



Capital Project VOTE

OCTOBER 24, 2024

SPECIAL ISSUE

EXCELLENCE ON DISPLAY

2024 CAPITAL PROJECT

Project Themes



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Our All-Encompassing Focus



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Facility Restorations & Replacements



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& Space Needs

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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MONDAY

WHEN: Monday, October 7
7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Victor Early Childhood
School - Boardroom

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12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: Victor Central School
Aquatic Center Lobby
953 High Street

Project Info & Tour Sessions

Victor Junior/Senior High School Tour
Sat., Oct. 5, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Victor Intermediate School Tour
Wed., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**Victor Learning Center/
Old Bus Garage - Fields Tour**
Mon., Oct. 21, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



For more information about
tours and locations, visit
www.victorschools.org.

Scan code for project info



Building a Brighter Future

A Message from our Superintendent and Board of Education

Dear Residents,

The Victor Central School District is committed to fulfilling a tradition of academic excellence by providing our students and staff with a safe and rewarding learning environment. This tradition dates back to 1938 when the Board of Education purchased 166 acres of land to create one beautiful campus. Today, more than 4,300 students experience a state-of-the-art education on this campus, delivered by dedicated faculty and staff.

The 2024 Capital Project will ensure that students continue to experience a high-quality education in a safe and secure environment. Over the last two years, hundreds of VCS faculty, staff, and community members have contributed to the development of this Capital Project proposal, a plan that will provide our students and staff with the space and facilities they need to succeed in a 21st century learning environment. This newsletter, including a question and answer section, is a comprehensive overview of the proposed 2024 Capital Project referendum that will go before Victor Central School District residents on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Capital projects are used by school districts for restorations, renovations, and in some cases, expansion. They typically occur on a regular basis (every five to seven years) outside of the general fund budget. Capital projects have the benefit of utilizing money from our Capital Reserve Fund (savings set aside for this purpose), and enable us to generate significant revenue through New York State Building Aid. Due to the significant cost of these types of projects, they typically do not fit into a regular annual budget.

The VCS 2024 Capital Project addresses a variety of pressing issues, including safety and security as well as space needs. Over the past 25 years, unlike most other districts in NYS, VCS student enrollment has increased significantly, and we have run out of space – especially in the Intermediate, Junior High, and Senior High Schools. We require more space not only for learning, but also the renovation of existing space. In addition, our District needs to make necessary and timely restorations so they do not become significantly more expensive in the future.

Specific project details are included on pages two and three of this newsletter.

VCS leadership is aware of the financial impact a large Capital Project has on community members. To pay for the project, the District has set aside \$28.4 million in our Capital Reserve Fund. In addition, New York State is contributing 80% of the total cost of the project (at a 75% aid ratio), for a contribution of \$60.6 million. Finally, we will have debt fall off of our expenses from previous projects totaling over \$4 million. Between New York State Building Aid, debt relief, and our Capital Reserve Fund savings, \$93 million of the \$99 million project is accounted for. This leaves a taxable amount to the community of just over \$5.7 million.

Based on this calculation, the specific cost of this project for a homeowner who owns a \$300,000 house is less than \$49 a year for 15 years. This cost is before any STAR savings.

More specific financial details, including STAR savings, can be found on page three of this newsletter.

As we embark on the 2024 Capital Project, we do so thoughtfully and responsibly, with the goal of being as transparent as possible. As always, please reach out to any of us if you have further questions. We also encourage you to visit our website and click on “2024 Capital Project” for more information.

With gratitude,

Superintendent

Timothy Terranova, Ed.D.

Board of Education

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Voter Registration

On **Thursday, October 17, 2024**, the Victor Central School District will hold voter registration from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the District Office. This registration is for residents currently not registered to vote in the general election. For more information on voter registration and/or the upcoming capital project vote, contact the VCS District Clerk, Maureen Goodberlet at (585) 924-3252, ext. 1402 or email her at goodberletm@victorschools.org.

Absentee Ballots & Early Mail Ballots

Applications for Absentee Ballots and Early Mail Ballots are available on the District website, www.victorschools.org, or from the District Clerk by calling (585) 924-3252 ext. 1402.

Both Absentee Ballots and Early Mail Ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on October 24, 2024.

Project Overview

The Victor Central Schools 2024 Capital Project is a multifaceted proposal with a focus on four major themes. Safety and security is not only one of our themes, it is the driving force behind all of them.



Safety & Security – Our All-Encompassing Focus:

Improvements to our building entrance security, communication systems (PA & clocks), pedestrian and vehicle traffic parking and circulation, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.



Building Renovations & Innovation: Supporting 21st century learning by modernizing our instructional program spaces to keep our students, staff, and community in sync with the ever-changing world around us.



