# Baldwinsville Central School District



Security at Baldwinsville CSD An Update & Project Proposal February 26, 2018 Board Meeting

# What has Baldwinsville CSD Been Doing for Security up to Now?

The District for years has set aside part of its capital spending for security. In the last 10 years we have done a lot...

# Security oriented capital work:

- Over 250 video cameras on property in and around all buildings.
- A new secure main entrance to Baker HS.
- A secured main entrance to Durgee JHS.
- Electronic door access control in all academic buildings.
- Raptor scanning equipment at all academic buildings. This technology scans drivers licenses of visitors.
- A new entrance to Ray MS was built in 2017-18 along with other security enhancements.
- Relocated Palmer and McNamara offices toward the front entrances in each building.

## **Safety Oriented Activities**

- Our School Resource Officers, from the Baldwinsville Village Police Department and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, have been invaluable in working with our students and staff at Ray MS, Durgee JHS and Baker HS. They are an asset for our schools.
- All staff have received <u>Active Shooter Training.</u>
  This training will continue as staff complete annual refreshers.
- We know that students and families are experiencing stress. Anxiety among youngsters today is high. With that in mind the Baldwinsville CSD has formed a partnership with Liberty Resources. We now have mental health professionals working to help students and families in all of our secondary schools.

# We know we have to do more!

### Safety Needs Assessment

The Board of Education and District Administrative staff have worked with local law enforcement and other community members to analyze our district's security and safety needs. This group met several times in the past year. We looked at building systems and construction.

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We worked with Armoured One: a locally based, nationally recognized security company. They are a security industry leader. These security professionals analyzed all of our schools. From that analysis we developed a list of improvements for our buildings and processes.

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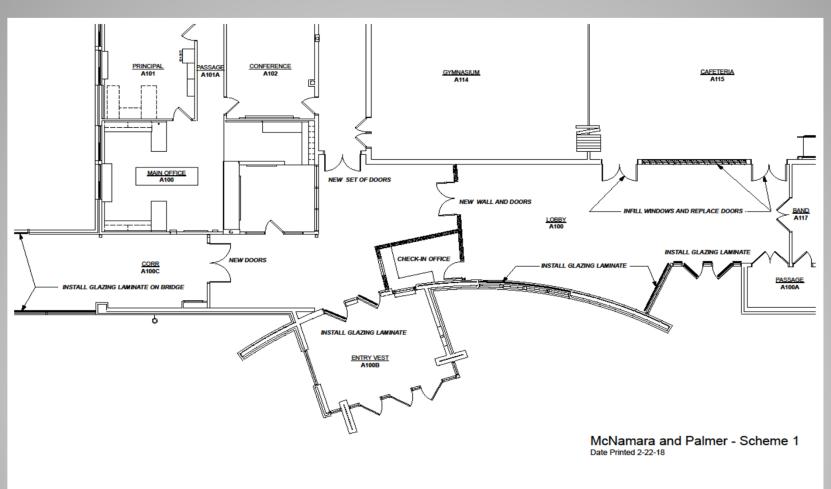
The initial thrust of this effort was focused on determining how to spend the \$2.1 million of the Smart Schools money the district has designated to spend on security. It has become apparent, as we analyzed the issue, that the \$2.1 million Smart Schools funds are inadequate to complete the list of needs we came up with.

We propose using the \$2.1 million in Smart Schools money plus \$4.31 million in a new voter approved Capital Project focused on Safety and Security. This would give us \$6.41 million to spend.

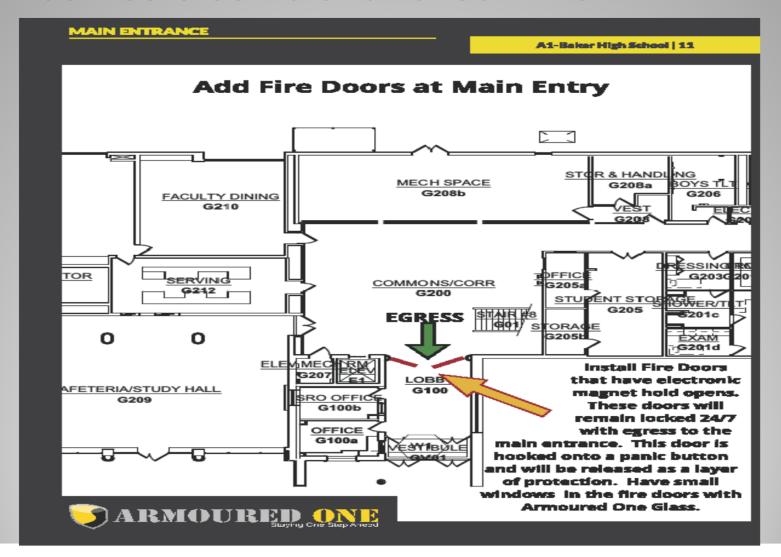
# Here is what we propose to do with these funds:

- We install secure lock down capability in our corridors in all eight (8) of our academic buildings.
- We build secure vestibules for our five (5) elementary schools, resulting in having an attendance attendant to check in building visitors.
- We upgrade every classroom door in the district giving teachers the ability to instantly lock their door at the touch of a button.
- We continue our process of hardening/filming our windows.
- We install signage that is more appropriate in our buildings.
- We install a system for mass notification.
- We provide means of exiting second floor classrooms.
- We improve our video monitoring system capabilities.

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## What would be a possible time line for all of this work?

- There would be a public vote on the \$4.31 million project the same day as the vote on our 2018-19 general fund budget.
- The cost of the work would be paid over 15 years.
  We would Bond (borrow) the funds. We could use our Capital Reserve to pay the local share of the work approximately \$830,000. State building aid would pay for the difference.
- If approved by the voters we would work with our architects to get the design work completed and submitted to the State Education Department (SED).
- It will take several months at SED to get the work approved. Then the work would go to bid.
- We would expect that the work would be finished by June 30, 2021, if not sooner.

# How would the Smart Schools efforts work in this plan?

The District will file the appropriate paperwork within the Smart Schools process.

The security work done under Smart Schools will be done in parallel with the Capital Project work, and would finish around the same time.

## **Beyond 2021...**

The District will continue to make security improvements part of future capital project planning.

We are starting the Funding the Future effort in 2018-19. This is where we will examine all of our facilities. The idea is to answer the questions around what we as a community want the schools to be in the coming years.

The security concerns have to be part of our planning. Just as we have worked to make our buildings energy efficient we need to constantly monitor safety and security.

# **Questions?**