



WILDCAT NEWS

HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WILDCAT PLEDGE

We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

PROJECT GOALS

The proposed project focuses on maintaining a quality educational environment for all students and staff, upgrading safety and technology elements, and exercising proper fiscal responsibility. The proposed project addresses these goals, which are consistent with our Mission, Vision and Core Beliefs:

- Meeting today's education standards through programmatic compliance of spaces that adapt to changes in curriculum, instruction and technology, and provide the best learning environment
- Upgrading safety and ensuring ADA Compliance
- Improving the physical state of facilities (energy conservation, aging infrastructure)
- Having a positive financial impact for the community

PROJECT BENEFITS

In summary, the benefits of the proposed Capital Project are:

- District, student and community needs have been thoroughly analyzed
- Present/long-term academic needs would be met
- Students would be better-prepared for 21st century with technology improvements
- Fiscally prudent plan has no additional tax impact and low/attractive interest rates
- Safety/security would improve district-wide
- Increased community use of facilities
- School buildings/infrastructure would be preserved and/or enhanced

**ZERO
ADDITIONAL
TAX IMPACT**

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019 2:00-8:00 PM
ROOM 203 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING**

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Hancock Central School District's Facilities Review Committee finalized components of the District's proposed 2019 Capital Project during its seventh meeting October 3. Committee members, Board of Education members, the Clerk of the Works, the Architect, and HCSD Administration attended the project's final meeting at the District Administration Office.

Although the proposed Capital Project will cost approximately \$8 million, HCSD Superintendent Terry Dougherty said, it will have ZERO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT on local property owners as it will be funded by state aid, capital reserve funds, and additional funding sources that the district has available. The proposed project would cover work at Hancock Elementary School, Hancock Middle/High School, Hancock's Bus Garage, and the Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library.

"There are no frills or extras in this project," BOE President Terry Whitt said. "It's a very straightforward but highly impactful project that addresses many pressing structural and programmatic needs while still ensuring maximum safety and security in the District. We're very pleased to offer this project at no additional tax impact to our taxpayers."

After reviewing the proposed project's scope and recommended plans one last time, the Committee finalized the following components of the proposed project.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

If approved, the Capital Project will proceed as follows:

- Project Design: December 2019-May 2020
- NYS Education Department Review/Approval (Expedited): June-August 2020
- Bid & Award: November 2020-December 2020
- Construction: February 2021-November 2021

The Board of Education stated that the District will serve as the project's Lead Agency, as required by New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act; accepted the designation of Type II Actions at the Elementary School, Middle/High School and Read Memorial Library; and accepted the designation of an Unlisted Action at the Bus Garage, as defined by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The BOE also acted on resolution language to be put before the public for vote.

Hancock Elementary School: Bottle-filler additions; Haz-Mat abatement; kitchen/serving/storage renovation; security enhancements, including camera replacement; technology upgrades; classroom lighting/acoustics (alternate); hardening exterior door (alternate); upgrading security cameras (alternate).

Hancock Middle/High School: Bottle-filler additions; Haz-Mat abatement; kitchen/serving/storage renovation; locker replacements; masonry restoration; security enhancements, including camera replacement; STEAM classroom; technology upgrades; hardening exterior door (alternate); improving site drainage (alternate); upgrading security cameras (alternate).

Hancock Bus Garage: Add ADA-compliant bathrooms, bay for 72-passenger bus, instruction area for group meetings, and oil/water separator; Haz-Mat abatement; repair/replace water-distribution system; replace HVAC system, HW heating system, lift, lighting for emergency exits, and roof; renovate mechanic area; upgrade security system, storm drains, electrical system.

Louise Adelia Memorial Library: Replace bluestone sidewalk and lighting.

"With regard to the Bus Garage, the District entertained the possibility of constructing a new facility," Dougherty said. "However, this approach proved to be cost-ineffective and unnecessary, given the strong structural integrity that is present in the existing Bus Garage. Simply stated, renovation makes much more sense, for practical reasons."

PROJECT FUNDING

New York State Building Aid and the HCSD Capital Reserve Fund (including the Assigned Fund Balance) would fund the \$8,000,000 Proposed Capital Project as follows:

- NYS Building Aid = \$5,872,000
- Capital Reserve = \$1,740,000
- Assigned Fund Balance = \$388,000

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TO LOCAL TAXPAYERS!**

***A copy of the Proposed 2019
Capital Project report can be
viewed in the District Offices.***

BUS GARAGE

Renovations and Addition

Overall Program and Building Deficiencies

At the Bus Garage, the project would resolve some long-standing issues with the facility, including the needs for an adequate mechanic area, an instruction area for group meetings, and ADA-compliant bathrooms. It also would cover the addition of bays for 72-passenger buses; the reconstruction of storm drains; the replacements of the bus lift, HVAC system, HW heating system, security system, and emergency/exit-lighting system; electrical upgrades/replacements; and water-distribution repairs/replacement.

