SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report

to the Board of Education

November 17, 2026

Every Student, One Community, Ready for the Future.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

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04 Thank You, Maplemere PTA

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Course Planning Guide





Video Production

2026-2027 Course Proposal
Teachers: Brian Koziol & Lisa LaBrake
Grades: 9 - 12
English elective, aligns with NUSTEP course for college credit



- focus on writing, editing and creating videos for the audience of high school students, high school staff and community
- individual and group projects in-studio and throughout the campus.
- hands-on activities with purpose of creating a capstone product for daily viewing ==> Morning Announcements for SH community

Portrait of a Panther Connections







- allows students to creatively approach a situation / problem (how to effectively communicate important information to a diverse audience through being culturally responsive)
- use the latest technology and software to produce a capstone project every day / aware of future trends
- learn, create and contribute -build stackable credentials for their future



Click here for Morning Show

Maplemere Building Project Update

MAPLEMERE CLASSROOM ADDITION

11/17/26

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

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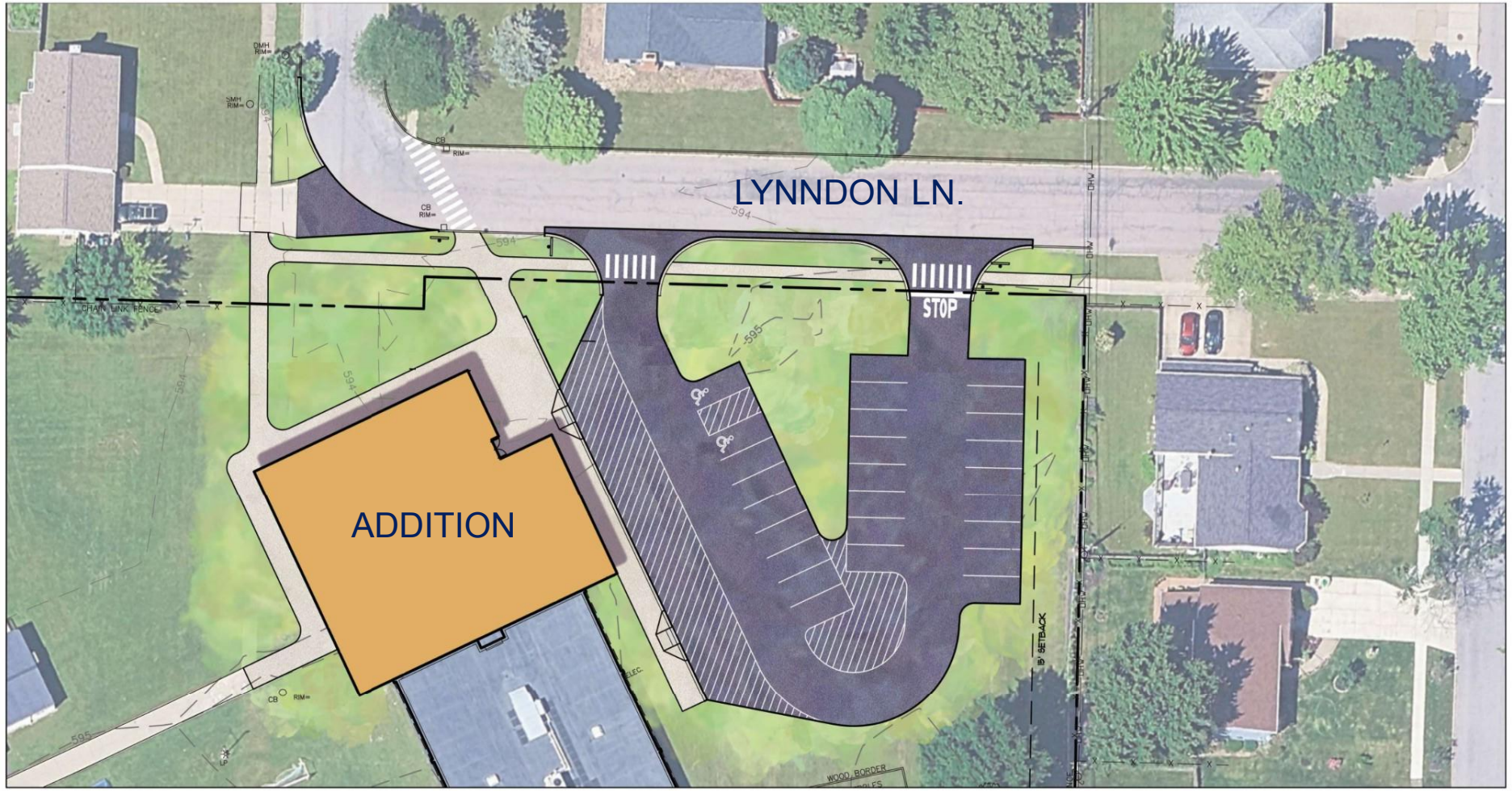
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AGENDA FOR TODAY

