



HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND VOTER GUIDE

Vote on Tuesday, December 3rd, from 2-9 p.m.
at Oldfield Middle School

On Tuesday, December 3rd, voters in the Harborfields Central School District will have the opportunity to vote on a bond referendum that, if approved, would provide necessary building improvements to schools throughout the district. Since 2015, when voters approved the district's previous bond referendum, additional infrastructure and security projects have arisen. These needs, identified through the district's Building Condition Survey, were not part of the 2015 project. The district believes that a bond project is necessary at this time to continue its vision to provide a world-class education to its students, one child at a time.

The majority of projects proposed in the new bond referendum are basic infrastructure upgrades such as replacing outdated boilers, repairing cracked

sidewalks, improving fresh air intake and replacing deteriorating ceiling and lighting fixtures. Not only have many of these systems exceeded their useful lifespan, but they are no longer compliant with code.

With an increased focus on student and staff safety, a number of security enhancements are also included in the proposal, including the construction of security vestibules at every school. Original doors and hardware will also be replaced to enhance building security.

The proposal includes a number of academic improvements for students, including the renovation of school libraries at TJL, OMS and HHS. The new spaces will provide students with modern environments for group collaboration, while using the latest in educational technology. A new general science

classroom will also be added at TJL.

A number of physical education and athletic enhancements are also included in the proposal, such as the construction of a new outdoor play area at WDPS and the renovation of the South Gym and the installation of a synthetic turf field at HHS.

New bond payments will replace existing expiring debt, which will **REDUCE** the debt service portion of the tax levy. See page 3 for more information. A wealth of additional information, including a detailed list of FAQs, can be found on the district's website, www.harborfieldscsd.net. We look forward to your voting participation. Polls will be open on Tuesday, December 3rd, from 2-9 p.m. at Oldfield Middle School.



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, November 20th

Board of Education Meeting

(Final Bond Presentation)

7:45 p.m. @ OMS

Tuesday, December 3rd

Bond Vote

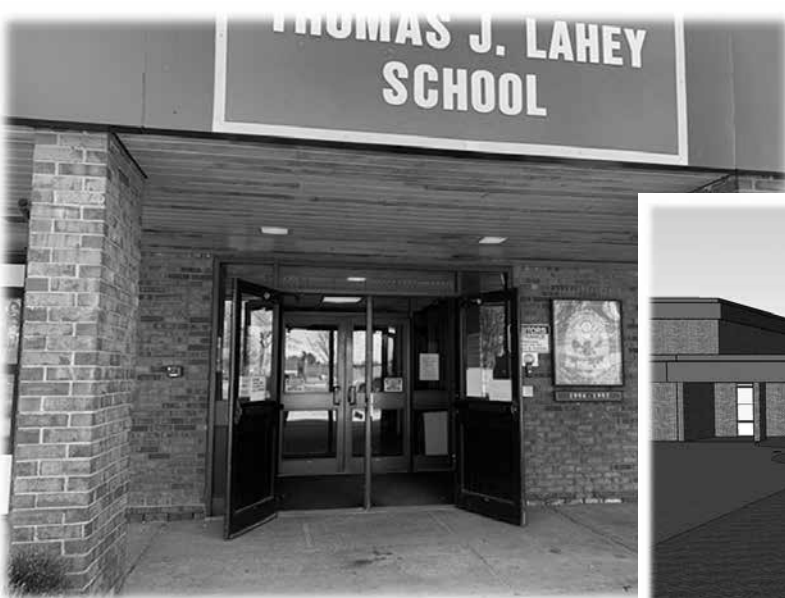
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For more information, visit www.harborfieldscsd.net.

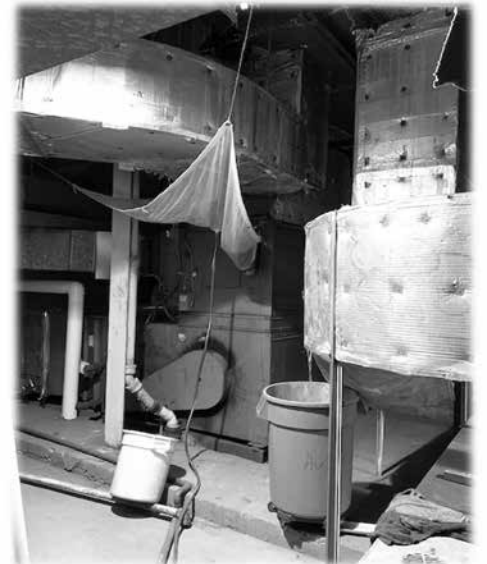




Libraries at TJL, OMS and HHS will be renovated. Above is the current library at OMS. Pictured at right are examples of modern library designs.



New security vestibules will be created at all schools to provide a more secure environment for students and staff. In addition, a new entrance vestibule will be created at TJL (pictured at right).



Basic infrastructure will be replaced, including outdated boilers, cracked sidewalks and inefficient exhaust systems.

Overview of the Proposed Bond

All Schools

- Construct new security vestibule
- Improve exhaust systems
- Improve fresh air intake for subdivided rooms
- Add air conditioning into gymnasium

Harborfields High School

- Renovate library
- Renovate south gym
- Install turf field
- Renovate two staff bathrooms
- Replace ceilings
- Replace original doors
- Replace two boilers
- Retrofit heating controls
- Repoint brick

Oldfield Middle School

- Renovate library
- Improve direct egress from classes
- Replace original doors and hardware
- Update duct work in the attic
- Repair brick masonry
- Upgrade elevator
- Upgrade library and auditorium air conditioning
- Add pre-fabricated storage structure

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Oldfield Middle School, cont.

- Add drainage system to front bus lot
- Upgrade fire alarm to code
- Provide overflow alarm on acid waste system

Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School

- Renovate library
- Create one general science classroom
- Renovate nurse's office and main office
- Install perimeter fencing
- Replace door hardware
- Replace ceiling and lights
- Replace original boilers
- Repair brick masonry
- Add heating isolation valves

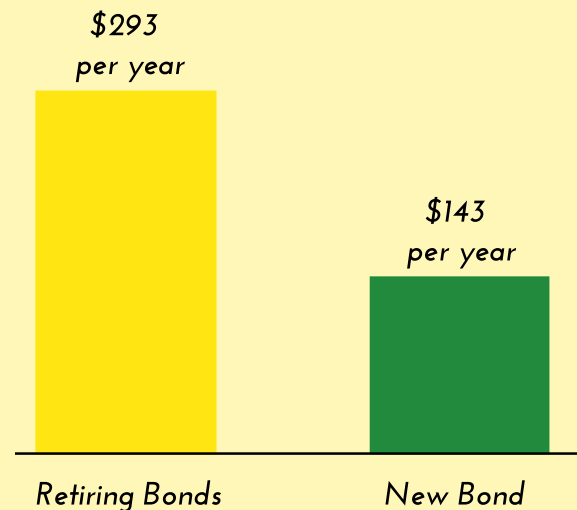
Washington Drive Primary School

- Create new outdoor play area
- Add carbon monoxide detection
- Repair/replace concrete sidewalk
- Repair settlement cracks
- Add pre-fabricated storage structure
- Improve drainage system for rear canopy

Financial Facts

The proposed bond would cost approximately \$20,407,453. Even with the community's approval of these expenditures, residents will see a decrease in their taxes due to the timing of this bond to overlap with two expiring bonds. How is this possible? The district has approximately \$52.7 million in debt that will be retiring in 2021 and 2023 from the bonds issued to construct Washington Drive Primary School. The new debt associated with this proposal would essentially "replace" a portion of the old debt.

Specifically, for the bond initiated in the year 2000, the community is paying \$3.8 million per year, which equates to approximately \$293 per \$4,000 assessed value. The proposed \$20 million bond will cost \$1.6 million per year, which is approximately \$143 per \$4,000 assessed value. Thus, the proposed bond, coupled with the retiring of existing debt, will result in a decrease in the debt service portion of the tax levy.



HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Capital Project 2021



VOTE DECEMBER 3, 2019

David Steinberg, *President*
Christopher Kelly, *Vice President*
Steven Engelmann
Hansen Lee
Suzie Lustig
Joseph C. Savaglio
Colleen Wolcott
Francesco Ianni, Ed.D., *Superintendent of Schools*

FAQ'S

Why another bond at this time?

The most recent bond was approved by voters in 2015, but the planning for that bond had begun two years earlier. In the six years since the planning of the 2015 bond, additional infrastructure and security projects have arisen. The proposed 2021 bond seeks to address security projects as well as infrastructure projects which were identified in the New York State Building Condition Survey.

Why wasn't the scope of work being proposed in the 2021 capital bond project included in the previous bond we just finished?

The previous bond focused primarily on instructional spaces and on bringing those spaces to current standards. This bond will focus on security needs and the core infrastructure of our buildings. It will also include instructional improvements and a turf field to address the needs of our students.

If the capital bond project is approved, what is the construction timeline?

Construction is expected to start on July 1, 2021. Once the full scope of the bond is defined, phases will be established based on priorities, as well as the state approval process. Key dates for the new bond are posted on the website, www.harborfieldscsd.net.

Voter Qualifications

A person shall be entitled to vote if he or she is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the school district for 30 days preceding the meeting at which the person offers to vote.

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Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are provided upon proper application to any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person due to illness or physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration (unless incarcerated for conviction of a felony) or travel outside the voter's county of residence for employment or business reasons, studies or vacation on the day of the election.

Absentee ballot applications must be received by the district clerk or designee at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person.

To obtain an absentee ballot, residents must first complete an application for an absentee ballot. The application is available on the district's website under the "District News - Budget Information" section or may be obtained by stopping by the Office of the District Clerk, located at 2 Oldfield Road, Greenlawn. Absentee ballot applications can also be requested by phone by calling the district clerk's office at 631-754-5320, ext. 300.

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Registering to Vote

Community members who wish to vote in the bond vote for Harborfields should register in advance through the Suffolk County Board of Elections, the same as if they were voting in any other election (school, town, county, state, etc.). Any community member not already registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections may appear on the day of the vote and, once it is determined that he or she meets the criteria discussed above, his or her name will be added to the poll list and he or she may cast a ballot.