



GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

CAPITAL PROJECT NEWSLETTER



The Genesee Valley Central School District is proposing a Capital Project focused on energy efficiency to improve our school facilities, modernize systems, and create a healthier, more efficient learning environment for students and staff.

VOTE DAY

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025
12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

Pool Vestibule
Genesee Valley Central School
1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY

PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday, December 2, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

GVCS Media Lab Room #1121
1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY

Entire Project = ZERO TAX IMPACT TO OUR COMMUNITY



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KEY IMPROVEMENTS

✓ HEATING & COOLING UPGRADES

We are upgrading our heating and cooling systems to make our buildings more comfortable and energy efficient throughout the year.

- Replacing older natural gas rooftop units with new, energy efficient models.
- Installing new classroom ventilator units that provide both heat and cooling in one system
- The new units will include MERV 13 air filters, which help remove more dust, allergens, and airborne particles, improving indoor air quality for students and staff.

✓ LIGHTING UPGRADES

Approximately 1,600 fluorescent lights will be replaced with modern LED fixtures

- These new lights will use less energy, last longer, and create brighter, more inviting spaces.

✓ BUILDING AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENTS

Upgraded Building Automation System will help us better manage heating, cooling, and ventilation throughout the buildings.

- Reduce energy use and help maintain a comfortable environment for everyone.
- The system will be reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis to ensure ongoing performance and efficiency.

These improvements will enhance comfort, air quality, and overall building performance to support effective learning and working environments for students, faculty, and staff well into the future.

FUNDING SOURCES

UTILITY REBATES	\$175,000
Energy Savings Incentives	
NYSERDA	\$1,426,251
Clean energy funding from New York State	
NEW YORK STATE BUILDING AID	\$13,971,667
Offset borrowed funds	
No Local Tax Increase	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$15,572,918
TAX IMPACT	\$ZERO

The project's cost, resulting in

ZERO TAX IMPACT

to voters, is covered by state aid, rebates, and NYSERDA funding totaling \$15,572,918.

These funds will address needed upgrades across both the Elementary and Middle/High School benefiting all our students, faculty, and staff.

For additional details, visit the District website at www.genvalley.org
or contact Chris Graham at
cgraham@genvalley.org



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WHY NOW?

This is a tremendous opportunity for our district to modernize our buildings, meet environmental standards, and enhance learning environments, all without placing a burden on local taxpayers.

We encourage all residents to participate in the vote on December 9, 2025 and help us shape a healthier future for the GVCS school community.

✓ ENERGY COSTS

Energy costs continue to increase, making efficiency upgrades through this potential project more important than ever. These improvements will reduce long-term utility expenses and allow savings to be reinvested into educational programs.

✓ AVAILABLE FUNDING

NYSERDA and utility rebate funding are available now to help cover the local share of the project.

✓ HEAT MITIGATION

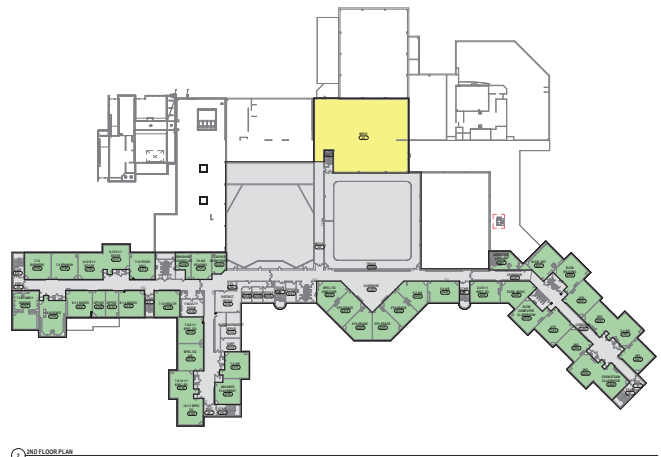
The Heat Mitigation in Public Schools Law (s.3397-A / A.9011-A), which took effect September 1, 2025, establishes a statewide maximum indoor temperature for classrooms and support spaces. Schools must relocate students and staff if temperatures exceed 88°F. Completing these upgrades now positions the District to meet state requirements while maintaining safe, comfortable learning environments.

✓ SMART PLANNING

Addressing these needs now helps avoid higher costs in the future. Integrating this work into the already approved 2023 Capital Project ensures a coordinated approach, efficient use of resources, and minimizes future disruptions to students and staff.

SCOPE OF WORK

- EXISTING BUILDING (NO SCOPE)
- AHU/RTU REPLACEMENT
- HVAC IMPROVEMENTS



✓ BENEFITS

Modernized building systems will improve safety, comfort, energy efficiency, and accessibility for all students and staff.

✓ ABSENTEE BALLOTS

May be obtained at the office of the District Clerk between the hours 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. No absentee ballots will be canvassed unless they are received prior to **5:00 PM on December 9, 2025**. For additional questions or information on military or absentee ballots, contact the District Clerk, Pam Winterhalter, at 585-268-7909 or pwinterhalter@genvalley.org.

Genesee Valley Central School

1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY 14813



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Thomas Emrich, CSE/CPSE Chairperson
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2025 Capital Improvement Projects Will Have No Additional Tax Impact

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ELIGIBILITY

- must be a citizen of the United States of America
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must be a resident of the Genesee Valley Central School district for 30 days prior to the Capital Project vote
- Must be registered with the Allegany County Board of Elections or with the Genesee Valley School District

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QUESTIONS

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