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PORT JERVIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Capital Project:

A Premier Learning Environment

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. This Capital Project Proposal is the product of this work and will result in a 21st Century Learning Environment for all of our students.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSAL:

- ### K-5 Elementary at East Main Street (current MS)

 - Rehabilitation, renovation, and reconfiguration of the entire building, yielding larger classrooms and technology areas as it is converted to a K-5 elementary school.
 - Adding an addition to the current middle school inclusive of a full-size gymnasium, main office spaces, and cafeteria in optimal areas.
 - Relocation of the main entrance with a vestibule that will improve access and security.
 - Creation of a STREAM Room to allow for teachers and students to have a designated location for technology and robotics activities.

6-8 Middle School (current ASK Elem.)

 - Work will be completed to reconfigure some of the learning spaces to allow for the building to become the Port Jervis Middle School.
 - All students in grades 6-8 will attend the Port Jervis Middle School, when completed.
 - The current ASK cafeteria will be converted into an auditorium.
 - Technology learning spaces will be created that will allow for the continued growth of this essential component of the students' education experience.
 - Music classrooms and practice spaces will be created to further improve the music experience for our students.

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 - Will be converted to a K-5 building.
 - Renovation will include the creation of a STREAM Room to allow for teachers and students to have a designated location for technology and robotics activities.

High School

 - Realignment of classrooms and learning spaces to allow for an improved separation of high school and what will become the middle school areas of the building.
 - Three new science classrooms will be created to improve the alignment of the science classrooms and create 21st Century science classrooms for our students.

District Office

 - Administrative offices will be relocated from 9 Thompson Street to the 209 complex.

Show your Port PRIDE VOTE

Wed., March 11

Polls Open: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

COST OF THE PROJECT:

The total cost of the project is **\$54,895,000**. The District will use Capital Project Fund and General Fund Balance monies coupled with State Aid funding to result in **no local tax implications for residents** to fund this project.

Detailed information can be found on pages three and four of this newsletter.

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

What is the total cost of this project?

\$54,895,000

How will this impact taxes?

There will be no increase in local taxes to fund this project. The District will utilize \$15,325,000 in Capital Reserves and Fund Balance coupled with the Building Aid from New York State Education Department to fund this project.

Why renovate the current middle school? Why not build a new school?

The current middle school, centrally located in the City of Port Jervis is a beautiful, historic fixture in our community. The renovation of this building will allow for another 21st Century learning space for our students. Additionally, as a result of declining enrollment in our District, building aid on new construction will be significantly lower than renovating and utilizing current building space.

There are many areas of the buildings that will be impacted by this project. Where will the students go during the construction?

These projects will be phased over multiple years, with much of the work taking place when school is not in session. The students will continue to follow the same schedules and the current building alignment throughout the phases of the project.

Will there be additional athletics fields at what will be the new middle school?

Yes. There will be new softball, baseball, and soccer fields where the current ASK playgrounds are located.



Will the new elementary school have playgrounds and outdoor space for the students?

Absolutely. The playground equipment and outdoor space will be at the K-5 elementary school.

Why relocate District Offices to the 209 complex?

Moving to the 209 complex will allow District Administration to be on a school campus while also allowing for a more accessible location for all in our learning community.

Will the middle school and high school be separated?

With the alignment of classes in this plan, there will be increased separation of the spaces for each of the buildings. The added benefit with this model is that there will be potential for middle school students to access some of the opportunities and features of the high school.

Will this impact transportation?

When completed, this project will improve the arrival and dismissal process at the secondary level. Specifically, the middle school and high school students will have the same arrival and dismissal time, thereby increasing the efficiency of this model.

Will there be public presentations?

Yes. In addition to presentations in our schools and with community organizations, there will be two community presentations. On Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm. Both presentations will take place in the middle school auditorium. There will be a building tour taking place 30 minutes before each presentation.

How can I get more information?

Please visit
www.pjschools.org

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ACADEMICS

- Improved alignment of middle and high school courses.
- Increased opportunities for electives and learning experiences with a grades 6-12 learning campus. These areas of improvement include expanding opportunities in every realm from foreign languages to technology.
- 21st Century learning spaces in all buildings.
- STREAM, new Technology, and new science classrooms will provide our students in all grade levels with increased learning opportunities in these essential fields.



ARTS

- New auditorium for the middle school building will provide our District with another performance and rehearsal space for music and drama programs.
- The music classrooms and practice areas will provide our students in grades 6-8 with the essential space to further develop their musical talents.
- New middle school art classroom will provide an improved learning space for the middle school art program.
- Increased opportunities for students in the visual and performing arts in grades 6-12 with all secondary teachers in these departments being on one campus.



ATHLETICS

- Reconfiguration of the current high school softball, baseball, and soccer fields for optimal utilization.
- The addition of athletics fields to the 209 complex will increase the efficiency and utilization of District property for practice and competition scheduling.
- Installation of appropriate drainage, replacement, and realignment of the
- tennis courts will provide our tennis program with an expanded and improved practice and competition venue.
- The addition at the future K-5 building will include a full-size gymnasium. This will provide our learning community with additional space for practices and interscholastic competitions.



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Where do I vote?

Port Jervis School District residents can cast their votes for the Capital Project Referendum on March 11 at the following locations:

School Election District #1:

Port Jervis Middle School Gymnasium,
118 E. Main Street, Port Jervis

Designated Area: City of Port Jervis
General Election District No. 1; City of
Port Jervis Wards 1, 2, 3, 4

School Election District #2:

Port Jervis High School Gymnasium #2, 10 Route 209, Port Jervis

Designated Area: Town of Deerpark General Election Districts No. 3, 4, 5,
7; Section of the Town of Forestburgh General Election District No. 1 (Rio)

School Election District #3:

Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School, 929 Route 209, Cuddebackville

Designated Area: Town of Deerpark General Election Districts No. 1,
2, and 6; Section of the Town of Mamakating General Election District
No. 4; Section of the Town of Forestburgh General Election District No. 1
(Oakland Valley), Section of the Town of Mount Hope General Election
Districts No. 3 & 4

VOTE

Wednesday,
March 11

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PROPOSITION

Shall the bond resolution authorizing the Board of Education to (a) construct additions to and reconstruct various District buildings and athletic fields and perform related site work, including the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings and athletic fields are to be used (the "Project") at a maximum cost of \$54,895,000, expend \$6,440,000 from a Capital Reserve Fund and \$8,885,000 of available fund balance, and providing that the cost of the Project (including the interest due on any District obligations), taking into account state aid and the amounts expended from the Capital Reserve Funds and available fund balance, be raised by a tax levy to be collected in annual installments, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof in an amount not to exceed \$39,570,000, which obligations may be issued in excess of the District's constitutional debt limit in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of Article VIII of the New York State Constitution and paragraph c of Section 104 of the Local Finance Law, be approved?

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