



News & Views

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Vote

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Lake George Elementary School Gym

Project Cost

\$5,272,181

- \$1,655,000 Capital Reserve Fund

\$3,617,181 bonded over 15 years

Annual Budget Impact

Local Share -

Bond including interest\$309,500

NYS Building Aid..... (\$39,675)

Retired Debt(\$269,825)

Net Budget Impact\$0



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No Frills Capital Project Addresses Safety and Security, Infrastructure Needs

On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, residents of the Lake George Central School District will vote on a \$5.2 million capital improvement project that will have no additional tax burden.

The Capital Improvement Project will increase safety and security, replace aging infrastructure, improve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and enhance learning environments in both schools. Items in the capital project were identified in the district's Building Condition Survey, which was completed in June 2016.



The district utilized a collaborative process to whittle down \$11 million of work suggested in the Building Condition Survey and gain input from residents, faculty, and staff.

"All of our discussions centered on the district's mission, vision, values, and goals," said Superintendent Lynne Rutnik. "The Leadership Team and Buildings and Grounds Committee used a systematic approach to prioritize short- and long-term needs and formulate a scope of work for the Board of

Education to review and approve."

The district worked closely with TetraTech Architects and Engineers and Fiscal Advisors throughout the planning process to maximize building aid and the capital exclusion in the Tax Levy Limit law.

Funding for the local share of the capital project will come from a Capital Reserve Fund that was established in 2016 and a 15-year bond that will replace retiring debt. Approximately 10% of the cost of the capital project will be returned to the district in the form of revenue from NYS Building Aid.

"Undertaking capital projects on a regular basis helps the district maintain a tax levy that is stable and predictable while keeping our buildings and grounds in optimal condition," said Lake George Business Manager Kate DuBois.

The most recent capital project was approved by LGCS D voters in February 2015. That \$2.8 million project included items such as roof replacement, a secure vestibule at the Elementary School, and new doors/hardware at the Jr.-Sr. High School.

Please see inside for the work that is included in the Capital Project. Residents will vote on the \$5.2 million project on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Elementary School gym.

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Project Components

Jr.-Sr. High School	Safety & Security	Infrastructure & ADA	k-12 Educational Enhancements
• Create secure vestibule at main entrance while maintaining architectural integrity	✓	✓	
• Raise sidewalk at main entrance for handicap accessibility	✓	✓	
• Extend bridge from Jr.-Sr. High School to weight room in gym for handicap accessibility	✓	✓	✓
• Replace vintage boilers (2)		✓	
• Replace fire alarm and smoke detection systems	✓	✓	
• Replace window balances	✓	✓	
• Security improvements to windows and doors	✓		
• Modify Technology rooms		✓	✓
• Replace stage floor	✓	✓	
• Tennis courts: reconfigure, increase to four courts, relocate storm piping	✓	✓	✓
Elementary School			
• Replace entry doors and frames to classroom clusters	✓	✓	
• Add power circuit/outlets in cluster classrooms	✓	✓	✓
• Security improvements to windows and doors	✓		
• Reconstruct and resurface running track	✓	✓	

Timetable if Capital Improvement Project is Approved

Design and Construction DocumentJuly 2019
 Approval by the NYS Education DepartmentJune 2020
 Bidding ProcessJuly-August 2020
 Construction August 2020-September 2021
 Bond Issued June 30, 2021

Please Note

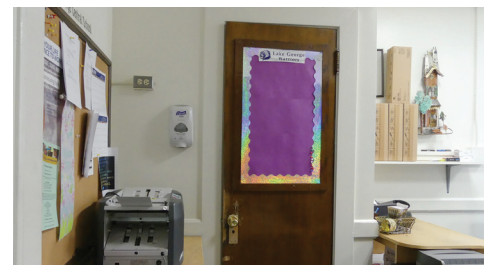
- Debt must be issued by June 30, 2021 to avoid Debt Drop-off, which will have a negative effect on the district's Tax Cap.
- Some items that were discussed that are not included in this capital project will be addressed by the district over time within the regular budget. Other items will be included in future capital project proposals.



Utilize the space on the left to create a controlled entry vestibule at the Jr.-Sr. High School.



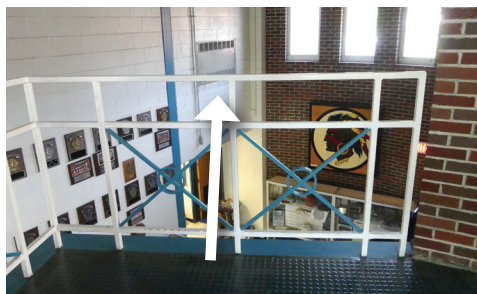
The historic transom window and vaulted ceilings will remain.



Rearrange copy room and staff room and create an ADA-compliant restroom in the process.



Raise the level of the sidewalk for handicap accessibility.



