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Public Information Meeting
Proposed Capital Project Improvements

November 15, 2023 – 6:00 pm

The Fort Plain Central School District will provide each student with the opportunity to develop intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically in a safe, orderly and positive environment.

Our goal is to prepare every student for success beyond graduation



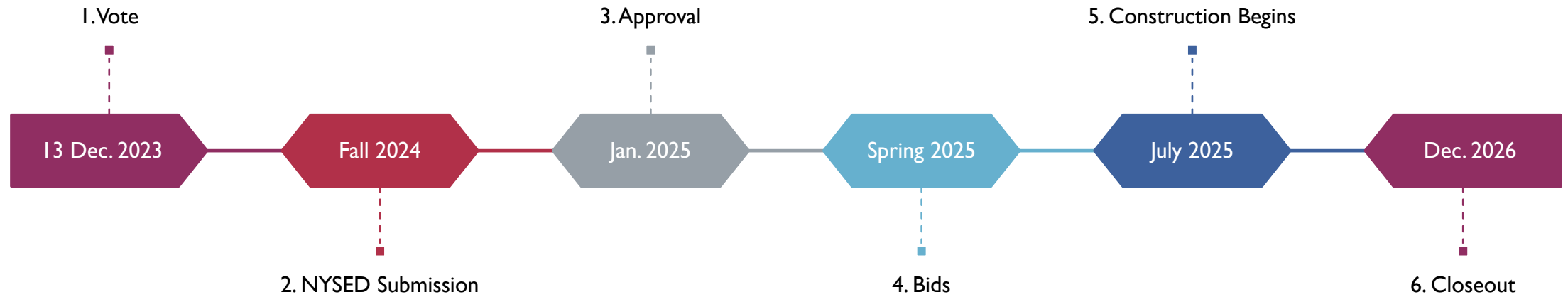
WHY DO WE NEED TO COMPLETE REPAIRS AND UPGRADES THROUGH A CAPITAL PROJECT?

- In NYS it is a constitutional responsibility for the state government to support local communities and their efforts to maintain schools.
 - The state constitution entitles every child to a sound basic education. Adequate and predictable state aid is one of the most important ways the state fulfills that obligation.
 - New York State School Boards Association
- If we complete work that is approved for funding by NYSED we will be reimbursed for nearly 93 percent of the work.
 - If we wait, and a problem becomes acute, the entire burden for repairs will be borne by local taxpayers when the expense could have, and should have, been supported with state funds.



PROJECT PLANNING PROCESS

- ✓ Development of Project Scope
 - Review of NYSED-Mandated Building Conditions Survey
 - Facilities Committee identified priorities (emphasis on safety, security, energy performance, educational opportunities, and community engagement)
- ✓ Determine Priorities and Funding
 - Facilities Committee, Architect, Financial Planner
 - Brody Neville, King and King Architects
 - Chris DeCarlo, Bernard P. Donegan Inc.
 - Stakeholder Meetings
 - Project presented to Board of Education
- ✓ Build community awareness through Public Hearing and District Mailing
- ✓ Vote



PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE

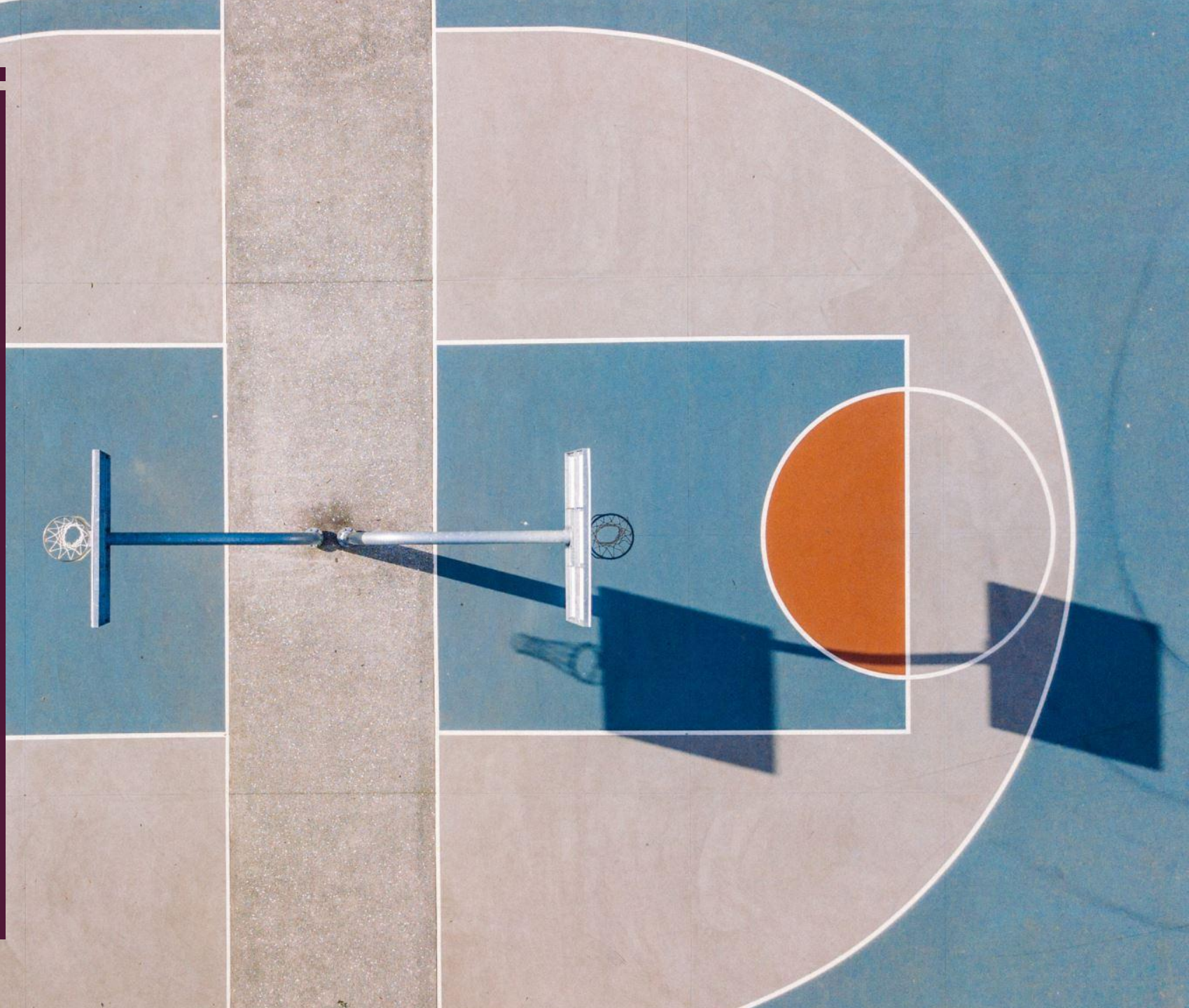
PROPOSED WORK HARRY HOAG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL \$6,374,280

- Pave access road to ball fields, add sidewalk and parking area
- Regrade ball field
- Renovate entire “B” wing with updated classroom spaces
- Replace cafeteria windows
- Replace master clock system



PROPOSED WORK JR. /SR. HIGH SCHOOL \$10,867,639

- Reconstruct steps on West Street entrance
- Masonry reconstruction of facade
- Complete renovation of auditorium
- Enhance Fitness Center skylights
- Add additional office spaces
- Replace kitchen walk - in cooler
- Replace HVAC system in lobby
- Replace chiller