Facility Restorations & Replacements: Maintaining our facilities and improving building systems that are in disrepair or are now beyond their useful life, including roof replacements, sanitary line replacements, HVAC upgrades, and elevator improvements.



Additions Based on Enrollment & Space Needs: Additions based on our enrollment growth to reduce overcrowding, prepare our students for the future with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) programs, expand our Universal Pre-K program, and support Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners.

Early Childhood School

Safety & Security: Our All-Encompassing Focus

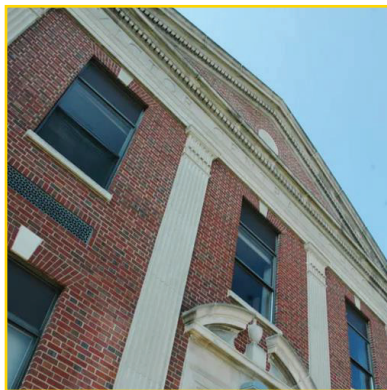
- Secure entrance
- Improved window protection for main entrance
- Complete removal and replacement of front stairs and ramp for ADA compliance
- Expand staff parking lot toward field 24
- Upgrade PA & clock systems

Building Renovations & Innovation

- Add air conditioning to the cafeteria and gymnasium
- Add a nursing room
- Renovate/expand main office
- Add traversing/rock wall in gymnasium

Facility Restorations & Replacements

- Replace the carpet outside of cafeteria and gymnasium (includes asbestos abatement)
- Upgrade HVAC



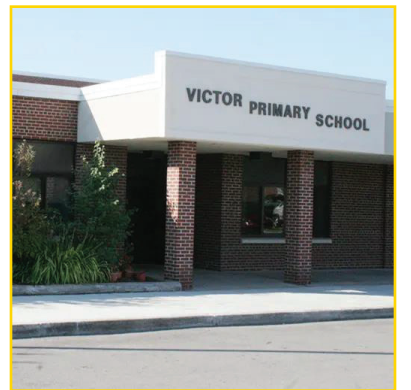
Primary School

Safety & Security: Our All-Encompassing Focus

- Improved window protection for main entrance
- Upgrade PA & clock systems
- Expand parking lot toward field 24

Building Renovations & Innovation

- Add gym dividers
- Replace gym backboards
- Renovate old Records Department room into a classroom (mostly flooring and asbestos removal)
- Renovate main office and increase security features
- Renovate staff restrooms with new fixtures
- Renovate student restrooms with new fixtures, floor tile, and wall tile
- Add air conditioning to the cafeteria and gymnasium



Junior/Senior High School

Safety & Security: Our All-Encompassing Focus

- Add secure vestibules at Junior High and Senior High
 - Improved window protection for main entrances
 - Relocate the Junior High and Senior High main offices to the new exterior of the building, supporting greater security
- Note:** The new addition eliminates current public access to three sides of the building and two floors of classrooms

- Upgrade PA & clock systems
- Convert unused Junior High locker room into a Security Office
- Add turf to field 7, with ADA accessible sidewalk and fencing
- Modify existing bleachers at Corbit Field to be ADA compliant
- Replace kitchen sanitary system
- Add parking



Additions Based on Enrollment & Space Needs

- Addition of 17 Instructional spaces and 2 student restrooms
- Add approximately 1,500 sq feet to the Junior HS cafeteria
- Upgrade electrical service to the building to support the additions

Building Renovations & Innovation

- Renovate existing Junior and Senior High Main Offices into classrooms
- Convert Junior High classroom 183 into a Health Clinic
- Convert Senior High classroom 111 into a Health Clinic
- Convert Senior High Classroom 106 into a Career Center
- Add air conditioning to the cafeteria and gymnasium

Facility Restorations & Replacements

- Add clay trap to art room
- Replace 57,600 square feet of roofing

Intermediate School

Safety & Security: Our All-Encompassing Focus

- Improved window protection for main entrance
- Upgrade PA & clock systems
- Upgrade generator with 2-hour rated walls
- Add parking lot near classroom addition

Additions Based on Enrollment & Space Needs

- Add 5 classrooms with 2 student restrooms (includes safety features)
- Add approximately 1,500 square feet to the cafeteria (includes safety features)
- Add additional serving line in the cafeteria

Building Renovations & Innovation

- Renovate staff restrooms with new fixtures
- Renovate student restrooms with new fixtures
- Add sound treatment to music room 195
- Remove the wall between rooms 181 & 183 to create a larger music space
- Add air conditioning to the cafeteria and gymnasium

Facility Restorations & Replacements

- Upgrade existing HVAC in cafeteria
- Upgrade the elevator
- Replace 4 HVAC rooftop units
- Upgrade HVAC controls for the 2nd floor
- Replace 17,100 square feet of roofing



