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Dear Horseheads CSD Families,

Over a decade ago, the Horseheads Central School District began an important conversation about the future of our schools through an initiative called Horseheads 2030. At its heart was a simple belief: our students deserve learning environments that reflect the quality of education we strive to provide. Thanks to the continued support of our community, we have made significant progress toward that vision. We are now preparing to take the next step.

On **Tuesday, December 15, 2026**, district residents will have the opportunity to vote on the final phase of Horseheads 2030: Finishing the Build, a proposed capital improvement project that would continue to address facility needs across the school district.

A central priority of this third phase is **equity across our schools**. While previous capital projects have brought significant improvements to many of our facilities, important needs remain. Every student, regardless of which school they attend, should have access to safe, welcoming, and appropriately climate-controlled learning spaces. This next phase seeks to bring greater consistency across all of our educational environments.

Equally important is recognizing that education itself continues to evolve. As New York State reexamines how students learn, demonstrate their knowledge, and prepare for life beyond graduation, our buildings must be flexible to support those changes. **Our schools should support the evolution of our curriculum.**

The proposed project includes classroom renovations, climate-control improvements, updates to critical building systems, parking/drop-off/pick-up designs, and improvements to school grounds/community shared spaces. These investments are intended to address both immediate facility needs and long-term objectives. We also recognize the financial significance of a project of this scale and are committed to providing clear information about its proposed scope, estimated costs, available state building aid, and potential impact on local taxpayers.

To learn more about the capital referendum and ask questions. Please join us at our public information sessions on **November 4 at the High School Auditorium at 6 p.m., November 10 at Horseheads Town Hall at 11 a.m., and December 1 at Big Flats Community Center at 6 p.m.** Additional information will be available through district communications and our website.

We have always valued our students and their education. Our responsibility is to ensure that the facilities support them and meet the high expectations we share for their education. We encourage our community to become informed about this project and vote on December 15.

Thank you for your continued engagement, thoughtful consideration, and commitment to the future of the Horseheads Central School District.

Sincerely,

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