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LAKE SHORE

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023 Capital Improvement Project Update

We're providing this flyer to update everyone on the planning for several school improvements that can be accomplished with no additional tax impact. With this funding approach, we can complete required updates and work that was cost prohibitive in previous capital project initiatives.

We're firming up the numbers and the scope, but it looks like we will be able to complete projects in our various buildings and the transportation area, and the athletic fields between the Middle and High School.

Finalized details will be in a newsletter insert in an upcoming Angola Pennysaver. A Public Hearing on the proposal will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18 in the High School Media Center, and information will be in the budget newsletter insert in the Angola Pennysaver at the end of April.

Sincerely,
Dan Pacos
Superintendent

NO ADDITIONAL LOCAL TAX IMPACT

Planning continues for a 2023 Capital Improvement Project proposal that will accomplish multiple objectives at NO ADDITIONAL LOCAL IMPACT on taxpayers. This would be accomplished by using the District's Capital Reserve Fund, State Aid and other funding sources.

Why this project now?

The District is required by the State Education Department to complete a Building Condition Survey every five years. The 2020 survey identified infrastructure needs that also align with community feedback and operational needs on several matters. This proposed project addresses the highest priority items from the study.

Like our homes, schools also need regular maintenance and periodic replacements to ensure they are sound, energy efficient and safe. With this funding approach, we can address those needs as well as projects that were cost prohibitive in previous capital improvement initiatives.

Among other items, the 2023 proposal contains:

1) Expanding climate control (AC) capabilities so windows, as well as doors, can be kept locked and secure.

2) Athletic field improvements, including turf fields for baseball and softball, whose spring seasons bring wet conditions that have cancelled many meets. Turf also is a safer surface in wet conditions. Also, turf for soccer and lacrosse fields; improved seating for spectators and a press box that also can be used to add sports broadcasting to the instructional program.

3) Solar arrays to reduce energy costs. These projects will have zero additional local property tax impact.

This is a NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT Proposal

2023 Capital Project Improvement Public Hearing

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 18
High School Media Center



2023 Capital Improvement Project Proposal Public Hearing

**6:30 p.m.,
Tuesday
April 18
Lake Shore
High School
Media Center**

The proposed 2023
Capital Improvement
Project
will be on the ballot
at the
Annual Budget Vote.

Vote Date

**9 am—9 pm
Tuesday
May 16
Lake Shore
High School
Lobby
located outside
the District Office**

KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

- ♦ **BUILDING CONDITIONS SURVEY PRIORITIES ...** Like our homes, our schools also need ongoing maintenance and periodic replacements. Various mechanical and plumbing issues throughout the District were identified in this state-required assessment conducted every five years.
- ♦ **EXPANDING CLIMATE CONTROL (Air Conditioning) in our buildings.** The District has made significant strides in building security, including secure entryways at all buildings, School Resource Officer assignments, and safety training. Our doors are secure and awareness is in place, but in hot months, windows are open. While this is important for the comfort of those inside, open windows weaken the security of the building. If we can begin expanding the use of air conditioning, windows can be kept closed to minimize a potential breach and a comfortable environment can be maintained.
- ♦ **ENERGY SECURITY & COST-SAVINGS DISTRICTWIDE...** In a Capital Project approved by voters in the mid-'50s, Lake Shore installed gas wells on school property to help provide this important energy source at less cost. Now, as electricity emerges as a key energy source for our schools, installation of roof top solar arrays will help the District maintain energy sufficiency and cost efficiency.
- ♦ **TURF FIELDS ...** Wet playing fields have been an ongoing issue in spring sports, often leading to canceled and rescheduled games. This project would provide a turf field for softball and baseball, the two sports most impacted by wet spring weather and muddy conditions. Turf also would be provided for the lacrosse and soccer fields. Improvements also would be made to lighting, press box and spectator seating.

Although there is no additional local tax impact VOTER APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.

The project's \$59.5 million cost would be offset by the District's \$10 million Capital Reserve Fund established by taxpayers in previous years for facility needs. In addition, NYS Building Aid and Native American Building Aid, as well as expiring impacts from previous projects, will provide the balance of the funding for the project. This leaves ZERO local additional tax impact. However, voter approval is still needed in order to expend these funds. Without voter approval, the project will not proceed.