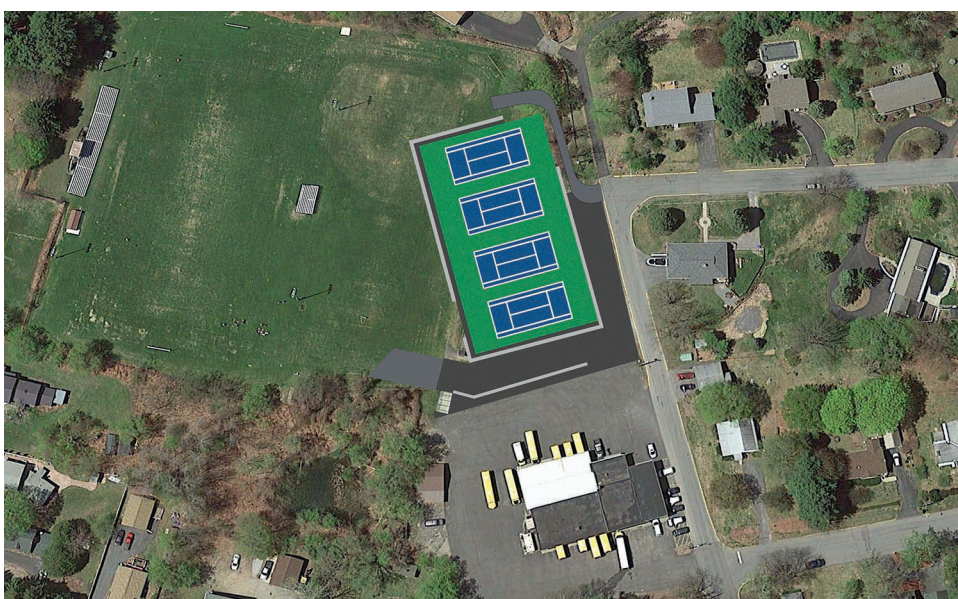
Extend the bridge for handicap accessibility to the second floor of gym (weight room).



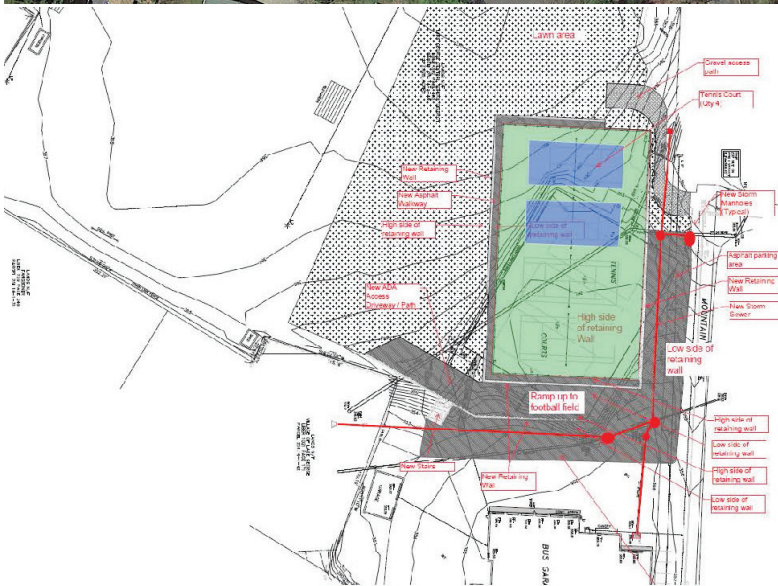
Replace and reconfigure tennis courts. Increase to four courts so we can host matches, relocate storm piping, install new gravel access path to tennis courts, regrade surrounding area, improve access to upper field.



Replace two vintage boilers at Jr.-Sr. High School that have reached the end of their viable lives.



Replace window balances so windows open and remain open.



Replace cluster entry doors and frames for safety purposes.

Install retaining walls, new storm manholes and sewer, stairs, and handicap accessible path/driveway to upper field.

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Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots will be available to those residents who will not be able to vote in person.

Residents requesting an absentee ballot must be a qualified voter of the district and have an explicit reason such as illness, out of town due to business or vacation, or a college student away at school.

Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained online or at the District Clerk's office located in the Superintendent's Office at the Lake George Jr.-Sr. High School until Monday, December 3, 2018 by the close of business at 4:00 p.m. if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person.

If the ballot is to be mailed, the application must be received by Monday, November 26, 2018. Please note that the voter must be present if picking up a ballot in person.

The application must be returned to the District Clerk's office (not the Business Office)

A signed request for a ballot may be made by mail, but it must be received by the District Clerk's office by Monday, November 26, 2018, if the ballot is to be mailed.

All absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the main office of the School District and will be open for inspection by the public during regular office hours until the date of the vote.

Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

Please contact the District Clerk at (518)668-5456 ext. 1207 or bartons@lkgeorge.org for further information or if you have any questions.

Capital Project Vote

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 • 10 am-7 pm

Elementary School Gym

69 Sun Valley Drive, Lake George

Voters must be: United States citizens, 18 years of age or older and district residents for 30 days prior to the vote. A resident can only have one legal residence, which is his or her place of permanent residence.