Hazardous Material Abatement

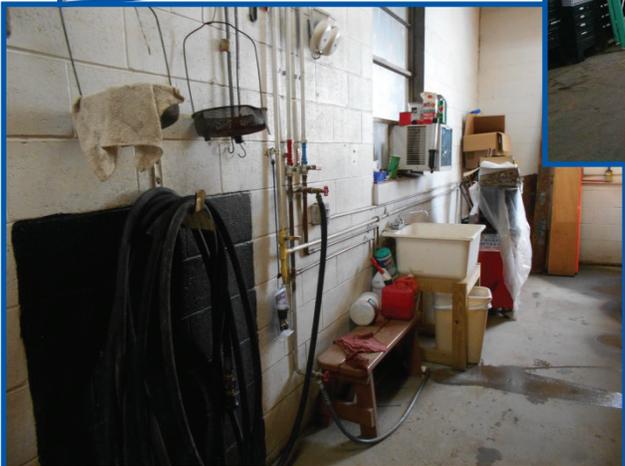
As with the Middle/High School and the Elementary School, we are planning on abating any hazardous materials that we encounter throughout construction. The project also would include the addition of an oil/water separator.

Site Repairs

The proposed project would replace the pavement, entryway and perimeter fencing; replace/repair the site storm drainage system; regrade the site paving areas; and provide site and security lighting.

Building Repairs

The proposed project would repair and repoint cracks in CMU; replace overhead door lintels, wall infill, floor slabs, roof-deteriorating drains, man doors, overhead doors, windows, ceilings and lighting; repair cap flashing; permanently close boarded-up door; insulate and finish systems on existing CMU; repair, sand, clean, prime and paint steel columns at overhead doors; add finishes to office areas; provide bus-exhaust system; and paint interiors.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Safety and Security Enhancements

Cross Corridor Security Doors

The proposed project would add doors that allow the District to secure and control specific areas. The main entrance would become a controlled entrance for access to the school, similar to the secure vestibule at the District Office.

Exterior Door Hardening

A security film system would be applied to exterior doors to slow potential intruders.

Security Cameras Upgrades

Older analog cameras are slated to be replaced with updated better quality cameras.

Camera Systems Upgrade

The camera system is slated to be upgraded as an alternate option.

Education and Technology

STEAM Classroom

A new Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics classroom is part of the proposed project. This STEAM Classroom would be across the hall from the Auditorium entrance for maximum exposure and would provide students with updated technology for the planning and execution of technology rich projects.

Computer/Monitor Upgrades

The District is planning to upgrade existing desktop computers with new, state-of-the-art equipment, including desktop units, individual monitors and large-format classroom monitors.

Voter Qualifications:

People are entitled to vote if they are: a citizen of the United States, eighteen years of age or older on December 5, and a resident within the Hancock school district for a period of at least thirty days on December 5.

Note: The law allows the District to ask for identification from potential voters.

Absentee Voting:

Voters may request an absentee ballot by making a request, either in writing or in person, to Tammi Wadeson, District Clerk, 67 Education Lane. Completed ballots must be returned to Tammi Wadeson, District Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on December 5.



Building and Site Infrastructure

Masonry Restoration

The proposed project includes exterior masonry repair such as cornice restoration and selected repointing of the brick.

Kitchen/Serving Renovations

The kitchen and serving area of the Middle/High School would be renovated with heating, ventilation and cooling, and electrical upgrades. Non-code-compliant equipment and equipment that has reached the end of its useful life also would be replaced. Finishes, including wall and floor tiles, ceilings, and lighting, also would be replaced.

Locker Replacement

Existing lockers are not big enough to accommodate the equipment of today's students. Therefore, wider lockers that can hold and secure student belongings would replace existing lockers.

Drinking Fountain Replacement

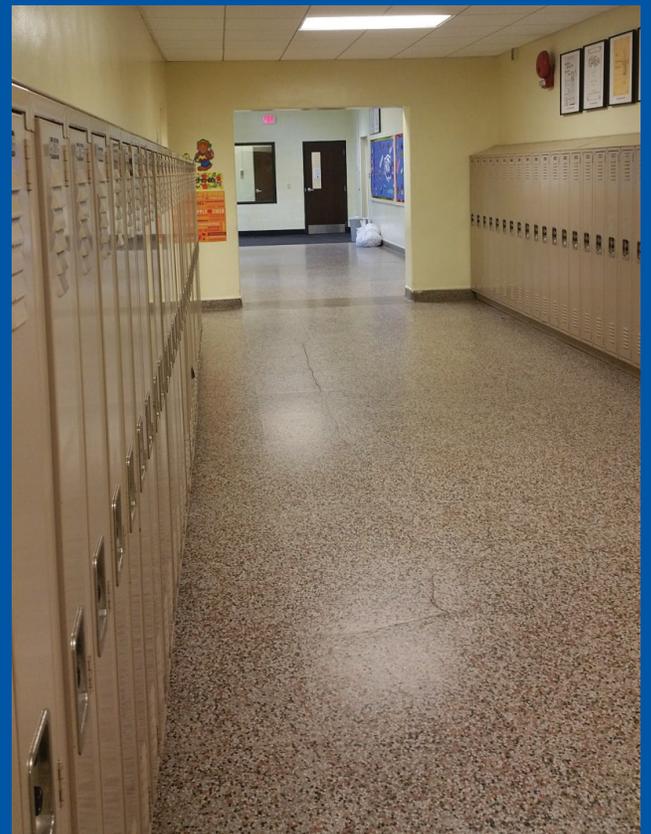
Existing water fountains would be replaced with bottle-filler water stations. This would allow a more sanitary dispensing of water for students and staff.

