



# Port Jervis

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Pursuing excellence at every level, every day.*

**Mike Rydell**

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Dear Port Jervis Learning Community,

The condition of the Port Jervis Middle School has been the focus of several committees and studies over the past two decades. During the 2018-2019 school year the Port Jervis City School District Board of Education established the goal of addressing the needs of this building, as well as the optimization of all facilities in our District as a top priority. A Facilities Improvement Team was formed, comprised of faculty, staff, Board of Education trustees, parents, and administrators.

As a result of this work, I am pleased to share with our entire learning community that the Port Jervis City School District Board of Education has approved a plan to be brought before the community for a vote. This plan includes work at each of our school buildings, the most extensive of which will take place at the current middle school. Specifically, there will be a complete rehabilitation and renovation as it is converted to an elementary school for students in grades K-5. Additionally, the current ASK Elementary School will be converted into a Grades 6-8 middle school. These changes will allow for a more effective and efficient instructional model for our students, while also yielding benefits to our district-wide programming.

In all, this Capital Project will have a powerful and long lasting positive impact on the educational experience for our students. This plan allows us to establish a 21st Century learning environment for our students, and will provide our educators with the optimal platform for success.

The total projected expense of the project is \$54,895,000. To fund this project, if approved by the community, the District will utilize State Aid, Capital Reserve, and General Fund Balance monies. There will be no impact or increase to local taxes as a result of this project.

Information, schedule of presentations, and important details will be shared via newsletter, our website, App, Facebook account, and email.

Please check your email for these updates, as well as surveys seeking feedback and input.

***The vote for this Capital Project will take place on March 11, 2020 from 7:00 am - 9:00 pm at the following polling locations :***

- ***Port Jervis Middle School***
- ***Port Jervis High School***
- ***Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Rydell".

Michael Rydell  
Superintendent of Schools