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Churchville-Chili Central School District

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Message from the Superintendent

Learning Forward: Building Safe, Comfortable Schools Together



Dear Churchville-Chili Community,

At Churchville-Chili Central School District, our mission is to challenge every student to strive for excellence while developing their unique talents and becoming respectful, resourceful citizens. Maintaining safe, welcoming and modern learning environments is essential to achieving that mission.

The Phase VII Capital Improvement Project builds on the progress made through Phase VI, which included major upgrades to classrooms, athletic facilities and infrastructure across our schools. Phase VII continues this work, focusing on essential building repairs, facility enhancements and improvements that directly support teaching, learning and student safety.

By investing in updated classrooms, improved HVAC systems, expanded operational and maintenance spaces, and enhanced campus access, we are ensuring that our schools remain vibrant, functional and ready for future generations. This project reflects a thoughtful approach to using State and local resources efficiently while having zero tax impact on our community.

We encourage all qualified voters to participate in the upcoming Phase VII vote on **Monday, January 26, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at **Churchville-Chili Middle School North Cafeteria, Door 31**. Your engagement ensures that our students continue to learn and grow in the high-quality environments they deserve.

Thank you for your support and partnership in sustaining the excellence of our district.

Dr. Carmine Peluso
Superintendent of Schools

Matthew DeAmaral, CPA
Assistant Superintendent for Business Services





PRESENTATION

Phase VII Capital Project Presentation

When: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Where: Middle School Auditorium

VOTE

Phase VII Capital Project Vote

When: Monday, January 26, 2026 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Where: Churchville-Chili Middle School North Cafeteria, Door 31

Fast Facts

Cost of Project	$49,890,000
NYS Building Aid	$34,935,000
District Capital Reserve Fund	$14,955,000
Impact on the Levy	**$0 (NO TAX IMPACT)**

NEWS & VIEWS What's Inside:

- Building repairs and improvements
- Project Timeline
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Funding Information
- Important Dates
- Voter Information and Sample Ballot

Building Repairs and Improvements*

Elementary buildings

- Upgrades at Chestnut Ridge Elementary School, Fairbanks Road Elementary School and Churchville Elementary School will focus on elementary classrooms and HVAC systems to enhance the learning environment and ensure compliance with new standards for healthy indoor temperatures.
- Flooring, millwork and door replacements throughout the buildings
- Cafeteria upgrades and playground upgrades at Chestnut Ridge

Transportation

- A new professional development center will be added to the transportation center for meetings and training sessions.
- Flooring upgrades

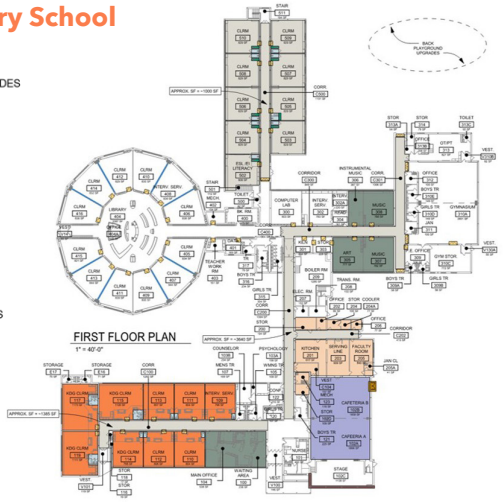
Operations and Maintenance

- A new, relocated 6,500 square foot Grounds Building will provide O&M staff with more office space, a break room and a locker room, in addition to six maintenance bays with overhead doors.
- We will continue the intercampus road to improve campus access and improve traffic flow. The road extension will connect the Grounds Building and Transportation Facility to the main campus.

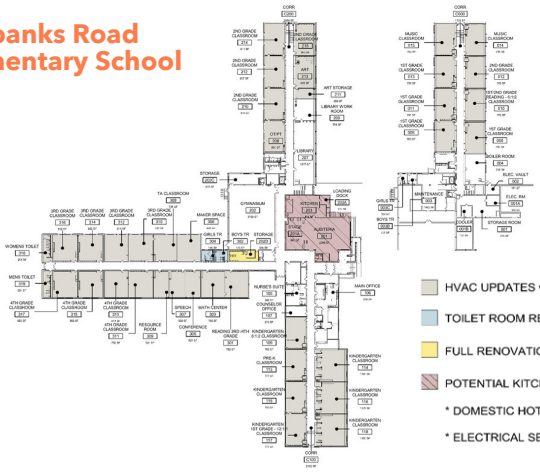
*more detailed and additional blueprints are available on the district website, under the capital improvement tab