Hazardous Material Abatement

As with all of our projects, we are planning on abating any hazardous materials that we encounter throughout construction.

Field Drainage

Some repairs are required at the base of the hill (northeast corner of the field hockey field) to help drainage in this area.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Safety and Security Enhancements

Security Cameras Upgrades

As with the Middle/High School, older analog cameras would be replaced with new high-quality cameras.

Camera System Upgrade

As with the Middle/High School, the camera system is slated to be upgraded as an alternate option.

Exterior Door Hardening

A security film system would be applied to exterior doors to slow potential intruders.

Education and Technology

Computer/Monitor Upgrades

The District is planning to upgrade existing desktop computers with new, state-of-the-art equipment, including desktop units, individual monitors and large-format classroom monitors.

Acoustic Ceiling/Lighting Updates

The project includes, as an alternate option, the replacement of ceilings and lighting with acoustic tile ceilings and LED lighting. These would be replaced in 15 classrooms and additional office areas.

Building and Site Infrastructure

Kitchen/Serving Renovations

The kitchen and serving area of the Elementary School would be renovated with heating, ventilation and cooling. Kitchen hoods would be replaced, along with non-code-compliant equipment and equipment that has reached the end of its useful life. Finishes, including wall and floor tiles, ceilings, and lighting, also would be replaced.

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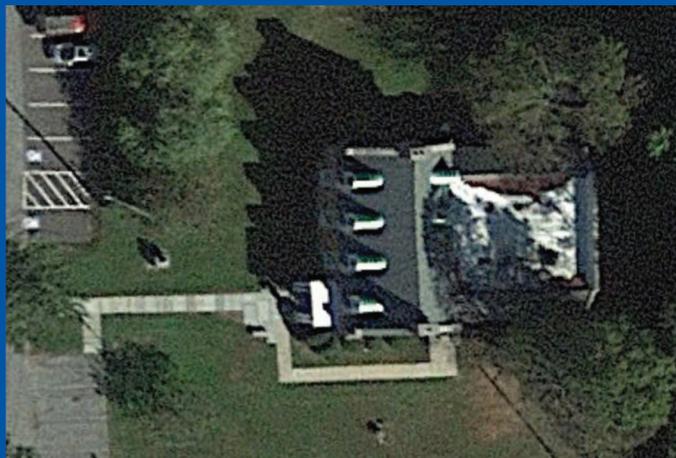
Building and Site Infrastructure

Reading Room Lighting Replacement

The existing lighting in the reading rooms are antiquated and outdated. The project would include replacement of this lighting with new LED lighting.

Bluestone Sidewalk Replacement

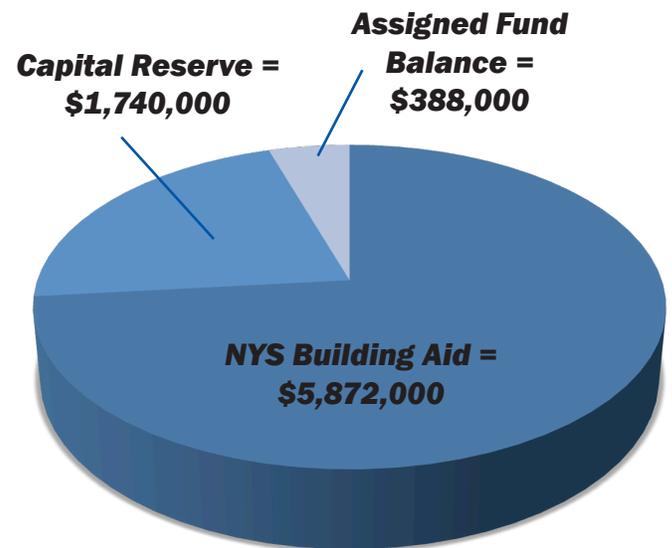
The existing sidewalk would be replaced with new bluestone paving.



PROJECT FUNDING

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Proposed Capital Project as follows:



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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 PM

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

