

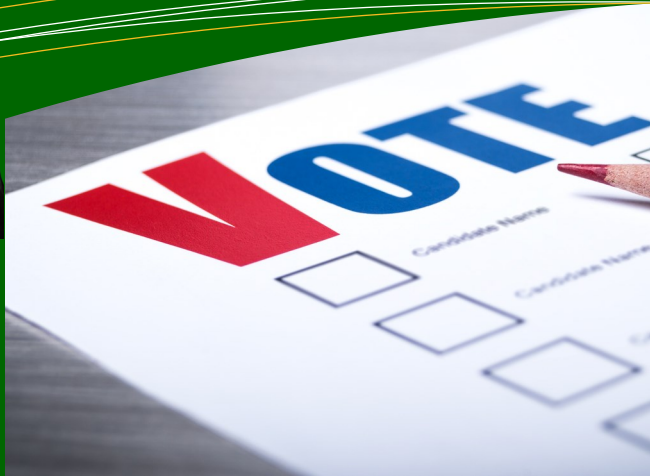
# Eagle Express

Volume 21, No. 4 Budget Edition



## Our Mission

*The Lake Shore Central School District in partnership with our students, families and school community will cultivate engaging, diverse, and challenging educational opportunities and learning environments to promote life-long learning and achievement in preparation for high school graduation, college and careers.*



**Tuesday, May 16**  
**Senior High Lobby**  
**9:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m.**

## Quality Education and Facilities are Essential

Each school year one of the top priorities of the Superintendent's office is to work closely with our Board of Education to develop a workable budget. Through days and even months of diligence, this group is charged with analyzing the needs of our classrooms, our buildings and grounds and our transportation fleet. At the same time, we are also spending many hours advocating for stronger State and Federal Aid, all to design a budget that supports the high-quality educational programs for our students.

The proposed budget will support our students' educational programs, fund state and federal education mandates and meet operating costs and contractual obligations for the coming school year.

In this edition of the Eagle Express you will find detailed information about the 2017-18 proposed budget as well as information concerning a proposition for replacement vehicles to be added to our fleet. In addition, detailed information concerning two Capital Construction Project propositions has been included, both of which will also appear on this year's ballot.

All ballot line items are intended to provide proper funding for classroom equipment, updates in technology, and the retention of our course offerings including Advanced Placement Classes, to ensure we are preparing our students for college and careers.

You will also find profiles of two candidates running for positions on the Board of Education.

The proposed 2017-18 budget (Proposition 1) is \$58,225,880, representing an increase in \$1,718,119, with an anticipated tax levy increase of 1.2%, or \$204,656. The proposed budget reflects **NO** change to the fund balance. This plan maintains the integrity of our overall instructional plan.

Proposition 2 authorizes the purchase of three 71-seat buses and two 30-seat buses at a total cost of \$486,885.20. This second proposition has **NO** impact on the proposed budget.

Capital Construction Project Part 1 (Proposition 3) includes high-priority facilities and program needs identified during the State-mandated building condition survey. **Part 1 will have NO impact on the Local Tax Levy.**

Capital Construction Project Part 2 (Proposition 4) includes additional improvements to the District's arts, athletic, music, and technology programs. Much of the cost is covered by State Building Aid and Debt Reserves, with the remainder to be paid by the Local Tax Levy. On an average assessed \$100,000 home, Part 2 will have an average estimated Tax Levy of 1.07%, or \$18.98.

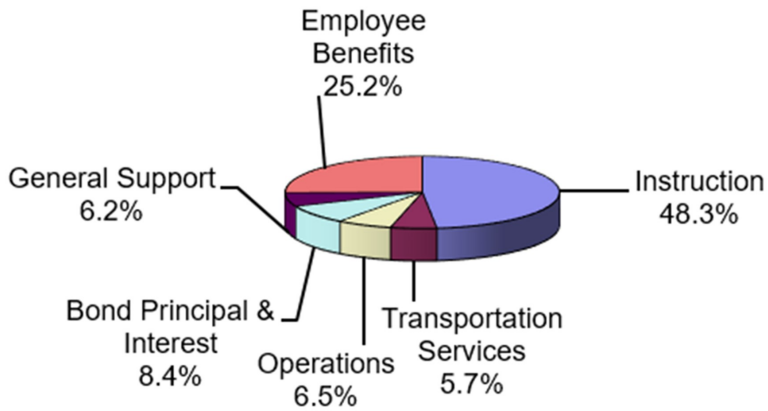
I encourage you to cast your ballot on Tuesday, May 16. Voting takes place in the Senior High School Main Lobby from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

