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▪ 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL ▪

Residents will vote on Capital Project and cost-saving EPC proposal on May 19th



This spring, Glens Falls City School District voters will be asked whether to approve two ballot propositions. The first is a **Capital Project** that will repair, upgrade, and improve facilities across every school building in the district. The second is an **Energy Performance Contract (EPC)** — a financial tool that captures additional state funding and energy savings to stretch every dollar further.

These two propositions work hand-in-hand. Understanding how — and why the EPC is so important — is what this newsletter is all about.

Capital Project at a Glance

- Playground repairs/improvements at all elementary schools
- Kitchen renovations at all five school buildings
- High School cafeteria upgrades
- Middle School roof repair
- MS/HS Public Address system upgrade
- Pool pump and ventilation system replacement at the High School
- LED lighting upgrades throughout all buildings
- Weatherization, insulation & air sealing at all buildings
- Boiler upgrades at Jackson Heights Elementary
- Automated building controls modernization

The most important thing to know

The **EPC, Proposition 2**, is **not** additional construction or new spending. It is a smarter way to pay for improvements already included in the Capital Project — one that **unlocks more state reimbursement** and guarantees real energy savings for years to come.

BY THE NUMBERS . . .

\$29,160,000

Total capital project proposal for repairs and upgrades at every school

\$ ZERO

New tax impact of Capital Project and EPC proposals

76%

Amount paid for by NY State aid

+10%

Extra aid on qualified EPC items with passage of proposal



Air vent handlers in Kensington classrooms are approximately 60 years old, and would be replaced along with their connected shelving units.



Public address system improvements are a necessary safety upgrade at the Middle and High Schools.



Playground renovation and upgrades at all three elementary schools are part of the capital project proposal.



The High School cafeteria needs renovation to maximize efficiency and student comfort during meal service



The Middle School feeds more than 500 students each day from an extremely cramped kitchen



The Big Cross parking lot would be reconfigured and expanded to allow for all staff members to park in the lot

Proposition 1: the Capital Project proposal

The proposition for the capital project is tax-neutral at \$29,160,000, since the district’s state building aid is approximately 76%. This proposition includes voter approval to use \$3,000,000 in savings from our capital reserve toward the project.

Starting in October, the Board of Education analyzed the Building Condition Surveys for each building, made site visits, and met with our architects to prioritize the needed work. While there was well over \$50 million of work indicated on the BCS, the Board decided to keep the project tax-neutral, and targeted the most-needed repairs and upgrades. The majority of the project includes regular, responsible maintenance, repair, and replacement of items we may not consider exciting—but they are part of our commitment to conscientious stewardship of existing facilities.

Some highlights include:

- Kitchen renovations at all five school buildings; Renovation of the High School cafeteria to include better seating configuratons and improved flow of food service lines
- Playground updates and repairs at all three elementary schools
- Middle School roof repairs
- MS/HS Public Address system repairs and replacements
- High School bathroom renovations to include more single-stall restrooms, Pool pump replacements, HS Classroom lighting
- Asbestos abatement in small areas at multiple buildings
- Big Cross parking lot expansion; gym air handling unit replacement
- Jackson Heights boiler and hot water heater replacement, replace electrical panels, up-grades to the building’s electrical service
- Kensington Road EPDM roof replacement, replacement of asphalt sidewalk with concrete, replacement of unit ventilators in classrooms
- Bus Garage pavement of gravel area for better bus parking; right-size gas service

What are we voting on—and what’s the difference?

Item	Proposition 1: Capital Project	2: Energy Performance Contract
What it is . . .	A comprehensive building improvement plan covering the most necessary repairs at all district facilities	A financing and savings mechanism layered on top of the capital project
What it funds . . .	Kitchen upgrades, playground refurbishment, lighting, HVAC, weatherization, boilers, pool pump replacement, and more	These energy-related improvements, bundled to maximize state reimbursement
Additional project work?	Yes—improvements and repairs to our existing facilities	No—same proposed work outlined in Capital Project proposition, just with a smarter funding structure
Project financing . . .	Financed through bonds with state aid reimbursement: no new taxes	Paid through energy savings: budget-neutral for taxpayers
State oversight. . .	Standard NYS Department of Education review	Monitored by New York State throughout the contract term

Bottom line: Voting yes on both propositions does not cost more — it means the district recovers more money, faster, while guaranteeing measurable results.

Proposition 2: the Energy Performance Contract (EPC)

The EPC is not additional construction or new spending. It is a smarter way to pay for improvements already included in the Capital Project — one that unlocks more state reimbursement and guarantees real energy savings for years to come.

After conducting a comprehensive energy audit and detailed analysis of current energy needs and costs, the district will make energy conservation improvements to dramatically increase efficiency and save money. Entering into an energy savings performance contract with Danforth calls for:

- LED lighting to be installed to replace regular fixtures throughout the buildings
- Building automation system upgrades (heating, air handling and air quality controls)
- Building envelope improvements (making walls, windows, floors and roofs more weathertight)

A positive vote from the community would increase state aid for the capital project by 10%, resulting in estimated \$350,000 in additional state aid for the district. By leveraging this increased aid alongside the guaranteed efficiencies of the EPC, the district can modernize facilities without increasing the burden on local homeowners.

An Energy Performance Contract (EPC) guarantees cost savings and is monitored by New York State. Completing a project that reduces long-term energy costs helps mitigate future cost increases, and the project is paid for through the savings it generates rather than new, additional spending—making it budget-neutral for taxpayers. If the guaranteed savings are not achieved, the energy services company (Danforth) must compensate the district for the shortfall.

The technical language on the ballot proposition notes “...entering into an energy performance contract and related financing documents in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000, and levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due,” but this is NOT an additional tax levy. It is simply the state-required legal language included in every financing proposition.

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EPC DETAILS!



**Two propositions. One shared goal:
Better schools for everyone**

**PROJECT TOTAL****\$29.1M****STATE AID****76%****NEW TAXES****\$0**

On May 19th, voters will decide on a \$29.1 million **Capital Project** covering kitchen renovations, playground repairs, roof and HVAC work, LED lighting, and more at every school — **at no new tax cost**. A companion **Energy Performance Contract** adds 10% **more state aid** and guarantees real energy savings, paid for by the efficiencies it creates. Voting yes on both costs nothing more.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**Monday, April 27****7:00 PM****Glens Falls HS Auditorium****Wednesday, April 29****6:00 PM****The Queensbury Hotel**