



Capital Construction Project

NOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Senior High Lobby, 959 Beach Road, Angola, NY 14006

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.

Capital Construction Project Information Sources

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

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 Visit the district web site at www.lakeshorecsd.org and click on **Construction Zone**.

 Follow us on Twitter at **@LakeShoreCSD**.

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For voter eligibility and absentee ballot information, visit the District web site at www.lakeshorecsd.org.



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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 proposal 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 **- Jennifer Michalec**
Superintendent of Schools **Board of Education President**



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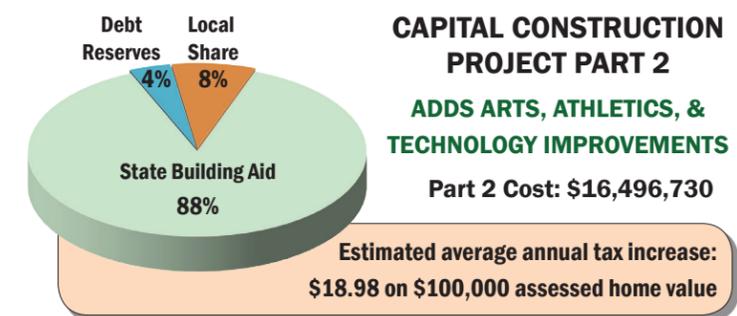
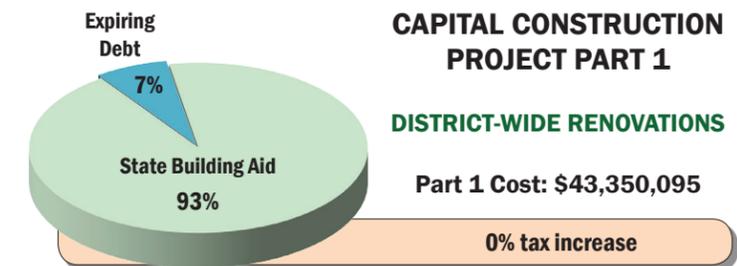
Capital Construction Project Financing

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

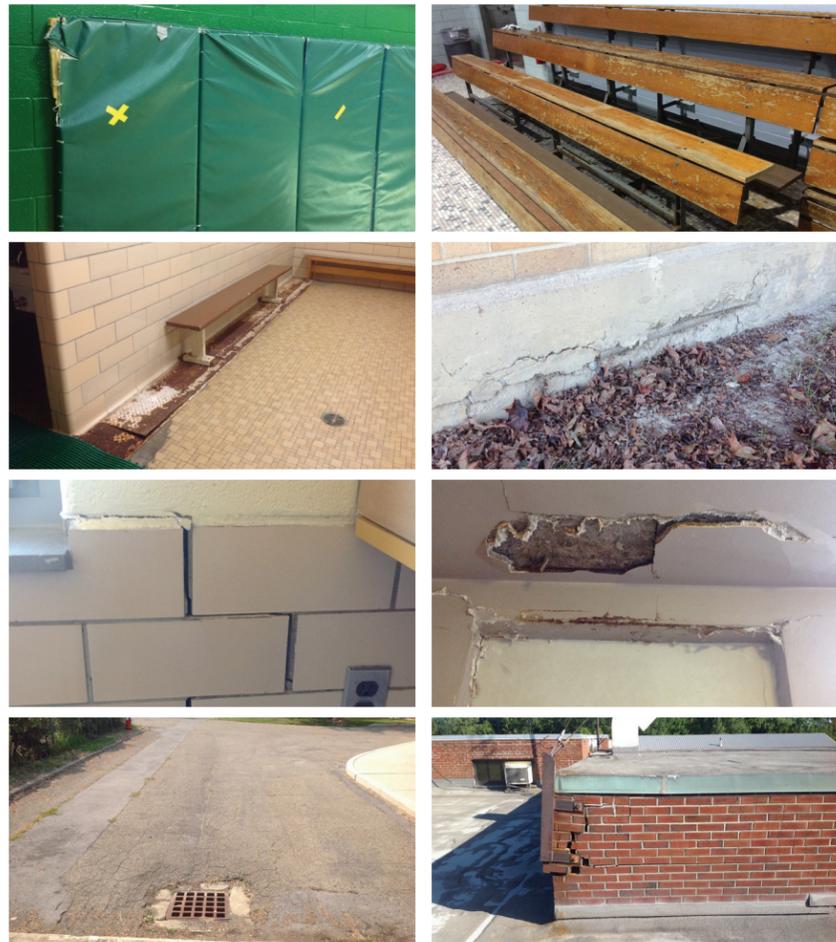
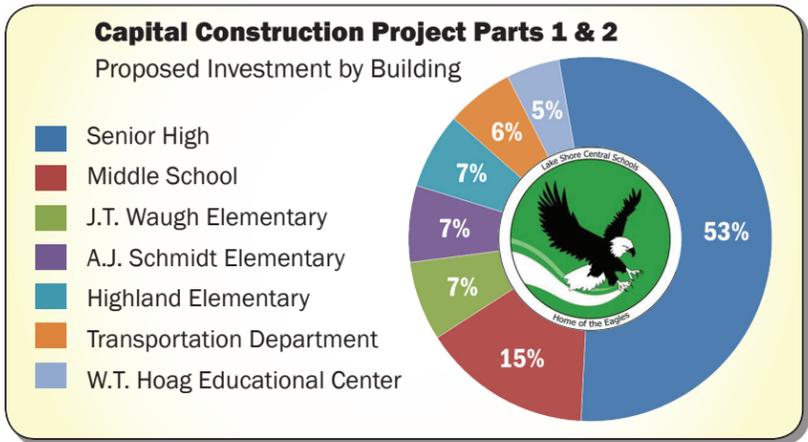
- Masonry restoration
- HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades
- Bus loop, parking lot, and sidewalk upgrades
- Provide a secure main entrance
- Replace gym wall pads
- Renovate faculty restrooms to be ADA-compliant
- Provide air conditioning in all offices

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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