PROPOSED WORK BUS GARAGE \$156,090

- Replace controls in wash bay
- Replace carbon monoxide alarm system



PROPOSED FUNDING



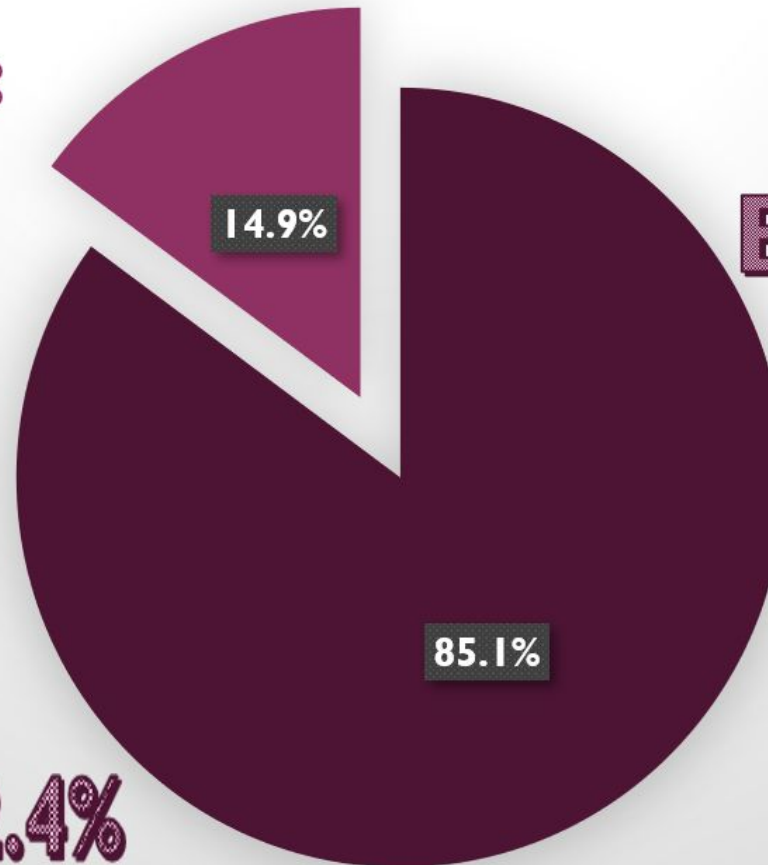
- 85% of the project is supported through bonds that are aligned to state aid reimbursements. Our building aide reimbursement is 92.4%.
- The local share of the project will be supported in its entirety with funds from our Capital Reserve Fund. Approving the use of that fund will be part of the December 13th proposition. Projections assume a zero tax levy impact as we leverage our high building aide ratio and our existing Capital Reserve fund balance.

FUNDING SOURCES

\$18,655,000

CAPITAL PROJECT

Capital Reserves:
\$2,780,000



Bond Proceeds:
\$15,875,000

Building aid ratio = 92.4%

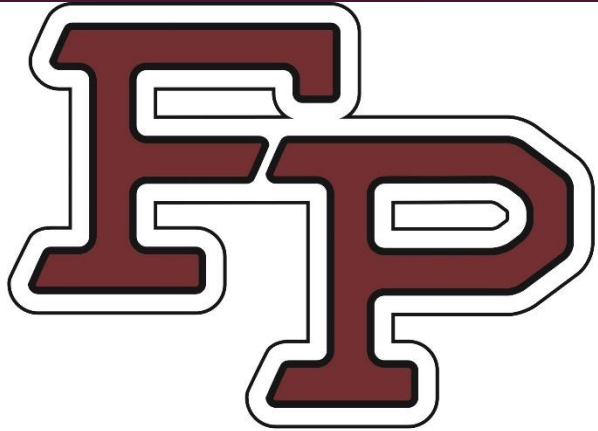
LOCAL SHARE EQUATION

Bond Payments - Building Aid = Local Share

- Bond Payments - School districts finance construction projects by securing bonds and paying these bonds over a set time period through their Debt Service fund
- Building Aid - Project costs on bond debt are offset by state building aid from NYSED annually
- Local Share - The difference between the bond payments made and the building aid received is the local share. This is the amount that will be added to the local tax levy to finance project. We project a zero impact tax levy.
 - Local share to be paid with funds from our existing Capital Reserves.

QUESTIONS

Capital Project vote to be held Dec. 13 - Fort Plain
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