**- James Przepasniak**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

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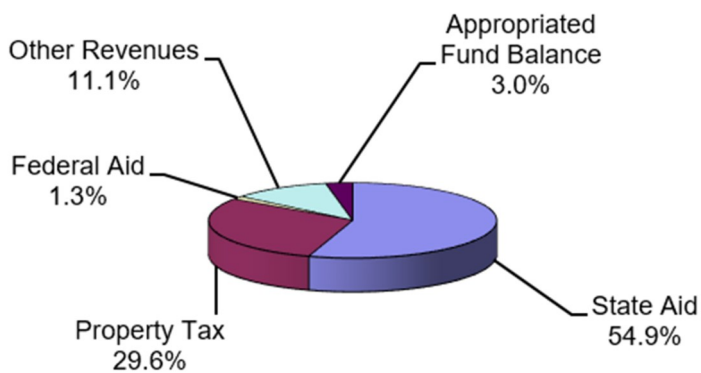
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# 2017-2018 Proposed Expenditures



	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
Instruction	\$28,128,512	48.3%
Transportation Services	3,147,388	5.4%
Operations	3,771,236	6.5%
Bond Principal & Interest	4,888,512	8.4%
General Support	3,591,829	6.2%
Employee Benefits	14,698,403	25.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,225,880</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# 2017-2018 Anticipated Revenues



	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
State Aid	\$31,978,469	54.9%
Property Tax	17,259,821	29.6%
Federal Aid	775,000	1.3%
Other Revenues	6,462,590	11.1%
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,750,000	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,225,880</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Lake Shore Budget Facts

- ◆ The current 2016-17 budget is \$56,507,716. The proposed 2017-18 budget is \$58,225,880, representing an increase \$1,718,119 or 3.04% over the 2016-17 budget.
- ◆ The District has received the highest designation possible from the New York State Education Department. Lake Shore is designated as a “District in Good Standing.” This ranking is based on academic performance and established criteria in the New York State Report Card.
- ◆ The proposed budget does not change the fund balance.
- ◆ Our tax increase is 1.2% representing in a property tax increase of \$204,656. Our tax cap is 5.06%.
- ◆ Proposition 2 will authorize the purchase of five buses with no impact to the 2017-18 budget.
- ◆ The proposed 2016-17 budget is balanced through:
  - New Federal Impact Aid award
  - Reduced NYS pension assessments - TRS/ERS
  - Health Insurance costs stabilized
  - Utility conservation - electric, gas, water
  - Transportation fuel savings
  - Salaries stabilized - contract settlements
  - Resignations, retirements, etc.

### **Proposition 1: 2017-18 Budget**

**RESOLVED**, that the **budget for the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018**, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

### **Proposition 2: Vehicle Purchase**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to **purchase the following replacement vehicles** for use by the District in the transportation of students and general use by the District: three (3) full size diesel-powered 71-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$120,885.38 each; two (2) 30-passenger gasoline-powered school buses at an estimated cost of \$62,114.53 each; for a total aggregate maximum cost of \$486,885.20; with such aggregate cost to be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefore, and, in anticipation of such tax, by the issuance of debt obligations of the District as may be necessary, not to exceed such maximum aggregate cost. No tax levy increase is anticipated for this proposition.

### **Proposition 3: Capital Construction Project Part 1**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District, Erie County, New York is hereby authorized to undertake a District-wide capital improvement project consisting of: (A) the construction of alterations, renovations and improvements to the District's existing buildings and facilities, including in each case, as needed (i) renovations, alterations and improvements to classrooms, hallways, offices, cafeterias, gymnasiums, locker rooms, and pool areas, (ii) renovations to school offices including security-related initiatives, (iii) refinishing of floors and walls, (iv) reconstruction and/or replacement of roofs, (v) replacement of and/or improvements to mechanical, electrical, lighting, plumbing, hot water, fire alarm, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning fixtures and systems, (vi) reconstruction of and/or improvements to exterior walls, concrete foundation surfaces, chimneys and expansion joints, and (vii) replacement of exterior doors, frames and hardware and of windows; (B) the construction of additions to each of the Lake Shore Senior High School and the Lake Shore Middle School to include unisex toilet rooms, and other appurtenant and related improvements; (C) renovations, alterations and improvements to the Transportation Center; (D) site work improvements including construction, reconstruction or replacement of parking areas, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, water mains, storm water and drainage improvements, exterior security lighting and landscaping; (E) the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus; and (F) all appurtenant, related and incidental improvements, costs and services to the foregoing; all at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$43,350,095, with such cost being raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be offset by State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of the District as may be necessary. No tax levy increase is anticipated for this proposition.