Chestnut Ridge Elementary School

- EXISTING ACT CEILING & LIGHTING REPLACEMENT w/ ACT
- KITCHEN / SERVING RENOVATION, INCLUDING HVAC UPGRADES
- CAFETERIA UPGRADES
- TOILET ROOM RENOVATION
- CLASSROOM RENOVATION - FLOORING REPLACEMENT
- CLASSROOM RENOVATION - MILLWORK REPLACEMENT
- DOOR REPLACEMENT
- NEW DOOR - EMERGENCY EGRESS DOORS
- MASONRY CONTROL JOINTS @ STRUCTURAL COLUMNS
- FOLDING PARTITION REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT w/ ACOUSTICAL PARTITION
- HVAC UPGRADES
  - * ADDITION OF 5 INTERIOR CAMERAS & 5 EXTERIOR CAMERAS
  - * PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPGRADES
  - * DOMESTIC HOT WATER STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT

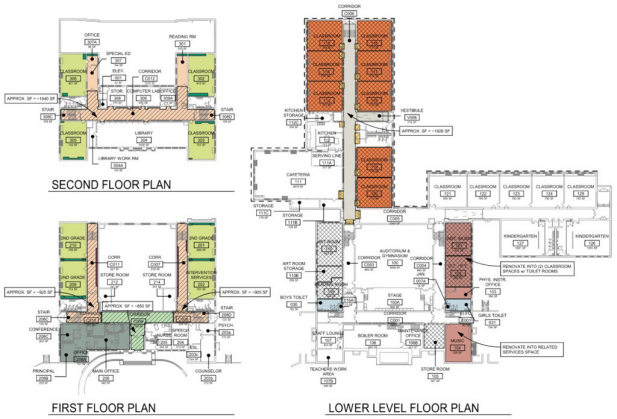


Fairbanks Road Elementary School



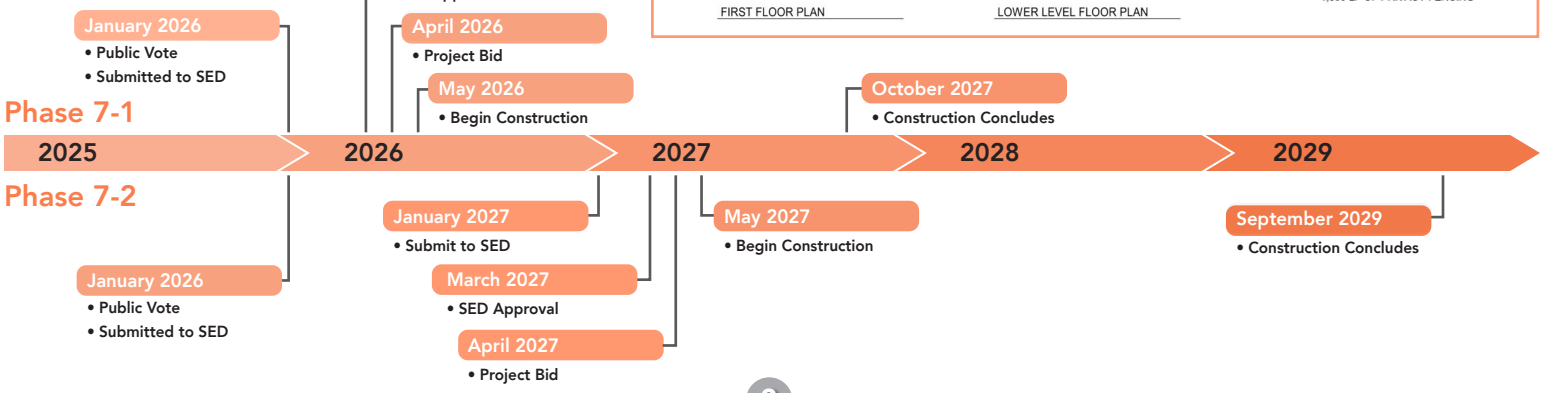
- HVAC UPDATES w/ CEILING & LIGHTING REPLACEMENT
- TOILET ROOM RENOVATION
- FULL RENOVATION TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY
- POTENTIAL KITCHEN/ CAFETERIA RENOVATIONS
  - * DOMESTIC HOT WATER STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT
  - * ELECTRICAL SERVICE UPGRADES

Churchville Elementary School



- EXISTING ACT CEILING & LIGHTING REPLACEMENT w/ ACT
- EXISTING PLASTER CEILING & LIGHTING REPLACEMENT w/ ACT
- EXISTING PLASTER CEILING & LIGHTING REPLACEMENT w/ ACT & WOOD CROWN MOLDING, INCLUDING HVAC UPGRADES
- EXISTING PLASTER CEILING & LIGHTING REPLACEMENT w/ PLASTER
- TOILET ROOM RENOVATION
- CLASSROOM RENOVATION, INCLUDING HVAC UPGRADES
- CLASSROOM RENOVATION FOR RELATED SERVICES
- LOCKER REPLACEMENT
- DOOR REPLACEMENT
- MILLWORK REPLACEMENT
- HVAC UPGRADES
- PLASTER CEILING ABATEMENT
- VAT FLOORING ABATEMENT
- MASONRY REPOINTING
  - * DOMESTIC HOT WATER STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT
  - * 1,500 LF OF PRIVACY FENCING

Potential Project Timelines - Phase VII



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the District proposing a capital project vote now?

