantially as described in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of Clark Patterson Lee, Architecture, Engineering & Planning, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed $49,932,000; (b) that the amount of $18,000,000, is hereby authorized to be expended from the District's "District-Wide Renovations and Reconstruction Reserve Fund" heretofore established by the voters on May 16, 2006, to pay for a portion of said cost, and such expenditure is hereby approved; and (c) that a tax in the amount of not to exceed $31,932,000 is hereby voted to pay the balance of said cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed $31,932,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

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Names of eligible candidates who submit nominating petitions by 5:00PM on February 7, 2022 with the minimum number of signatures required will be posted at **www.socsd.org/bond** and printed on the ballot.



POLLS WILL BE OPEN TUESDAY, MARCH 8 FROM 7:00AM UNTIL 9:00PM

- **DISTRICT #1: Blauvelt residents**
  South Orangetown Middle School
  160 Van Wyck Road, Blauvelt
- **DISTRICT #2: Orangeburg residents**
  Tappan Zee High School
  15 Dutch Hill Road, Orangeburg
- **DISTRICT #3: Tappan residents**
  William O. Schaefer Elementary School
  140 Lester Drive, Tappan
  Please park in rear lot to enter cafeteria
- **DISTRICT #4: Grandview, Palisades, Piermont & Sparkill residents**
  Tappan Zee Education Center
  (formerly Tappan Zee Elementary)
  561 Route 9W, Piermont

VOTING INFORMATION

TO BE A QUALIFIED VOTER YOU MUST BE:

- US Citizen;
- at least 18 years old by March 8, 2022;
- a School District resident for 30 days immediately preceding the vote; and,
- registered to vote with the Rockland County Board of Elections OR registered to vote with the School District and having voted in any School District election during the past 4 calendar years.

For more information, visit **www.socsd.org/voting-information** or call **District Clerk Kathy Muscari at (845) 680-1012**.

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