

COPIAGUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CAPITAL PROJECT BOND REFERENDUM

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014

Great Neck Road School • 10 A.M.- 10 P.M.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!



As we prepare for the future, the Proposed Capital Bond Referendum includes major repairs and renovations to all six schools, which will essentially bring our school district into the 21st century, modernizing our schools from the inside out.

COPIAGUE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Providing a Quality Environment

Supporting a 21st-Century Education for All Students

On Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014, residents in the district will have the opportunity to vote on a capital project bond referendum.

For nearly a century, the district has provided a high-value education to all students in a safe and secure environment. Thanks to a supportive community, our students have been recognized on state, regional and national levels for their outstanding academic, athletic and artistic achievements. Thousands of Copiague graduates have continued their education at many of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country, while others have pursued successful careers. Our school district is a source of pride to our community.

Today, our district is at a critical crossroads and residents must decide the future of our school district. Our oldest school was constructed almost 90 years ago and the district's newest school was built approximately 50 years ago. Our schools were never designed to support the more rigorous current New York State-mandated curriculum and our current and projected student population. Increasing enrollment continues at an annual rate of approximately 100 additional students each year, mostly at the elementary level.

The work proposed for all six schools will essentially bring our school district into the 21st century, modernizing our schools from the inside out.

REPAIRING

And Renovating Facilities



The proposed work addresses the core infrastructure of our schools, including repairing and replacing worn and damaged floors, ceilings, lighting and window glazing throughout the district. Tennis courts and the high school athletic fields will be restored. Deteriorated masonry, parking areas and driveways will be addressed. Emergency generators will be installed and upgrades will be made to the electrical, plumbing and heating systems. Bathrooms will also be made ADA-compliant as needed. At Deauville Gardens East and West, work will continue to establish the individual identity of both schools with additional classroom space at both schools, a new main entrance and bus loop at DGE and a new gymnasium at DGW.

Providing a

21st-Century Learning Environment

Due to increasing enrollment and a more rigorous New York State-mandated curriculum, our classrooms, science labs and support service areas do not support the requirements of a 21st-century curriculum. Lack of adequate instructional space forces our students to learn in outdated classrooms that are overcrowded and in areas of our schools never designed to be classrooms. In some cases, our children are receiving instruction in hallways, storage rooms and closets. The district's science labs are outdated and overcrowded and do not support today's more rigorous science, technology, engineering and math curriculum. At the elementary level, music lessons are conducted in unused antiquated locker rooms or on stage during lunch periods. The proposed capital project bond referendum will address all of these issues.



DETAILS OF THE BOND REFERENDUM

**75.2 percent will be funded through
New York State Building Aid**

How Much *Will It Cost...* **\$69,400,815**

The total cost of the proposed bond referendum is \$69,400,815. Approximately 75.2 percent of the total cost will be funded through New York State Building Aid, drastically reducing the cost impact to taxpayers. Essentially, the district's *taxpayers will only be paying 24.8 percent of the total cost.*

While individual assessments may vary, for the average household the project will cost approximately \$239.58 a year, or **66 cents a day**. New homeowners moving into our community will also pay their fair share of the cost during the lifespan of the bond.

Why a *Bond...*

Due to the new state-imposed limitations on how revenues can be raised, it is no longer a viable option to include major repairs and renovations in the district's annual budget without compromising the quality of instruction and raising the annual tax levy to an unacceptable level.

The district will use the maximum amount of current New York State Building Aid, along with favorable interest rates, to minimize the impact to taxpayers as much as possible. An approved bond referendum will enable the work to begin sooner and will spread the cost over several years, reducing the annual cost impact. It also ensures that future residents will pay their fair share.