Our goal of this project is to create comfortable learning environments for our students and teachers, beginning to address the requirements from New York State regarding temperature in classrooms. It has been years since any of the elementary schools have had updates through a capital project, and the updates proposed through Phase VII will improve spaces for our students to thrive.

How were the project's components chosen?

The proposed work was developed through a thoughtful, collaborative process. District leaders met with principals, toured buildings, reviewed building condition surveys, and discussed facility needs. Together, they identified areas where updates would best support student learning and safety. After reviewing which projects qualify for State Building Aid, the team refined the plan to focus on the most effective improvements for each building.

What is the total cost of this proposed project, and how will it affect my taxes?

The District understands that capital projects can affect taxpayers, and we are committed to proposing projects with zero tax impact. Careful planning and the use of State and local funds will help reduce costs to the community. Most of the project's cost — $34,935,000 — will be covered by New York State Building Aid. An additional $14,955,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund, which is set aside specifically for facility improvements, will further offset expenses. In total, $49,890,000 will be used to cover the overall cost of the proposed project. The work being completed will have NO impact on local taxes.

Isn't State Aid just my tax dollars too?

Yes, State Aid comes from New York State tax dollars. For this project, Churchville-Chili CSD would receive $34,935,000 in New York State Building Aid. These funds are specifically set aside by the State for school improvements. Using them means that those dollars come back to benefit our local students and facilities. If our district does not move forward with an aid-eligible project, that money will be used in another community instead. It does not return to local taxpayers.

What if the capital project vote does not pass?

Some of the proposed work includes necessary safety and building updates that will still need to be completed. Without an approved capital project, those repairs would have to be funded through the district's annual budget, without the benefit of State Building Aid reimbursement. A voter-approved project helps the district make these improvements while keeping local costs as low as possible.

When will the work take place?

If the public approves Phase VII, construction on the first part of the project is estimated to begin in May 2026 and is expected to be completed in October 2027. Construction for part two of the project is estimated to begin in May 2027 and is expected to be completed in September 2029. Proposed timelines are dependent upon approval from the New York State Education Department.

When was the last capital project vote that included work for school buildings?

The last capital project vote took place in January of 2022 when the community approved the Phase VI project. Phase VI included upgrades to the middle school, athletic facilities and the transportation lot. The last project that included updates and improvements at any of the elementary schools was during the Phase IV project, which was approved in December of 2013 and included work at Fairbanks Road.

How do I obtain more information about the project?

More information about the proposed Capital Improvement Project is available on the Capital Improvement page of our District website, ***cccsd.org***.

Project Costs and Financing Plan

Total Project Cost:

$49,890,000

There will be NO tax impact.

Expense Type

Expenses are broken down into two categories, construction costs and incidental/financing costs.

Construction costs refer to the work done directly to school buildings and includes general construction, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, etc.

Site	Construction Costs - Estimated Amount
Chestnut Ridge Elementary School	$10,082,841
Churchville Elementary School	$7,557,752
Fairbanks Road Elementary School	$9,674,940
Transportation Facility	$4,510,500
Grounds Building	$5,832,153
Road Extension	$2,824,800

Incidental/financing costs include professional services and other expenses not considered direct construction, such as: architect and engineering, construction management, clerical, legal, financial, testing and inspection, asbestos monitoring, printing, insurance and financing costs.

Estimated Construction Costs: $40,482,986

Estimated Incidental Costs: $9,407,014



Proposed Grounds Building



Storage space inside the current Grounds Building



Outdoor vehicle lot behind the current Grounds Building

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What to Expect on the Ballot

Sample Ballot

Proposition	
Yes	No
Resolved that the Board of Education of the Churchville-Chili Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of addition to, and construction and reconstruction of, existing school buildings and facilities, also including demolition of the existing grounds building, and acquisition and construction of a new grounds building and storage pole barn, various site improvements and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of $49,890,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund $14,955,000 for such costs, and that the balance of the costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed $34,935,000 shall be issued.	

Voter qualifications

In order to vote you must be:

- A United States citizen.
- At least 18 years of age.
- A resident of the Churchville-Chili Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee Ballots and Early Voter Ballots

Qualified voters of the district who will be unable to attend the polls on the day of the vote, for reasons outlined on the absentee ballot application, may wish to use an absentee ballot. Voters must apply for the ballot in advance.

Early Voter: Qualified voters of the district may wish to use an early voter ballot. Voters must apply for the ballot in advance.

Absentee ballot and early voter ballot applications are available by calling District Clerk Michelle Penner or by in-person pick up at 139 Fairbanks Rd, Churchville.

All absentee and early voter ballot applications must be RECEIVED by the district clerk at least seven business days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter.

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