- SCOPE
- SCHEDULE
- QUESTIONS

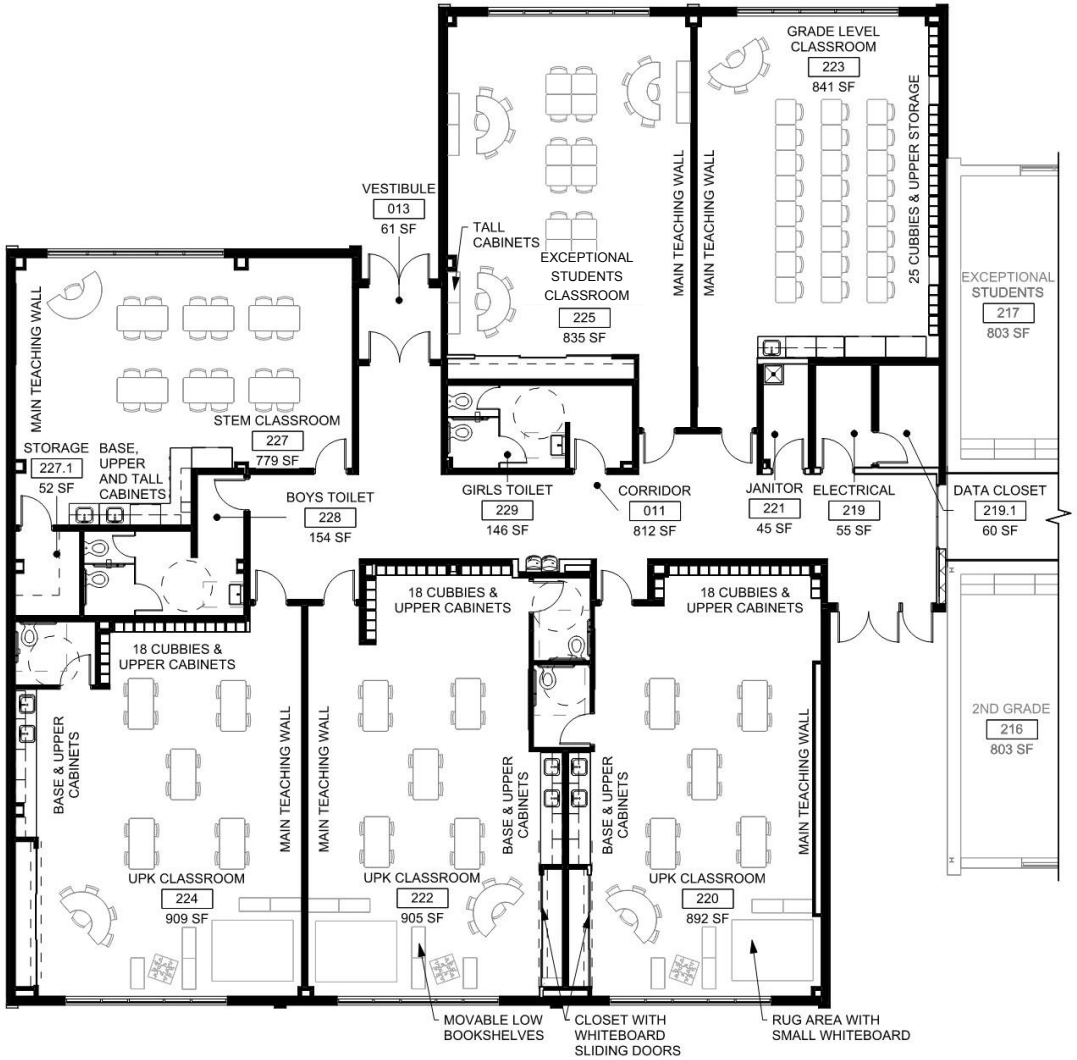
SITE PLAN



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FLOOR PLAN



CLASSROOMS PROVIDED

IN ADDITION:

- 3 UPK CLASSROOMS
- 1 GRADE LEVEL CLASSROOM
- 1 STEM CLASSROOM
- 1 EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS CLASSROOM

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EXTERIOR RENDERING



VIEW FROM STREET ENTRANCE

EXTERIOR RENDERING



VIEW FROM LYNNDON & E. MAPLEMERE

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INTERIOR RENDERING



UPK CLASSROOM

INTERIOR RENDERING



UPK CLASSROOM

SCHEDULE

MILESTONE DATES	
CAPITAL PROJECT PUBLIC VOTE DATE	DECEMBER 2025
PROJECT SENT TO SED FOR PERMIT	OCTOBER 2026
PROJECT OUT TO BID (POTENTIALLY)	FEBRUARY 2027
CONTRACTS & SUBMITTALS	MARCH 2026 THROUGH MAY 2027
CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN	MAY 2027
SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION	AUGUST 2028
STUDENTS TO OCCUPY / START OF SCHOOL	SEPTEMBER 2028



QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!





COSTCO WHOLESALE

The Sweet Home Family Support Center will receive:

- **500 Backpacks**
- **$1,000 gift card to Costco**





Thank you, Maplemere PTA

For hosting our capital project forum on November 2nd



Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars

MEAT RAFFLE

Friday, December 4, 2026

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
First spin at 7:00 p.m.

St. Leo the Great Parish Center
865 Sweet Home Road
Amherst, NY 14226

Bring your dollar bills and a cooler for your winnings!

Admission

$10 pre-sale **$12** at the door

$75 for a table of 8

Raffles

50/50

Two **$250**
Wegmans Gift Cards
$5 per ticket / 3 for $10

Purchasing

Scan to purchase tickets!

Contact Lyn Custodi:

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SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT · UNDER BOARD DISCUSSION

100% DISABLED VETERAN SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTION

New state legislation lets local governments decide whether to fully exempt 100% disabled veterans from school taxes.

WOULD QUALIFY

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veterans: 71 in Amherst, 32 in Tonawanda

SCHOOL LEVY

UNCHANGED

Fewer taxpayers share it, so rates rise slightly

DECISION DEADLINE

MARCH 1

Towns of Amherst and Tonawanda must be notified

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON A $250,000 ASSESSED HOME

TOWN OF AMHERST

$2,284 → $2,288 **+$4**

TOWN OF TONAWANDA

$2,286 → $2,307 **+$21**

SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SENIOR CITIZEN SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTION

Proposed 2027-28 levels would match Clarence and sit between Williamsville and Amherst.

CURRENT LEVELS

Annual income	Exempted
Not exceeding $13,000	50%
$13,000.01 – $13,999.99	45%
$14,000.00 – $14,999.99	40%
$15,000.00 – $15,999.99	35%
$16,000.00 – $16,899.99	30%
$16,900.00 – $17,799.99	25%
$17,800.00 – $18,699.99	20%

BOARD ACTION NEEDED BY

March 1, 2027

PROPOSED LEVELS FOR 2027-28

Annual income	Exempted
Not exceeding $21,500.00	50%
$21,500.01 – $22,499.99	45%
$22,500.00 – $23,499.99	40%
$23,500.00 – $24,499.99	35%
$24,500.00 – $25,399.99	30%
$25,400.00 – $26,299.99	25%
$26,300.00 – $27,199.99	20%
$27,200.00 – $28,099.99	15%
$28,100.00 – $28,999.99	10%
$29,000.00 – $29,899.99	5%

Questions & Discussion

Thank you to the Board of Education for your continued partnership.

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