### **Proposition 4: Capital Construction Project Part 2**

**RESOLVED** that, in the event that Proposition No. 3 is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of said District voting thereon, the Board of Education of the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District, Erie County, New York is hereby further authorized to undertake the following additional capital improvements: (A) at the Lake Shore Senior High School, refurbishing of existing tennis courts, additional fencing at the baseball field and replacement of the softball field backstops; improvements to the gymnasium including but not limited to replacement of bleachers, renovations and improvements to track flooring and replacement of dividing curtain; alterations, renovations and improvements to the auditorium, orchestra room, and projection room, and the renovation of music classrooms; construction of a new concession building to replace the existing concession stand; and the construction of additions and alterations to accommodate an athletic entrance area, locker rooms, a weight room, a trainer room, an athletic office, a multipurpose instructional classroom, a technology classroom, renovated music classrooms and an exterior entrance to the stadium; (B) at the Lake Shore Middle School, improvements to the gymnasium, including but not limited to replacement of flooring, bleachers and backstops, and painting; and alterations, renovations and improvements to the auditorium and orchestra room; (C) at the Anthony J. Schmidt Elementary School, renovations of the former locker room into a teaching station, renovations of classroom toilet rooms, and refinishing of the auditorium stage floor; (D) at the Highland Elementary School, replacement of playgrounds and improvements to outdoor basketball courts; (E) at the John T. Waugh Elementary School, installation of improved climate control equipment in second floor classrooms; (F) the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus; and (G) all appurtenant, related and incidental improvements, costs and services to the foregoing; all at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$16,496,730, with such cost being raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be offset by State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of the District as may be necessary.

### ***Chiavetta's Chicken Barbecue***

***Available Tuesday, May 16***



Tickets will be available pre-sale from any High School Band Student or walk-up service while dinners last starting at 2:30 p.m.

Dinners are \$9.00 pre-sale/\$10.00 walk up

***Pick-up is in the Senior High School student parking lot (until sold-out).***

***Proceeds benefit the Senior High Music Department***



## “MEET THE CANDIDATES - BUDGET AND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT HEARING NIGHT”

Tuesday, May 9

*Meet the Candidates - Budget and Capital Construction Hearing Night* is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively in the Lake Shore Senior High School Media Center. There are two (2) Board of Education candidates seeking two seats on the Board of Education. At 6 p.m. each candidate will be introduced to the public. They will then present their platform for becoming a candidate for the Board. The floor will then be open to the public for questions to individual candidates. If there are no questions from the floor and/or if time remains, there will be a casual meet and greet with the candidates. At 7 p.m. the Budget and Capital Construction Project Hearing will begin. The Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance and Superintendent of Schools will then present an overview of the District’s proposed 2017-18 Budget, followed by a question and answer period.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES (Two seats, both for 3-Year Terms)** *Biographical sketches are submitted by the candidates. The opinions expressed are those of the candidates. Background information, as stated in the profiles, has not been verified by the school district.*

### CARLA THOMPSON

(BALLOT POSITION #1)



As an educator for over 35 years, Mrs. Carla Thompson is well qualified to offer an educational perspective to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Thompson’s educational experience includes teaching English, 8-12, working with New York State Standards, the new Common Core Standards, K-12 curriculum, and State assessments. She has provided professional development workshops for teachers throughout Western New York. Also, Mrs. Thompson is a National Board and Advanced Placement-certified teacher of English Language Arts.

As a nine-year member of the Lake Shore Board of Education, she has attended several workshops on School Board Governance, Fiscal Responsibility, School Law, Common Core, Module Teaching, and APPR. She has been recognized for her exemplary participation in the New York State School Board Association’s School Board Institute. She has participated in the Lake Shore Redistricting Committee, Budget Subcommittee, Administrative Interview Committee, and Capital Building Project Committee, and has been an alternate delegate to the Erie County School Board Association Finance committee.