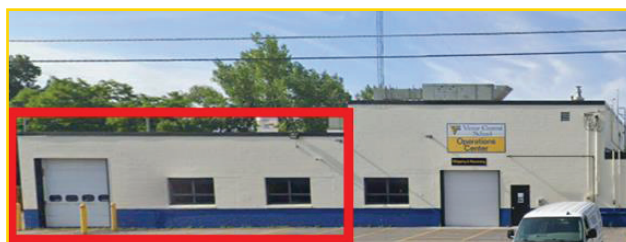
Additional Planned Work

Safety & Security (District-wide)

- Repair 10,000 linear feet of sidewalks
- Repair 26,900 square feet of driveways

Building Renovations & Innovation

- Renovate Victor Learning Center at 200 High Street
- Renovate Operations Center to become CTE space for possible automotive, welding, electrical and other programs



The Operations Center (former bus garage) would be converted to a new Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center.



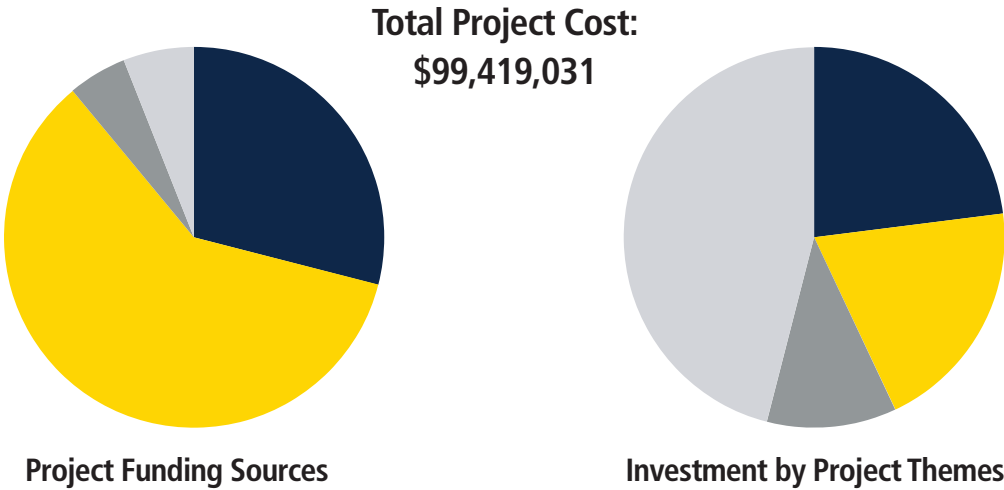
Building Additions Will Support Expanding Programs and Enrollment

Over the last 15 years, VCS has undergone significant change, including a general enrollment increase of 500 students. Although enrollment has stabilized, our larger school population has caused a strain on space. Also, the needs of current students have become broader and more complex. These needs include the Universal Pre-K program, Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners, and students in need of mental health support. New guidelines from New York State have also prioritized spaces for STEAM programs and Career & Technical Education (CTE) classes. Overcrowding in our schools has led to a critical need for additional space to accommodate our growing student body and provide these 21st century learning programs. The Capital Project's proposed additions will expand our building footprint and allow us to reconfigure our interior spaces to meet the needs of our students. Fortunately, in recognition of our District's unique situation, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) increased aidability for the Jr./Sr. High School additions from 2% to 55%. This significantly offsets the overall cost and tax impact of the project.



Project Costs and Financing Plan

Careful project planning will minimize the impact on taxpayers. Breaking down the costs based on the referendum amount, the majority of the project's cost (\$60,606,501) will be funded by available New York State Building Aid. A substantial portion of the remaining "local share" will be paid for using \$28,431,861 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund which is specifically used on capital projects. The District's retiring debt service (\$4,653,257) will further reduce the impact on taxpayers. In total, more than \$93 million will be used to offset the total cost of the project (\$99,419,031) that is proposed. The remaining "new" local share (\$5,727,412) would be paid for through the local tax levy.



State Building Aid	\$60,606,501	Health, Safety & Security	\$23,393,056
Capital Reserves	\$28,431,861	Building Renovations & Innovation	\$19,736,210
Retiring Debt	\$4,653,257	Facility Restorations & Replacements ...	\$10,833,652
New Local Share	\$5,727,412	Academic Program Expansion	\$45,456,113

Estimated Yearly Tax Effort

The estimated tax impact for the entire project is \$0.16 per \$1,000 of full home value, or \$16.08 per \$100,000 of full home value.

For the average homeowner with a full home value of \$300,000, this equals approximately \$48.24 per year before STAR exemptions.