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Length of Principal	Debt Service	Avg. Tax Impact of Bond Per \$100 of Assessed Value	Avg. Tax Impact of Bond on Single-Family Home
15 years	\$69,400,815	6.65	\$239.58/annually <i>or 66 cents a day</i>

Scope Of Work *Included In*

WALTER G. O'CONNELL COPIAGUE HIGH SCHOOL

- Science Lab Renovation
- Music Area Renovation
- Replace Auditorium Lighting and Seating
- Replace Tennis Courts, Add One
- Replace Turf Field
- Update Girls Locker Room
- Accessibility Upgrades - Hardware, Bathrooms
- Floor and Ceiling/Lighting Replacements
- Replace Window Glazing
- Wall Finish Upgrades
- Remediate Plumbing and Sanitary Waste Systems
- Replace Temperature Control Systems and Unit Ventilators
- Masonry and Exterior Envelope Repairs
- Boiler Burner Upgrades
- Upgrade Data Cabling
- Replace Emergency Generator
- Replace Electrical Service
- Exterior Door Replacement
- Interior Door Upgrades



DEAUVILLE GARDENS SCHOOL EAST AND WEST

- New Gymnasium at DG West
- New Classroom Space at DG East and West
- New Main Entrance and Bus Loop at DG East
- New Parking Areas
- Dedicated Art/Music Classrooms
- Support Services Placed in Appropriately Sized Rooms
- Replace Window Glazing
- Accessibility Upgrades - Hardware and Bathrooms
- Replace Floors, Ceilings (w/Lighting), Interior Doors
- Replace Temperature Control Systems and Unit Ventilators
- Replace Public Address System
- Masonry/Concrete Repairs
- Boiler Burner Upgrades
- Upgrade Data Cabling
- Remediate Plumbing and Sanitary Waste Systems
- Upgrade Electrical Systems
- Site Repairs/Upgrades
- Install Emergency Generator

Proposed Bond Referendum



COPIAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL

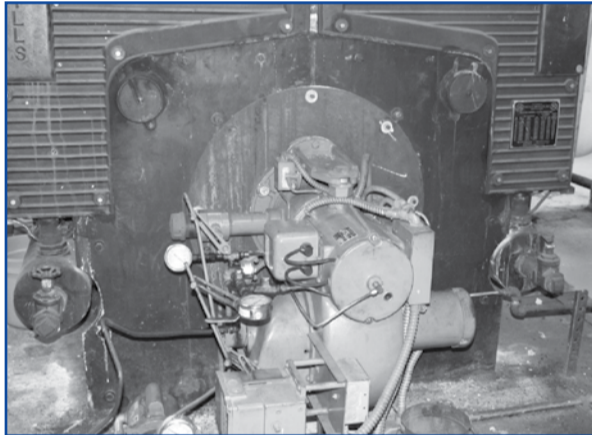
- Renovate Science Labs
- Renovate Music Areas
- Replace Auditorium Lighting
- Replace Window Glazing
- Floor and Ceiling/Lighting Replacements
- Replace Tennis Courts
- Replace Parking Lot Pavement
- Enlarge Bus Loop
- Accessibility Upgrades - Hardware, Bathrooms
- Replace Temperature Control Systems and Unit Ventilators
- Replace Plumbing and Sanitary Waste Systems
- Masonry Repairs
- Replace Emergency Generator
- Boiler Burner Upgrades
- Electrical System Upgrades
- Interior Door Upgrades
- Wall Finish Upgrades



Scope Of Work *(continued)*

GREAT NECK ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Classroom Renovation
- Renovations to Support Service Areas
- Flooring Upgrades
- Upgrade Electrical Systems
- Replace Windows in 1964 Addition
- Accessibility Upgrades - Hardware, Elevator, Bathrooms
- Refurbish Interior Doors
- Site Repairs/Upgrades
- Upgrade Wall Finishes
- Remediate Plumbing and Sanitary Waste Systems
- Replace Domestic Water Piping
- Masonry Repairs
- Boiler Burner Upgrades
- Upgrade Data Cabling
- Replace Areaway Walls
- Upgrade Temperature Control System
- Install Emergency Generator



SUSAN E. WILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Classroom Renovations
- Renovations to Support Service Areas
- Floor and Ceiling/Lighting Replacements
- Upgrade Wall Finishes
- Accessibility Upgrades - Hardware, Elevator, Bathrooms
- Replace Temperature Control Systems and Unit Ventilators
- Replace Public Address Systems
- Masonry Repairs
- Boiler Burner Upgrades
- Upgrade Data Cabling
- Site Repairs/Upgrades
- Exterior Door Replacements
- Interior Door Upgrades
- Install Emergency Generator



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED BOND REFERENDUM

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How much New York State Building Aid will the district receive?

The district will receive 75.2 percent building aid meaning that residents, including those moving into our community in the future, will only pay 24.8 percent of the total cost.

How much will the bond cost the average taxpayer?

For the average homeowner, the annual cost of the proposed bond is \$239.58 or **66 cents a day**. New homeowners joining our community will also pay their fair share of the cost during the lifespan of the bond.

Why is the district proposing a capital project bond referendum now?

The Board of Education and administration are committed to providing a 21st century education to all students supported by facilities that meet the needs of our students now and in the future. The extent of the major repairs and renovations needed to preserve the integrity of our facilities and to support a more rigorous New York State mandated curriculum is too large to include in the annual school budget. To do so, would overburden the taxpayer and would negatively impact instruction and programs.

Since current market conditions are favorable to borrowing and the district anticipates receiving 75.2 percent in New York State Building Aid, the board of education and administration believe a capital project bond referendum is the best way to fund the significant repairs and renovations needed to preserve our facilities and support the curriculum today and tomorrow.

Will improvements be made to all of our schools?

Yes! Repairs and renovations will be made at all of our schools. The district's instructional space is inadequate. Our students are forced to learn in outdated overcrowded classrooms, science labs and music rooms and in areas that were never designed to hold students. In some cases, our students are receiving instruction in hallways and areas originally designed as storage rooms and closets. The proposed capital project bond referendum will repair and renovate our facilities and support the New York State mandated more rigorous curriculum to prepare our students to be college and career ready upon graduation.

What will happen if the bond referendum does not pass?

Funds will still be needed to repair and renovate facilities that will continue to deteriorate, provide inadequate instructional space, and support services. Due to the state imposed limitations on how revenue can be raised, areas within the annual budget such as instruction, staffing, music and arts, athletics and extracurricular activities could potentially be negatively impacted.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT BOND REFERENDUM

Total Cost: \$69,400,815

New York State Building Aid: 75.2 percent



Repairing and Renovating Facilities



Supporting a 21st Century Curriculum



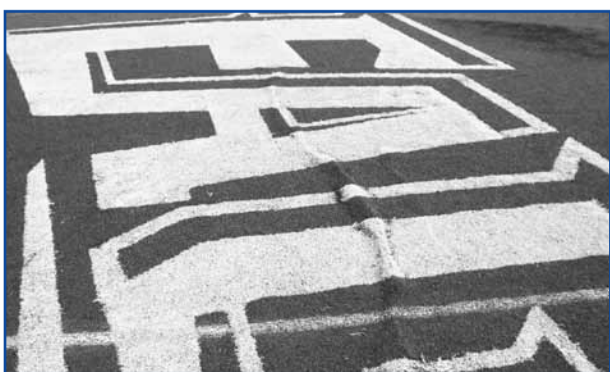
Enhancing Efficiencies



Are You Registered to Vote?

In order to vote you must meet the following requirements:

- You are a U.S. Citizen.
- You are 18 years of age or older.
- You have been a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.
- You are registered to vote in the general elections or are registered to vote in the school elections.



Annual impact to the average homeowner: \$239.58 a year or 66 cents a day.

Absentee Ballots

The District Clerk must receive applications at least seven (7) days before the bond vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. All completed ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election. For further information, call 631-842-4015.

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