



Capital Project News

March 2019

On December 8, 2016, voters approved a \$22,970,000 capital project that is designed to address critical safety, program, infrastructure, renovations, site work, and facilities needs in each of our school buildings. The project scope is based on a number of factors, including the NY State mandated Building Condition Survey and corresponding Five Year Facilities Plan; program changes to complete our High School & Tuscarora Elementary Schools long-range plans that were started a number of years ago; and recommendations from our Facilities Committee made up of students, parents, community members, administrators and Board of Education members. The project is also based on the recommendations of our architectural firm, Cannon Design, and our construction management firm, Campus Construction.

This project marks the third phase of our long-range facilities plan; Phase I was completed in 2011 and Phase II was completed in 2015. The scope-definition process undertaken by the Facilities Committee resulted in this Phase III capital project.

Q. Why is the District undergoing another capital project?

A. Our District is committed to providing a safe learning environment and well-maintained facilities for students and public use. Just as one's home ages and needs upkeep and repairs to keep it in good working order, so too do our schools. Many routine repairs and projects are funded within the annual District budget, with the operating budget bearing the full cost. Large repairs, such as those included in this project, would have a major impact on the tax rate if included in the annual District budget. A bond issue is a fiscally responsible alternative for capital project funding, because the State reimburses a vast majority of the cost and the expense is amortized over many years.

Q. Why is this work needed?

A. Every five years, all school districts are required by the State to have a certified architect review the condition of their buildings and grounds. In 2015, our architectural consultant examined the District's facilities and identified more than \$29 million in problem areas, a portion of which are critical needs required by State regulations. The District's Facilities Committee studied those items and developed a recommended list of the most critical repairs and program upgrades. Rather than delaying and facing future higher costs and further deterioration, the District is addressing those issues now, through this referendum.

Q. How were the project's components chosen?

A. Academic program enhancements and safety concerns received top priority, along with code compliance, mechanical systems (boilers and building controls), and building envelope (roofs and exterior wall systems). In other instances, work is required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Q. What is the total cost of this proposed project, and how can it have NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT?

A. The total cost of the project is \$22,970,000. It will be paid for using a combination of State Building Aid, debt service funds, and the capital reserve fund, which can only be used for capital improvements. Because the Board of Education and District Administration have been diligent about funding the capital reserve, the District is able to pay for the portion of this project that is not covered by State Aid (i.e., the local share) without raising taxes.

Q. Why has it taken so long for work to get started?

A. The process that begins after a capital project referendum passes is lengthy. The phases and sequencing that take place and the duration of each are as follows (the timing of some phases may overlap):

Preliminary Design Phase.....	181 days
User Group Input.....	86 days
Final Blueprints and Specifications.....	200 days
Review/Approval by NYS Facilities Dept.....	216 days
Bidding phase.....	50 days

Bids for this project were opened on February 19 and the following were awarded work based on submitted bids:

- Sitework.....Edger Enterprises, Inc.
- Asbestos Abatement ..Sessler Environmental Services, LLC
- General Trades.....Welliver McGuire, Inc.
- Roofing.....J & B Installations, Inc.
- Plumbing/Sprinklers .Frey & Campbell, Inc.
- Mechanical (HVAC).....Kimble, Inc.
- Electrical/Voice/Data.John Mills Electric, Inc.

**PHASE III
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

WORK HIGHLIGHTS	Middle/ High School	Tuscarora Elementary	Valley School
Additions/Exterior Improvements			
New 8-lane swimming pool and pool locker rooms	√		
New Elementary School entrance/Main Office addition		√	
New kitchen and cafeteria addition		√	
Reconfigured bus loops	√	√	
Renovations/Relocations			
Renovation of existing cafeteria into new library		√	
New Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) lab		√	
Renovation of existing classrooms and bathrooms		√	
New corridor wall tiles		√	
Historic restoration/upgrade of the auditorium: stage rigging, sound system, lighting, seating, control booth and acoustic improvements	√		
Renovation of offices and classroom/common bathrooms			√
Partial replacement of exterior doors and windows			√
Technology/Security			
New interactive Promethean boards in classrooms	√	√	√
Secured main entrance		√	√
Telecommunications infrastructure upgrades	√	√	√
Security camera and audio system upgrades	√	√	√

Please note: All work at the Valley Early Childhood School will be paid for with our Smart Schools Bond Act funds.

NEW SWIMMING POOL



(Left) The existing pool will be demolished and a new 8-lane pool will be reconstructed in an expanded footprint to include new locker rooms.



(Right) This is an exterior rendering of the new pool area.

TUSCARORA MAIN OFFICE ADDITION



This portrays the exterior of the new main entrance at Tuscarora Elementary.



The new main office at Tuscarora Elementary will provide a secured point of entry as well as a welcoming area for students, parents and visitors.

TUSCARORA CAFETERIA ADDITION/LIBRARY RENOVATION



(Clockwise, from upper left) An exterior view of the Tuscarora Elementary cafeteria/kitchen addition.

The new cafeteria at Tuscarora Elementary will offer ample space for students.

The cafeteria addition will include a new stage so that the space can be used for assemblies, meetings, professional development and presentations.

The current cafeteria space will be renovated into a new library.

PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Location/Description	Est. Duration	Start	Finish
Middle/High School			
New pool addition	16 Months	Spring 2019	Fall 2020
Auditorium renovations	4 Months	Spring 2020	Fall 2020
Art/technology wing	9 Weeks	Summer 2020	Fall 2020
Tuscarora Elementary			
First floor corridor and classroom renovations	9 Weeks	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
Second floor corridor and classroom renovations	12 Months	Fall 2019	Fall 2020
Kindergarten wing renovations	9 Weeks	Summer 2020	Fall 2020
New Main Office addition	16 Months	Summer 2019	Fall 2020
New cafeteria and kitchen addition	16 Months	Summer 2019	Fall 2020
Current cafeteria to new library renovations	9 weeks	Summer 2020	Fall 2020
Valley Early Childhood School			
Renovation of offices and classroom/common bathrooms	9 weeks	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
Partial replacement of exterior doors and windows	9 weeks	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
Secured main entrance	9 weeks	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
Telecommunications infrastructure upgrades	9 weeks	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
Security camera and audio system upgrades	9 weeks	Summer 2019	Fall 2019

POOL UPDATE

As noted in the timeline above, the District will be without a pool for approximately 16 months while the new one is built. We will not be able to offer swimming instruction to students during this time. However, our varsity swim team, and possibly the modified swim team, will continue to practice and compete with a full regular season. We have tentatively reached an agreement with the Bath Central School District to use the Haverling High School pool facility for the 2019-20 interscholastic swim season. Additional information and details will be released as they become available.



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