

FORT PLAIN
CENTRAL SCHOOL

ON THE BALLOT

\$11.2 million
in health,
safety and
infrastructure
projects with
*no projected
tax increase*

VOTE

CAPITAL PROJECT

The proposed capital project addresses three major areas of need:

Health and Safety

- ✔ Fire alarm system upgrades at both schools
- ✔ HVAC upgrades at both schools
- ✔ Classroom door security upgrades at both schools
- ✔ Installation of emergency generator at HS
- ✔ Cafeteria renovation and Kitchen upgrades at Harry Hoag School

Building Maintenance and Enhancements

- ✔ Roof reconstruction at both schools
- ✔ Replace outdated windows in a portion of the Harry Hoag School
- ✔ Masonry restoration at both schools
- ✔ Refinish Gym floor, install new divider curtain and wall pads in HS Gymnasium
- ✔ Server room expansion
- ✔ Enclose open maintenance area at Bus Garage

Site Maintenance and Improvements

- ✔ Replace Water Main/Sanitary line at Harry Hoag Campus
- ✔ Replace pumps serving athletic complex
- ✔ Reconstruction of Track and Softball Field at Athletic Complex
- ✔ Paving reconstruction including Tennis and Basketball Courts at the Junior-Senior HS and parking and site improvements at Harry Hoag
- ✔ Drainage reconstruction behind the bus garage

“This proposal protects the Fort Plain community’s long-term investment in our school facilities. We presently have a favorable state aid ratio of 94.9 percent. This means that the maintenance and improvement items we have targeted can be completed with no projected impact to our local tax levy. If approved, this project helps us avoid any potentially large future expenditures from our general fund for facility repairs and maintenance which will arise. Without this project, expenses for repairs would be solely supported by local tax dollars because they would not be eligible for state reimbursement. At every step of our planning, we have been committed to preserving the district’s strong financial standing, and the financial stability of our taxpayers.”

– DR. DAVID ZISKIN,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Voting Information

WHEN?

Tuesday,
December 18, 2018
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

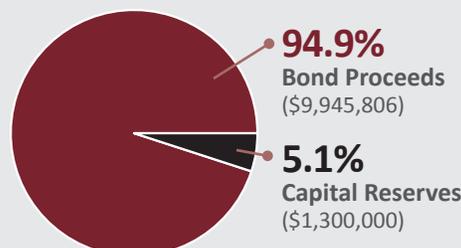
Residents of District
can vote at Harry Hoag
Elementary School at
25 High Street,
Fort Plain, NY 13339

Capital Project Funding

Of the \$11.2 million project, \$1.3 million would be funded from the district’s capital reserve fund, if approved by voters. The remaining funds would be provided by the sale of bonds. Fort Plain is eligible to receive a 94.9 percent reimbursement from the state on allowable expenditures. As a result of the combined use of capital reserve funds and state building aid, which will be aligned to bond payments, **the district estimates that the proposed project will not result in a tax increase for homeowners.**

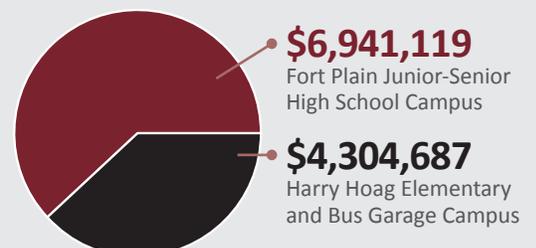
FUNDING SOURCE OF CAPITAL PROJECT

TOTAL: \$11,245,806



SPENDING BY LOCATION

TOTAL: \$11,245,806



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CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

SCHEDULE:

- Vote:**
December 18, 2018
- SED Submission*:**
July 2019
- Bid:**
January 2020
- Construction:**
July 2020
- Close-Out:**
December 2021

*Disclaimer: These dates are approximate, preliminary, and for overall planning discussion and consideration. By no means are these dates contractually binding. Actual schedule creation is a collaborative effort/process with the District/Stakeholders, Construction Management Firm, and Design Professionals.

1. How was the new project scope of work identified?

The scope of the project was developed from the 2015-16 New York State mandated Building Condition Survey along with input from the Fort Plain Facilities Committee. Almost \$24 million in potential work items were initially identified. The facilities committee walked through each facility, prioritizing work using a weighted formula based heavily on safety, security, and energy performance in an effort to best maintain the buildings infrastructure for our students and taxpayers.

2. How can an \$11.2 million project result in no new taxes?

Fort Plain Central School District has an estimated Building Aid Ratio of 94.9%. This means that the state will reimburse the cost of the project at that rate. The additional cost would be funded by our existing voter approved Capital Reserve fund. Based on these estimates, the proposed Capital Project will not result in a tax levy increase.

3. Wouldn't it have been better for the district to include some funds in its annual budget each year to complete this work?

When expenditures for improvements and major repairs are paid for from the general fund budget, they are not eligible for any reimbursement from the state. Adding appropriations to the budget would create an increase in the tax levy.

The district always allows for routine maintenance expenditures in the general fund budget. However, for extensive repairs and improvements, it is advantageous to handle those expenditures through a Capital Project, which does not create a financial strain on the residents of the district. The proposed repairs and upgrades address major infrastructure needs that protect the community's long-term investment in our school facilities. Our plan avoids the prospect of creating an unnecessary future burden for local taxpayers.

Q&A



CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE