



SACHEM

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Board of Education

2022-2023

Budget Development Workshop #4

Proposed Budget Update

Capital Project Recommendations

March 9, 2022

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Budget Timeline

- March 9, 2022 - Budget Development Meeting #4
- March 23, 2022 - Budget Development Meeting #5
- April 13, 2022 - Budget Adoption Meeting
- May 4, 2022 - Public Hearing
- May 17, 2022 - Annual Election and Budget Vote



2022-2023 Proposed Budget

- **Final Proposed Budget** – Still to be determined, but the first draft was approximately **\$358.8M**
- Since the last meeting we have removed approximately **(\$3M)** in various equipment expenditures and the revised draft budget has dropped to **\$355.9M**
 - ✓ Much of this equipment will now be sourced with current year monies or Federal grant dollars
- Our current projected revenue budget, without utilization of fund balance or reserves, is **\$343.8M**, so we still have a **\$12.1M variance** we are working through as we finalize the budget prior to adoption



Capital Expenditure Recap

- Beginning in the 2017/18 SY, Sachem began a process of addressing needed building improvements, renovations, and repairs, as well as the replacement of the entire bus fleet through the annual budget
- In May 2019, the voters approved establishment of a Capital Reserve, and in the two years that followed, they authorized expenditures that helped accelerate needed work with no new cost to our taxpayers

School Year	Budget Funded Projects	Bus Fleet Replacement	Capital Reserve Utilization	Totals
2017/18	\$ 806,766	\$ 750,000		\$ 1,556,766
2018/19	\$ 2,101,624	\$ 750,000		\$ 2,851,624
2019/20	\$ 4,730,000	\$ 770,000		\$ 5,500,000
2020/21	\$ 6,603,700	\$ 770,000	\$ 5,990,032	\$ 13,363,732
2021/22	\$ 8,078,600	\$ 770,000	\$ 3,046,000	\$ 11,894,600
	\$ 22,320,690	\$ 3,810,000	\$ 9,036,032	\$ 35,166,722



2022/23 Capital Recommendations

The first recommendation from Administration would be the sixth and final year of our bus fleet replacement

- Beginning in the 2017/18 SY, we have purchased six new large buses annually and retired six from our aging fleet
- In total, we have funded thirty new buses over the past five years as a budgetary expenditure, without the issuance of debt
 - Two of these thirty buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts, which has been a great benefit for our students, and a cost savings for the District
- For the 2022/23 SY we would recommend the purchase of six buses as follows:

➤ Three large buses (@ \$135,000 each)	\$405,000
➤ Two minibuses (@ \$70,000 each)	\$140,000
➤ <u>One minibus w/wheelchair lift (@ \$80,000)</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
	<u>\$625,000</u>

If this phase is authorized by the Board and approved by the voters, it will complete this process for approximately six to eight years before we begin replacements again

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2022/23 Capital Recommendations

Our next recommendation would be the following projects:

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| • Sagamore parking lot and traffic reconfiguration | \$ 2,605,800 |
| • Sagamore bathroom renovations (up to 6 pairs) | 1,699,200 |
| • Samoset bathroom renovations (2 pairs) | 648,000 |
| • HS North hallway ceiling and lighting replacement | 770,672 |
| • Fire alarm system control panels (14 bldgs.) | 712,212 |
| • Cayuga cafeteria roof replacement | 200,118 |
| • Grundy gym floor replacement | 135,000 |
| • Transportation building extension of bus bays | 650,000 |
| • Public address (PA) system replacements (5 bldgs.) | 1,207,996 |

➤ (Chippewa, Grundy, Lynwood, Tamarac, and Wenonah)

\$ 8,628,998

This work can all be done within the constraints of the budget and the Tax Cap formula, and would result in a tax levy increase of 2.07% based on current building aid projections (final aid numbers will be known on, or about April 1st)



Future Capital Projects

The District regularly inspects all buildings and facilities with an eye for the health and safety of all students and staff.

We also obtain requests from building administrators for potential enhancements or improvements.

This results in a list that is updated annually and prioritized.

Some of the future projects include items such as:

- Continue needed roofing replacements Districtwide
- Continue needed bathroom renovations Districtwide (primarily secondary)
- HS East Auditorium lighting and sound system replacements
- HS North parking lot replacements and drainage improvements (Phase II)
- HS East and North tennis court replacements
- HS North elevator upgrades
- HS North Art and Tech room renovations
- HS North Guidance and Main Office reconfiguration and renovation
- Sagamore and Seneca ceilings and lighting replacements
- Air Conditioning installations in large community use spaces, like MS Auditoriums, MS Cafeterias, and HS large Gyms

(This list is just a sample of some of the major projects for future consideration)



Future Capital Projects (continued)

Also for future consideration is the complete renovation of the HS North and HS East Baseball and Softball fields



Preliminary conversations have taken place between the District's architect and our Athletic Department, with input from team coaches to replace both baseball fields with turf, as well as turf softball infields and renovation of the grass outfields.

This would also include other site improvements (dugouts, fencing, batting cages, etc.)

Projected cost \$8.1M

The District currently has **\$6.26M** in our **Capital Reserve**. We anticipate the ability to increase that amount at year-end with 2021/22 SY surplus. If this is a project the Board wishes to consider, it would be Administration's recommendation to have a stakeholder group continue the conversation and finalize a detailed plan for consideration as a Proposition #2 item in our 2023/24 budget to be paid in full with Capital Reserve funds at no new cost to the taxpayer.



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Continuing the Conversation ...

Additional Discussion

March 23rd

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

At your local Elementary School*

(Ten Active Buildings Only – No Voting at Tecumseh or Gatelot)

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