



OSWEGO

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

We empower all students to guarantee their successful future

2024 CAPITAL PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Proposed capital project would provide needed updates with no additional tax impact

On October 29, 2024, the Oswego City School District is asking residents to consider approving a \$46.5 million capital project with zero tax impact. The project would be funded through state aid and capital reserves, with no additional cost to taxpayers. The improvements would focus on increasing safety and efficiency in our buildings, while addressing structural, accessibility, and learning needs. These upgrades would help ensure that we maintain and improve our buildings and facilities.

This proposal includes work at each school building as well as the transportation center. Some of the work identified in the scope of this project include:

- HVAC upgrades
- Replacing emergency generators
- Window replacement
- Classroom upgrades
- Lead filtration system installation
- Exterior security lighting
- Accessibility improvements and elevator replacements

This project is an investment in our children's future and provides much-needed maintenance and improvements to propel our district forward. We appreciate your partnership and support as we strive to provide our school community with a safe, efficient, and innovative learning environment. For more information, visit www.oswego.org/capitalproject.



2024 CAPITAL PROJECT

VOTE DATE AND TIME

October, 29, 2024 • 12 - 9 p.m.

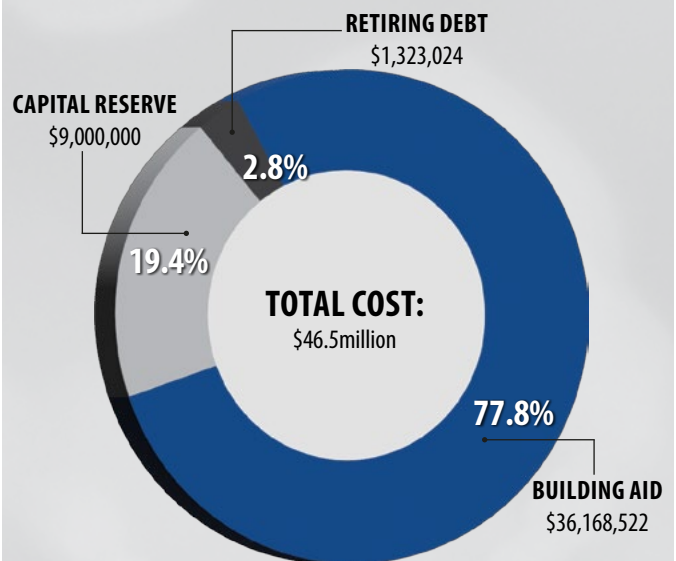
VOTE LOCATIONS

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PUBLIC HEARING

5 p.m. • October 15, 2024
In the OHS library

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



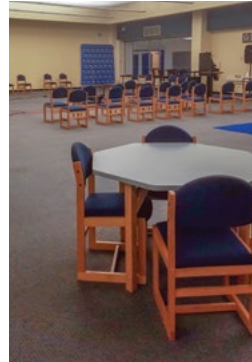
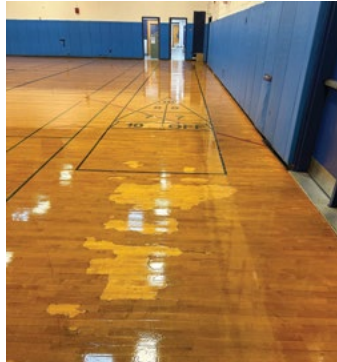
NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT



SCOPE OF WORK

OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL

- Elevator Improvements
- Generator upgrades
- Reconstruction of the Media Center
- Reconstruction of the Technology/CTE rooms
- Replacement and refinishing of gymnasium flooring; replacement of wall pads, bleacher/backstop, drop down partition, scoreboards, and doors; painting of ceilings and walls
- Pool boiler plant system replacement and new chemical storage room



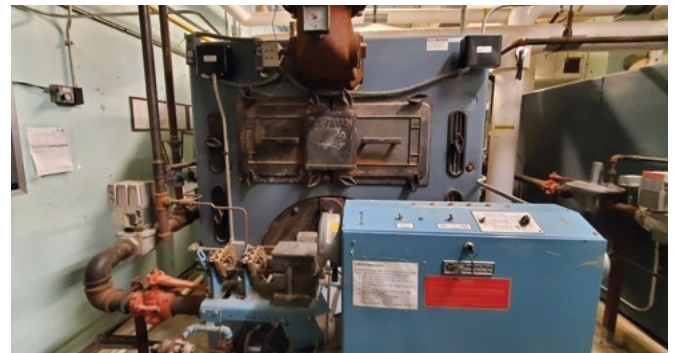
OSWEGO MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Reconfigure the Main Office, Nurse and Counselors' Suites



LEIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Replace existing emergency generator
- Replace boiler plant



TRANSPORTATION CENTER

- Reconstruct the asphalt and drainage from Fitzgibbons to the Transportation Center including the drivers' parking lot
- Replace and upgrade fire alarm system and associated devices at Transportation Center and Bus Storage Building
- Add air conditioning to the training room



MINETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Construct accessible bathroom for Cafetorium
- Install lead infiltration system
- Upgrade Cafetorium A/V systems and curtains
- Add exterior security lighting
- Install new playground surfacing

RILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Replace existing emergency generator



