



CLINTON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CAPITAL PROJECT NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2025

Dear CCS Families & Community,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to share an overview of a proposed capital project we are calling *Strong Foundations* for your review and consideration. Strong Foundations focuses on the essential systems and infrastructure that keep our schools safe, functional, and up to date.

I also want to celebrate the success and substantial completion of the \$18 million capital project approved by voters in December 2022. This work brought exciting improvements to our district, including renovated libraries, a redesigned elementary kitchen, a new elementary playground, additional campus parking and a community basketball court, and a premier multi-purpose turf stadium field. These upgrades have already made a tremendous impact on student learning, school programs, and community use of our facilities. Thank you for your support in making this possible.

Looking ahead, Strong Foundations represents the next step in caring for the facilities our students, staff, and community rely on every day. Guided by the most recent Building Condition Survey required by NYSED, the Board of Education's Facilities Committee, architects, and district leaders identified priority needs requiring timely attention.

This proposal focuses on essential upgrades: roof replacements, heating and ventilation improvements, air conditioning in cafeterias, parking lot enhancements, and targeted interior updates such as gymnasium flooring and an art room renovation. These foundational investments ensure safe, reliable, and well-maintained learning environments. Please look inside this newsletter to learn more about this project.

Importantly, Strong Foundations is being presented with no additional tax impact. By maximizing state aid and aligning this work with retiring debt, the district can move forward responsibly without increasing the tax levy.

Thank you for your continued support. I encourage you to attend the Public Hearing on December 2, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Secondary Library to learn more, ask questions, and engage in discussion. We also invite all eligible community members to vote in the public referendum on December 9, 2025 in the Theater Lobby from 12-8pm. Your voice and your vote play an important role in the advancement of our district.

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Clancy
Superintendent of Schools

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Total Cost: \$5,255,000

Aid: 82.0%

INCREASE TO TAX LEVY:

None, due to expiring debt from past projects.

Absentee Ballots are available in the Superintendent's Office.
Email: jscranton@ccs.edu or call 315-557-2253

Preliminary Timeline

REFERENDUM VOTE
December 9, 2025

DESIGN PHASE
December 10, 2025 – March 31, 2026

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REVIEW
April 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026

BID AND AWARD
May 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026

CONSTRUCTION
June 1, 2026 – July 21, 2027

NO Additional Impact on Local Taxes

There are two main reasons why the proposed capital project is expected to have no additional impact on local taxes.

State Building Aid

New York State reimburses local school districts for their costs on capital construction projects. For this project, an estimated 82.0% of the approved cost would be paid for with New York State building aid.

Strategic Debt Service Payments

The district will be able to eliminate additional local taxes by replacing existing debt service payments that will be retiring in 2027 with new debt service payments that are associated with this proposed capital project.

Public Hearing:
December 2, 2025

6:00 p.m. | Secondary Media Center

Capital Project Vote:
December 9, 2025

Noon to 8:00 p.m. | Theater Lobby

Parking Upgrades and Expansion

**Strong Foundations includes:
Needed repairs and upgrades to the theater and elementary parking.**

Elementary upgrades include a safe, dedicated student drop-off and pick-up lane, improved traffic flow and approximately 16 additional parking spaces.



Current Conditions



Potential Revised Layout

In addition to repairs, the Theater parking lot will be expanded to include approximately 20 additional parking spaces.



Current Conditions



Potential Revised Layout

Space Renovations

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART ROOM

Renovations to the middle school art room will completely update the space, adding storage and flexible and functional creative work spaces for students.



Ceiling and Water Damage Repairs



Student Project Storage Replacement



Plumbing and Storage Upgrades



Cupboard and Supply Storage Renovation

ELEMENTARY LARGE GYMNASIUM

Renovations to the elementary large gym will include a full replacement of the original 1989 gymnasium floor, bleachers and wall mats.



1989 Bleacher Replacement



1989 Floor Replacement



Mat and Wall Repair



Paint Walls and Ceiling

Roofing

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Replacement of original 2002 roofing covering the theater, music rooms, gym and adjacent spaces.



Theater Roof Condition



Theater Ceiling Water Damage



Theater Stage Water Leak Clean-up

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Roof replacement in designated areas outlined in red.



Elementary School Roof Anticipated Replacement Area

Additional Upgrades and Repairs

HVAC

Addition of air conditioning to both the elementary and middle/high school cafeterias, including new roof top units.



Elementary School Cafeteria - Add Air Conditioning



Middle School Cafeteria - Add Air Conditioning

STAIR REPAIR

Repair exterior steps at primary wing exit.



Elementary School Stairs

Inspired Students

Artist Inspires Students

Clinton Middle School students had the opportunity to work alongside Argentine-American artist Ramiro Dávoro-Comas, whose exhibition "Familias" opened at the Kirkland Art Center. Dávoro-Comas led a day of hands-on workshops with current art students and former Olympics of Visual Arts students, guiding them through brainstorming and drawing activities that encouraged creativity and personal expression.

The students' artwork created during these sessions was proudly displayed as part of the "Familias" exhibition, giving them the rare chance to see their work featured in a professional gallery alongside Dávoro-Comas' own paintings. This collaboration allowed students to not only learn from a professional artist, but also to contribute their voices to an important series exploring identity, belonging and resilience.

