

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER - PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE



# APW community to vote on \$37 million capital project

Voters in the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District will vote on a \$37 million capital project on December 7, 2021. The project includes more than 140 items blending infrastructure and programmatic needs across the district. The majority of the scope items were part of the District's recent Building Condition Survey. The plan prioritizes infrastructure needs by building and provides a blueprint for the district to develop a capital project.

The financing plan includes the use of funds to offset project costs with the use of New York State Building aid, use of \$7.2 million of Capital Reserve funds, and use of \$1.8 million Debt Service funds. This results in a Capital Project with **no anticipated tax increase**.

# **QUICK FACTS**

## **Capital Project Vote**

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:00pm-9:00pm | APW JSHS Auditorium Lobby

# **Public Information Meeting**

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 6:00PM | APW JSHS Auditorium

# **Total Cost of Proposed Project**

\$37 million (Anticipated No Tax Increase)

## **Purpose of the Capital Project**

Majority of scope derived from our recent New York State mandated Building Condition Survey. It's our responsibility to protect community's investment in our facilities. Our work to improve our educational program and physical infrastructure must go hand in hand. *Where students come first!* 

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

# If we are taking good care of our buildings, why do we need a capital project?

The same wear and tear you encounter in your own home also happens to our District's buildings and grounds. After 20+ years of repeated freezing and thawing, roofing starts to fail. After years of constant use, ventilation systems become unreliable and inefficient, and flooring that is used by hundreds of children daily just wear out. Our buildings have become outdated in other ways as well. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted instruction like never before. Students and teachers use more technology to learn, communicate and share information differently than they once did.

## What's a Building Condition Survey?

Every five years New York State mandates school districts perform a Building Condition Survey (BCS) to ensure that school facilities, which are subsidized by the State, are kept in optimal condition and safe working order. This inspection results in a comprehensive list of work provided to the school district to keep those facilities safe, up to code, and in optimal condition for the children who attend school.

## Why now?

This project is our opportunity to blend programmatic and infrastructure needs. Intentionally and purposefully use the resources to address infrastructure needs while also advancing the educational direction.

Leveraging financial opportunities to utilize 93.4% of aidable project costs, leaving the local share to be covered by use of \$7.2M Capital Reserve and \$1.8M Debt Service Fund. Again, this results in a capital project with no anticipated tax increase.

# When will the project begin and end?

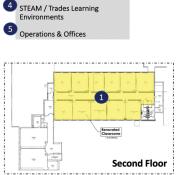
If approved, design will take place from December 2021 until Summer 2022. The project must then be submitted and reviewed by the New York State Education Department. Once the project is bid, we anticipate construction starting in June 2023 with final completion June 2025.

## How was this project developed?

In 2019, a Long Range Planning Committee was formed with the purpose of providing a comprehensive district wide look at all facilities and instructional program needs; establish project priorties (short and long term); develop a long range plan for the preservation and use of our school facilities; assess facilities needs over a five year period; develop a cyclical repair/replacement schedule; review and prioritize District's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Throughout this year, robust collaboration occurred between the Board of Education, administration, and staff with numerous stakeholder meetings taking place. Again, the key driver for this project was the completion of our NYS mandated Building Condition Survey. The district used its Five-Year Facilities Plan to prioritize projects and engages stakeholders, the Board of Education and the public in discussions throughout the planning process.

# Proposed Jr/Sr High School Renovations First Floor Proposed Elementary School Renovations



Academic Learning
 Environments

Performing & Fine Arts Learning

3 Athletics Learning Environments



# PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK



#### **Elementary School**

- · Art Room Renovation
- OT/PT Classroom Renovation
- Choral, Music, and Adjacent Multi-Purpose Room Renovation
- Library Media Center Renovation with STEAM / STEM Space
- New Adaptive PE and Special Education Classrooms
- · New School Based Health Center
- Gymnasium Renovation (Includes creating Gymnatorium and ADA Accessible Toilet Rooms)
- Counseling Space Expansion
- Mechanical / Electrical / Plumbing Upgrades
- Select Flooring Replacements
- Exterior Masonry Repointing/Repair
- WiFi Upgrades
- Pavement Reconstruction, Sidewalk Replacements, Drainage Improvements, and New LED Parking Lot Lights
- Football Practice Field and Modified Baseball Infield Improvements
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Updates to Support Academic Building



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## **Junior / Senior High School**

- Auditorium Expansion and Renovation
- Music and Choral Renovation
- 2nd Floor Classrooms Renovation with Air Conditioning (Student Need)
- Trades Center Renovation / Add Trades Center Pole Barn
- · Art Room Renovation
- Additional Counseling Spaces
- Kitchen Renovation & Equipment Upgrades
- Gymnasium Upgrades
- IT Renovation
- Mechanical / Electrical / Plumbing Upgrades
- Lighting Upgrades (LED)
- Select Flooring Replacements
- Exterior Masonry Repointing/Repair
- · Select Roofing Replacement
- Select Window and Window Shade Replacements
- WiFi Upgrades
- Pavement Reconstruction, Sidewalk Replacements, Drainage Improvements, and New LED Parking Lot Lights
- Athletic Fields Drainage Improvements & New Bleachers
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Updates to Support Academic Building

#### **Bus Garage**

- New Vehicle Fueling Station (includes Pumps, Tanks, Canopy, etc.)
- · Roof Replacements
- Windows Replacement
- Exterior Masonry Repointing/Repair
- Pavement Reconstruction / Drainage Improvements
- Overhead Doors Replacement
- Select Flooring Replacement
- Exterior Masonry Repointing / Wall Repairs
- Electric Charging Station for Bussing
- Lighting Upgrades (LED)
- New LED Parking Lot Lights
- WiFi Upgrades
- Site Improvements (includes Repaving Parking Lots and Driveway)

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## **VOTER INFORMATION**

#### What's on the ballot?

Shall the Board of Education make interior and exterior renovations, improvements, alterations, reconstruction and upgrades to the buildings and grounds at the District's Elementary School, Junior Senior High School, Bus Garage, Sewage Treatment Plant and Athletic Fields (including Stadium facilities) and construct an approximately 2,500 square foot addition to the Junior Senior High School and an approximately 1,000 square foot storage building including, for all of the forgoing, related site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment, architectural fees, and all other costs incidental to such work (the "Project") and to expend therefore a total sum not to exceed \$37,000,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and to pay for the Project by using \$7,200,000 from the capital reserve fund approved by the District voters on June 16, 2020, \$1,800,000 from the debt service fund and, for the balance of the Project costs, the levy of a tax which is hereby voted for the Project in the amount of \$28,000,000, less the amount of State Aid which may be received for the Project, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

## **Voter Eligibility**

You may vote if you are 1) A United States citizen, 2) At least 18 years of age at the time of the vote, and 3) a legal resident of Altmar-Parish-Williamstown CSD for 30 days preceding the vote.

#### **Absentee Ballots**

Qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots from the office of the Clerk of the School District. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk of the School District no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, on November 30, 2021, if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2021, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the Clerk of the School District to receive an absentee ballot. All completed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on December 6, 2021.

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (315) 625-5251 or cemory@apw.cnyric.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 4:00 pm on November 11, 2021. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.