Full Value Home	No STAR	Basic STAR	Enhanced STAR
\$200,000	\$32.16	\$27.33	\$18.65
\$250,000	\$40.20	\$35.37	\$26.69
\$300,000	\$48.24	\$43.41	\$34.73
\$350,000	\$56.28	\$51.45	\$42.77
\$400,000	\$64.32	\$59.49	\$50.81
\$450,000	\$72.36	\$67.53	\$58.85
\$500,000	\$80.40	\$75.57	\$66.89

What to Expect on the Ballot

SAMPLE BALLOT

BOND PROPOSITION

YES NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District, in the Counties of Ontario, Monroe and Wayne, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements and alterations to various District buildings and sites, substantially as described in the plan prepared by the District with the assistance of SWBR Architects, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed the estimated cost of \$99,419,031; (b) that the amount of \$9,752,445 from the District's "2021 Capital Reserve Fund", approved by the voters of the District on May 18, 2021, and that the amount of \$9,974,787 from the District's "2022 Capital Reserve Fund", approved by the voters of the District on May 17, 2022, and that the amount of \$8,704,629 from the District's "Capital Reserve Fund-2024", approved by the voters of the District on May 21, 2024, are each hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of said cost, and such expenditures are hereby approved; and (c) that a tax is hereby voted in an aggregate amount of not to exceed \$70,987,170 to finance the balance of such 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 aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$70,987,170 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Question & Answers

Why is the District proposing a capital project vote now?
Capital projects are used by school districts for restorations, renovations, and in some cases, expansion. They typically occur on a regular basis (every five to seven years) outside of the general fund budget. Capital projects have the benefit of utilizing money from our Capital Reserve Fund (savings set aside for this purpose), and enable us to generate revenue through NYS Building Aid. Due to the significant cost of these types of projects, they typically do not fit into a regular yearly budget. The VCS 2024 Capital Project addresses a variety of pressing issues, including safety and security, space needs, renovations, and restorations. This process is similar for a homeowner when a home ages, needs repairs, and potentially needs more space.

How were the project’s components chosen?
More than 650 faculty, staff, students and community members filled out surveys regarding facility needs, and there were multiple meetings with Leadership Staff to review the results. The District also analyzed enrollment trends and utilized the Building Conditions Survey (BCS), which is mandated by the State every five years. The initial scope of the project was significant (hundreds of millions of dollars). As a result, an Executive Team (Superintendent, Asst. Supt. for Business, Facilities Director, Construction Manager, Architects, & Financial Advisor) met frequently to narrow down the scope of the project. Safety concerns, space issues, BCS requirements, and academic program enhancements received top priority.

What is the total cost of this proposed project, and how will it affect my taxes?
VCS leadership is aware of the financial impact a large Capital Project has on community members. Careful project planning will minimize the impact on taxpayers. The majority of the project’s cost (\$60,606,501) will be funded by available New York State Building Aid. A substantial portion of the remaining “local share” will be paid for using \$28,431,861 from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund which is specifically used on capital projects. The District’s retiring debt service (\$4,653,257) will further reduce the impact on taxpayers. In total, more than \$93 million will be used to offset the total cost of the project (\$99,419,031) that is proposed. The remaining “new” local share (\$5,727,412) would be paid for through the local tax levy. Based on this calculation, the project would cost a homeowner who owns a \$300,000 full value house less than \$49 a year for 15 years. Additional savings would occur with Basic or Enhanced STAR. The tax increase would be phased in over three years beginning in 2026-27.

Isn’t State Aid just my tax dollars too?
The Victor Central School District would receive \$60.6 million in Building Aid from New York State for this project. This money is considered State tax dollars, raised by the State, for capital project improvements for all New York State schools. This project will allow the State dollars to flow back to the VCS school community. If the Victor Central School District does not use this Building Aid, then it will go to a different community in the State. The money is not returned to the taxpayers.

What if the capital project vote does not pass?
A capital project allows the District to receive partial reimbursement of the project’s cost through State Building Aid. The critical safety requirements and building restoration needs would still be absolutely necessary. If the referendum does not pass, these requirements would still need to be addressed, but potentially through the general fund budget without the benefit of State Building Aid. In addition, the State Building Aid for the project is only available to Victor Central School if a Capital Project vote is successful. This Building Aid would be distributed to another community if a project is not approved.

When will the work take place?
The project would be completed in phases to minimize the impact of construction on our ongoing educational activities. After final design submission, it’s expected that the State Education Department’s approval for the project’s first phase of work would be received in 2026, allowing Phase 1 construction to begin that summer.

How do I obtain more information about the project?
If you have questions, contact our Superintendent via email at terranovat@victorschools.org or go to our website at www.victorschools.org. In addition, we have many opportunities to discuss the project throughout our community, which are also explained on our website.

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