Thank you to Mrs. Pape and the Kirkland Art Center for creating this opportunity for students!



Middle School Students Enjoy Assembly

Middle school students had the opportunity to experience a powerful performance by Jared Campbell, thanks to the financial support of our PTA and the organizational efforts of Mrs. Megan Foley. Campbell's engaging program combined music, humor and meaningful stories to address important themes that impact middle schoolers every day.

Through songs like "The Fight" and "Beyond the Gray," Campbell encouraged students to build resiliency, recognize the importance of leaning on their support systems, and reflect on how their words and actions affect others. He also spoke candidly about bullying prevention and the importance of standing up for kindness in our school community.

We are grateful to the PTA and to Mrs. Foley for making this memorable and impactful experience possible for our students!



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Bookmobile Visits Clinton Elementary

On Oct. 7, Mastrovito Hyundai brought its fourth annual Back to School Bookmobile to Clinton Elementary School, where students and staff welcomed the visit with excitement.

Clinton Elementary was selected as the winner of this year's Back to School contest, earning the special honor of being the first stop on the Bookmobile's route. Every elementary student received a free book, adding a spark of joy to the school day and encouraging a love of reading. The visit left a lasting impression on students, who eagerly flipped through their new books and shared their excitement with teachers and classmates.



Comets Succeed

Congratulations to eighth graders Quinn Catterson and Druss Sonia! They both stole the show in their modified cross country races, winning not only in the small school division but also after all the results were combined with the large schools.



Playground Ribbon Cutting



Clinton Elementary School kicked off the first day of school with a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the brand new playground.

Students proudly showed off the new equipment in action and shared thoughtful reminders about playing safely and making sure everyone gets a turn to enjoy the space.

Students Lead, Grow and Play

Eagle Scout Gives Back

Thank you to Jude Leising for completing his Eagle Scout Program, proudly supporting Clinton Comets spirit! His project is a representation of our school logo and a lasting symbol of Comets pride. Go Comets!



'Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook!'

The CCS Drama Club delighted audience members of all ages with their production of an adaptation of this Junie B. Jones classic. Cast and crew members included 39 high school students and one middle school student.

Thank you to directors Jenna Wratten and Keith DeStefanis for allowing students to showcase their talent, and for bringing the community together for an enjoyable experience.



Friendly but Fierce!

Keeping with CCS tradition, juniors and seniors squared off in the annual Powderpuff game — the first time on the new turf field, under the lights, celebrated by students and community members. The juniors came out strong and led for much of the game, but the seniors pulled off a second-half comeback to take home the win, 18-12.



National Recognition

The 2025 National Recognition Program awarded more than 280,000 high-performing students. Clinton High School is proud to celebrate the achievements of its students who earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Program.

The program, available on BigFuture, helps students stand out on college and scholarship applications. Every year, talented students claim an award based on their achievement on College Board assessments, including the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and AP exams. In 2025, the program offered three awards to students of all backgrounds and across schools nationwide: First Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, and for the first time, the School Recognition Award, to honor top-performing students in every high school, including lesser-known schools.

This year, nine students at Clinton High School were awarded. Congratulations to Martin Amuso, Sam Bono, Anthony Cosentino, Nikolina Gleboff*, Ella Kelly, Ethan Labuz, Antimo Pellecchia, Cole Thayer and Gavin Kapes-VanSlyke.*

We're incredibly proud of our students and to see them recognized for their dedication and excellence. This honor reinforces their exceptional achievements in high school and will support them in their pursuit of a big future.

**National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students*

Students Demonstrate Leadership

P-TECH PROGRAM

Clinton High School junior Ethan LaBuz represented CCS at the recent Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Cooperative Board meeting where he reported about his experience and successes as a participant in the P-TECH program, showcasing the dedication, curiosity and leadership that make Clinton students shine. We are proud of his accomplishments and the positive reflection he brings to the Clinton Central School District!



REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Gavin Kapes-VanSlyke, who was selected to speak at the OHM BOCES Cooperative Board meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Gavin shared highlights from his internship experience through the Regional Program for Excellence (RPE) and was recognized with a certificate for his outstanding participation. This was a wonderful opportunity for Gavin to represent Clinton High School and showcase the value of student internships in preparing for future success.

Students participating in the Regional Program for Excellence this year are:

- Leah Randall – Wynn Hospital L & D
- Charlotte Gale – Riverhawk Company
- Zoe Pieri – SUNY Poly Science Lab
- Claire Mihm – Wynn Hospital Cardiac



Fall Sports Highlights

Fall Senior Athletes Honored

Senior athletes were recognized along with their families at fall season final games.



Girls Varsity Field Hockey



Girls Varsity Soccer



Varsity Football and Cheer Team



Boys and Girls Cross Country



Girls Varsity Tennis



Boys Varsity Soccer

Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Christopher Clancy

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Ms. Alice Gaetano, Student Board Member

Mr. Antimo Pellecchia, Student Board Member

Student Representatives Welcomed to the Board of Education

The Clinton Central School District is proud to welcome two student representatives, Alice Gaetano and Antimo Pellecchia, as ex officio members of the CCS Board of Education. Their role is to ensure that the voices of Clinton's student body are included in Board discussions, playing an important role in bridging communication between the school board and the student body. Thank you, Alice and Antimo, for your time commitment and dedication.



More information can be found in the news section at www.ccs.edu.