SCOPE OF WORK

FITZHUGH PARK ELEMENTARY

- Elevator replacement
- Replace windows, sills and louvers
- Replace exterior doors and frames
- Repoint remaining masonry including the chimney
- Remove plaster on exterior walls and provide drywall finish
- Construct accessible bathroom for Nurse's office
- Storm and sanitary system upgrades
- Replace water heaters
- Install lead filtration system
- HVAC upgrades
- Replace classroom fin cover, heating and cooling system pump replacement
- Main electrical service upgrades
- Replace existing emergency generator



KINGSFORD PARK ELEMENTARY

- Elevator replacement
- Replace windows, sills and louvers
- Replace exterior doors and frames
- Repoint remaining masonry including the chimney
- Remove plaster on exterior walls and provide drywall finish
- Partial sidewalk and parking lot reconstruction
- Storm and sanitary system upgrades
- Install lead filtration system
- HVAC upgrades
- Replace classroom fin cover, heating and cooling system pump replacement
- Main electrical service upgrades
- Replace existing emergency generator



Q & A

How will this impact my taxes?

This project will result in no additional taxes. The total cost of the project is a little less than \$46.5 million. Most of the project will be paid through building aid reimbursement from New York State. In the Oswego City School District, our aid ratio is 88.6% (which means the district will receive \$.88 in reimbursement for every aidable dollar spent on the project.) This project will be funded through state building aid, retiring debt, and use of capital reserve funds.

Who does this capital project benefit?

The capital project will impact every student in our school district. The project will make needed improvements in all buildings identified by the Building Condition Survey which is required to be completed every five years. In addition, every high school student will have the opportunity to take classes in the improved technology/CTE classrooms and the gymnasiums at the high school as well as utilize the updated high school library media center. Middle School students will benefit from a redesign of the main office, nurse's office, and counseling offices to better service the school's students and community. Elementary students will benefit from HVAC upgrades, window replacement, playground upgrades, and generator replacements at various elementary schools.

Do we really need this capital project?

Yes, this project addresses many areas that require improvement for the safe

and healthy operations of our schools. The district is required to complete a Building Conditions Survey every five years by the New York State Education Department. Capital improvement projects are a way for school districts to complete more substantial facilities work, which include upgrades, renovations and replacements as compared with regular maintenance.

What if the referendum does not pass?

Renovations identified in the Building Condition Survey and other items selected by the facilities committee are upgrades that need to be completed soon. If the referendum does not pass, those renovations would need to be done without the benefit of NYS building aid and would have to be funded within the annual school budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost.

Why do we need a new Capital Reserve?

The 2024 capital project only address a portion of the work identified in the Building Condition Survey. Our long-range capital improvement plan relies on Capital Reserve to pay the local share of future proposed projects. The Capital Reserve allows the board to put aside money, over several years, to fund future projects without asking for additional tax increases to fund these future Capital Projects.



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VOTE LOCATION(S):

Election District No. 1

Location of polling place: SCRIBA FIRE STATION
5618 State Route 104E • Oswego, NY 13126
Who will vote here: Scriba and Volney
(Oswego City School District residents only)

Election District No. 2

Location of polling place:
ANTHONY J. CRISAFULLI RINK (FORT RINK)
32 Fort Ontario Road • Oswego, NY 13126
Who will vote here:
Ward 2, Ward 4 and Ward 6

Election District No. 3

Location of polling place: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
240 W. 1st Street • Oswego, NY 13126
Who will vote here:
Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5 and Ward 7

Election District No. 4

Location of polling place: OSWEGO TOWN HALL
2320 County Route 7 • Oswego, NY 13126
Who will vote here: Oswego Town and
Town Of Minetto
(Oswego City School District residents only)

VOTER REQUIREMENTS

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be 18 years of age or older
3. Be a resident of New York State and the Oswego City School District for 30 days preceding the October 29, 2024 voting day
4. Be a registered voter in their school election district

PROPOSITIONS

Proposition No. 1, 2024 Capital Project

Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Oswego (the "District") on September 3, 2024, which (1) authorizes the reconstruction, improvement, rehabilitation, repair, furnishing and equipping of Oswego High School, Oswego Middle School, Charles E. Riley Elementary School, Frederick Leighton Elementary School, Fitzhugh Park Elementary School, Kingsford Park Elementary School, Minetto Elementary School and the District Transportation Center and Bus Garage, including but not limited to roofing, security, HVAC controls and associated mechanical, electrical, plumbing work, pavement reconstructions, playground and other site work and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purposes for which such buildings are to be used, at a maximum estimated cost of \$46,491,546; (2) authorizes the issuance of up to \$37,491,546 serial bonds of the District and the expenditure of up to \$9,000,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund, the 2020 Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of such capital projects; (3) provides for the levy of taxes on the taxable real property within the District to be collected in annual installments to pay debt service on obligations issued to finance

such capital projects; and (4) pledges the District's faith and credit for payment of bond anticipation notes and such bonds, be approved?

Proposition No. 2, 2024 Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Oswego City School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2024 Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund" which is being created to defray the cost of the construction and reconstruction of School District buildings and facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such Reserve Fund to be Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00), plus accrued interest and other investment earnings with a probable term of ten (10) years and, to appropriate from the available fund balance and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such Reserve Fund?