Mrs. Thompson has been a resident of the Town of Evans for over 40 years. With her children having graduated from Lake Shore, she continues to support fiscal responsibility while seeing that Lake Shore offers students the best education possible in a safe and supportive environment.

### MICHAEL FRANEY

(BALLOT POSITION #2)



I graduated from the Lake Shore Central School District in 1988. I have been the proud husband of Christine for 18 years and the proud father of Lauren for 15 years, who is a student at the Senior High School.

I have lived in the Town of Evans and Lake Shore Central School District for 44 years and have been employed by the Town as a Dog Control Officer and Dispatcher for 21 years. I have also been a proud member of I.B.E.W Local #41 for 20 years and am currently the Union Steward representing members employed by the Town of Evans.

During our daughter’s education at Lake Shore, my wife and I have always enjoyed the open lines of communication with the faculty related to our daughter’s education. Further, we have also observed many examples of how much the faculty of the District care about the welfare and education of the students. I am a candidate for a position on the Lake Shore Central School District Board of Education to contribute to the best interests of the students, faculty, and taxpayers of the District.



# Capital Construction Project

Supplement to 2017 Eagle Express Budget Issue

## VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 • 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Senior High Lobby

### Investing In Our Facilities Is Investing In Our Future

#### Dear Community Members,

On May 16, 2017, residents of Lake Shore Central School District will have an opportunity to vote on a Capital Construction Project that is designed to address critical facilities needs in each of our buildings; vehicle and pedestrian safety outside our buildings; and academic improvements for students throughout our District. The project is based on the needs assessment required by the State Education Department every five years to be sure we are planning for and maintaining the District's assets.

The Capital Construction Project proposition was achieved through the planning and collaboration of our Facilities Committee (comprised of District Administration, Board of Education members and our professional services team), along with input from various District residents.

During the planning process, the Committee identified over \$90 million in potential facilities, site and educational needs. After further review and prioritization, the Committee recommended a financially prudent Capital Construction Project that would maximize our available State Aid and minimize the impact to taxpayers, while addressing the most critical and beneficial needs — key objectives set by the Board of Education.

The result is the two-part Capital Construction Project proposition that is explained further within this newsletter.

Over the years, we've experienced the pride and involvement the Lake Shore community has in our District. Capital Construction Projects like these not only help to keep our facilities in good working order, but also to improve the conditions under which our children learn and thrive. Through careful financial and educational planning, we are confident we will continue to be one of the region's premier school districts.

We strongly encourage you to learn more of the details of this exciting project on our website and by attending the District's Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 9 in the Senior High Media Center.

The Lake Shore CSD and the Board of Education thanks you for your continued involvement in our future. We now need and appreciate your vote on May 16.

Sincerely,

- James Przepasniak

Superintendent of Schools

- Jennifer Michalec

Board of Education President

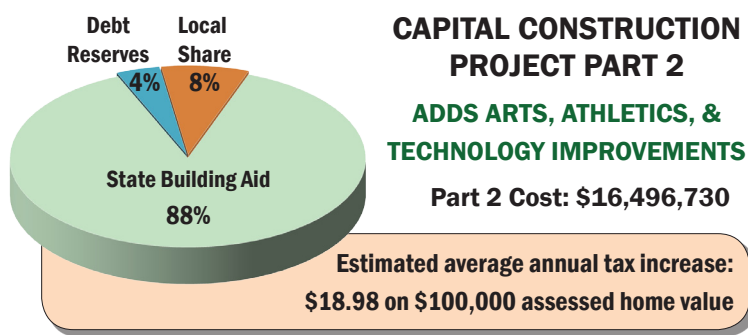
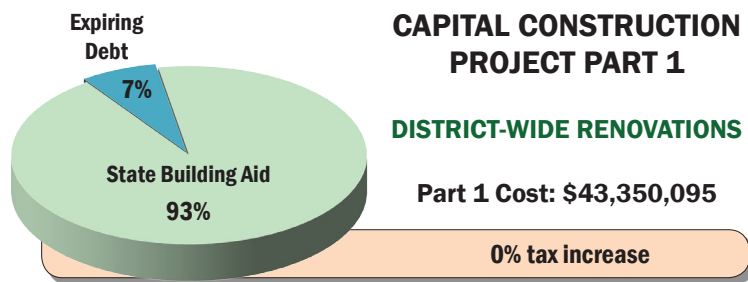
### Capital Construction Project Financing

The Capital Construction Project will be paid for using a combination of State Building Aid, District Reserves, and the Local Tax Levy. The project will be included in the 2017-2018 District budget and transportation vote.

**CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PART 1** includes high-priority facilities and program needs identified during the State-mandated building condition survey. **Part 1 will have ZERO impact on the Local Tax Levy.**

**CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PART 2** includes additional improvements to the District's arts, athletic, and technology programs. Much of the cost is covered by State Building Aid and Debt Reserves, with the remainder to be paid for through the Local Tax Levy.

- ▶ On an average assessed \$100,000 home, Capital Construction Project Part 2 will have an average estimated annual tax levy of 1.07%, or \$18.98.
- ▶ Capital Construction Project Part 2 can pass only if Capital Construction Project Part 1 is also approved.



# Capital Construction Project Part 1

## District-Wide Renovations: 0% tax increase



**NOTE**

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

### Senior High

- Roof replacement
- HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades
- Reconfigure bus loop and parent drop-off
- Provide a secure main entrance
- Renovations of art, science, music, and technology classrooms
- Replace outdoor track surface
- Provide exterior restrooms for athletic events
- Provide additional restrooms in main lobby for events
- Renovate main office, counseling center, and nurse's office
- Pool upgrades

### A.J. Schmidt Elementary

- HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades
- Bus loop, parking lot, and sidewalk upgrades
- Provide a secure main entrance
- Renovate main office and nurse's office
- Replace wall pads and basketball backboards in gym
- Renovate faculty restrooms to be ADA-compliant

### Highland Elementary

- Partial roof replacement
- HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades
- Bus loop, parking lot, and sidewalk upgrades
- Provide a secure main entrance
- Renovate main office and nurse's office
- Replace wall pads and basketball backboards in gym
- Refinish wood gym floor
- Renovate faculty restrooms to be ADA-compliant

### J.T. Waugh Elementary

- Masonry restoration
- HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades
- Parking lot and sidewalk upgrades
- Provide a secure main entrance
- Renovate main office
- Replace wall pads and basketball backboards in gym

### W.T. Hoag Educational Center

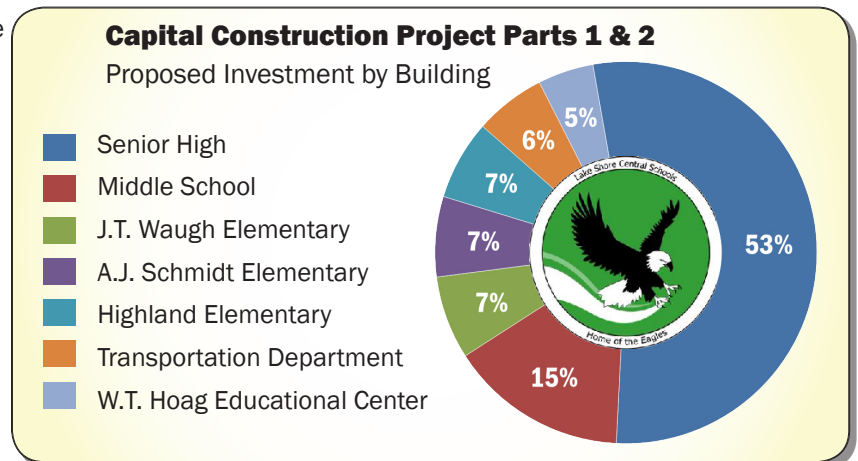
- Masonry restoration
- HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades
- Bus loop, parking lot, and sidewalk upgrades
- Provide a secure main entrance
- Replace gym wall pads
- Renovate faculty restrooms to be ADA-compliant
- Provide air conditioning in all offices

### Transportation Department

- Masonry restoration
- HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades
- Replace emergency generator
- Parking lot and sidewalk upgrades
- Overhead door replacement
- Replace bus lifts
- Renovate drivers' meeting room
- Renovate staff restrooms to be ADA-compliant

### Middle School

- HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades
- Reconfigure bus loop and parent drop-off
- Provide a secure main entrance
- Provide exterior restrooms for athletic events
- Provide additional restrooms in main lobby for events
- Reconfigure main office and nurse's office





# Capital Construction Project Part 2

## Arts, Athletics & Technology Renovations

Note

Capital Construction Project Part 2 will have an estimated average annual increase of 1.07%, or approximately \$18.98 on a \$100,000 assessed home value. Part 2 can pass only if Capital Construction Project Part 1 is also approved.

### Senior High

- Additions to music, physical education, and technology areas
- Additional team locker rooms
- Auditorium renovation
- New concession stand
- Resurface tennis courts
- Gym upgrades

### Middle School

- Auditorium renovation
- Gym upgrades

### Highland Elementary

- Replace playgrounds
- Replace outdoor basketball court

### A.J. Schmidt Elementary

- Renovate former locker room into instructional space
- Renovate classroom restrooms
- Refinish wood stage floor

### J.T. Waugh Elementary

- Provide air conditioning to 2nd floor classrooms

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. Why is the District having a Capital Construction Project vote?

- A. Our District is committed to providing a safe learning environment and well-maintained facilities for students and public use. Routine facility maintenance and repair work is typically funded within the annual District budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost. However, large renovations, repairs and replacement of “end of useful life” items, such as those included in this project, would have a major impact on the tax rate if included in the annual District budget. A Capital Construction Project bond issue is the fiscally responsible alternative because the State reimburses much of the cost, and the expense is spread out over a longer period of time.

### Q. How were the project’s components chosen?

- 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 performed a Building Condition Survey (BCS) that examined the District’s facilities and identified problem areas requiring repair or replacement. A District subcommittee studied the BCS items and developed a prioritized list of recommended repairs and upgrades. The District is addressing those issues now, rather than delaying and facing future higher costs and further deterioration. Building Condition Survey items, academic program enhancements and safety concerns received top priority, as did code compliance, mechanical systems and building envelope items.

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

- A. The total combined cost of Capital Construction Project Parts 1 and 2 is \$59,846,825:

Capital Construction Project Part 1: \$43,350,095 (**ZERO** tax increase)

Capital Construction Project Part 2: \$16,496,730 (1.07% tax increase)

All of the work included in Part 1 will be paid for using a combination of State Aid funding and the District’s expiring debt. There will be no impact to your taxes based on Part 1. State Aid will also cover much of the cost of Part 2, with the remainder to be paid for through the local tax levy. On average, a homeowner with a \$100,000 full/equalized home value can expect an estimated annual tax increase of 1.07% — about \$18.98 per year — before exemptions such as STAR savings. Capital Construction Project Part 2 can only pass if Part 1 is also approved.

### Q. Isn’t State Aid just my tax dollars too?

- A. Yes, it is. The New York State Education Department budget and State Legislature has given all Districts in the state an opportunity to use tax dollars to enhance their communities through school building improvements and renovations. By taking advantage of this opportunity, we can reinvest some of those tax dollars back into our district to improve the educational setting for our children and the community.

### Q. Can we just vote to do Part 2?

- A. No. Capital Construction Project Part 1 must pass in order to enact Capital Construction Project Part 2.

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# Capital Construction Project

**NOTE**

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## Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

### Q. What if either Part 1 or Part 2 does not pass?

A. If either or both parts of the Capital Construction Project don't pass, the critical building safety components of the project will still have to be addressed as required by the State. The taxpayers would then be responsible for the expenses through the annual budget and tax levy, but without the benefit of State Aid.

### Q. When will the work begin?

A. Following the design process, the project then goes to the NYS Education Department for review and approval. It is currently anticipated that contractor bidding will be in late 2018 or early 2019 with construction beginning in 2019.

### Q. Where can I find more about the Capital Construction Project propositions?

A. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior High Media Center. That hearing will include an open forum for questions and answers regarding the Capital Construction Project, the annual budget and our school board candidates. Additional resources are also available on the District's web site at [www.lakeshorecsd.org](http://www.lakeshorecsd.org).

## Capital Construction Project Information Sources



Information about the proposed project will be on display in each school lobby.



A Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior High Media Center.



Visit the district web site at [www.lakeshorecsd.org](http://www.lakeshorecsd.org) and click on **Construction Zone**.



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Like us on Facebook at **Lake Shore Central School District**.

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