

Horseheads 2030: Continuing Our Build

Capital Improvement Project Fact Sheet



On Tuesday, December 7, the Horseheads Board of Education asks district residents to vote on the next major district-wide capital improvement plan called *Horseheads 2030: Continuing Our Build*.

Voters overwhelmingly approved the first project of our plan in October 2017. That project has resulted in major improvements at the High School and Middle/Intermediate complex, with some improvements at the elementary schools. This second of three projects would continue the build, focusing on our elementary schools, adding classrooms, renovating cafeterias and gyms, and improving the environment for our elementary students. There would also be additional work at the High School, including the addition of locker rooms, physical therapy spaces, and music storage at the new stadium, and gym/locker room improvements, roofing, and parking lot redesign at the Middle/Intermediate schools.

This project would also enable the district to regulate the temperatures in our classrooms/buildings through the continued installation/upgrade of heating/ventilating and cooling systems. Nearly all stores, businesses, and government buildings provide temperature controlled spaces, with heat or air conditioning as the weather determines. We believe our schools should too, so that our students can be in an environment that is conducive to learning. The upgraded mechanical systems of this project would address both heating and cooling in our schools.

Like the first project, this project would utilize the maximum state aid available during this time, so that the impact to our local taxpayer would be as minimal as possible. We know that taxes fund state aid, but we also are aware that these state funds would go to other school districts and elsewhere in the state if we do not secure them for our district.

We are proud that our first project is coming in within budget and resulted in no increase to the district true value tax rate. This first project has brought wonderful improvements to our schools, including our new multi-purpose stadium, where football and soccer games have brought our community together and increased school spirit. Use of this facility will include spring sports and other school and community events and performances.

The current and proposed improvements will enable us to provide the best educational atmosphere for our children. It is not just our mission to educate our children; it is our responsibility. Up-to-date schools and facilities also contribute to maintaining property values, helping to attract businesses and families to our district and region.

For more information, please visit our website at horseheadsdistrict.com/CapitalProjectVoteDec7.cfm.

Vote

Tuesday, December 7
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Horseheads High School
South Gym

Safety protocols will be followed • Masks required



New library and courtyard learning space at the High School

SCOPE HIGHLIGHTS

Big Flats Elementary School

- Classroom addition
- Gymnasium/auditorium stage addition/renovations
- Cafeteria/kitchen relocation and renovation
- Library relocation and renovation
- HVAC upgrades and replacements
- Playground improvements
- Parking lot and sidewalk improvements

Gardner Road Elementary School

- Classroom addition
- Gymnasium renovations
- Cafeteria/kitchen renovations
- Library renovations
- HVAC upgrades and replacements
- Playground improvements
- Parking lot and sidewalk improvements

Ridge Road Elementary School

- Classroom addition
- Gymnasium/auditorium stage addition/renovations
- Cafeteria/kitchen relocation and renovation
- Library relocation and renovation
- HVAC upgrades and replacements
- Playground improvements
- Parking lot and sidewalk improvements

Middle School/Intermediate School

- Gymnasium and locker rooms renovations
- HVAC upgrades and replacements
- Roof replacements
- North parking lot circulation improvements and asphalt replacement
- Playground improvements
- Parking lot and sidewalk improvements

High School

- Multi-purpose physical education and athletics facility with gym, indoor track, training/exercise spaces, and weight room
- Classroom renovations
- East parking lot and bus drop off/pick up renovations
- Roof replacements
- Site improvements including concrete walks and improved pedestrian circulation
- HVAC upgrades and replacements
- Traffic flow/parking lot improvements

Stadium

- Visitor and home locker room additions
- Physical therapy/trainer space
- Music and multi-purpose storage
- Officials locker room

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The proposed Capital Project will cost an estimated \$122,254,993.

The project would be primarily paid for through New York State Building Aid. The remainder of the cost would come from existing district resources and money from the Capital Reserve Fund to minimize the local share.

The district's fiscal advisors have been conservative in estimating interest rates and local share. For a homeowner in the district with a residence valued at \$100,000, the estimated tax increase is expected to be no more than \$2.10 per week. This increase will be phased in over a four-year period beginning in 2023-2024.

*Please note that prior to the Horseheads 2030: Building Our Future Now project, the district estimated a small increase in local taxes; however, **the tax rate has actually decreased** since the project began in 2017.*

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The community meetings will begin with tours of the current construction project at 6p.m. followed by a presentation of the proposed Capital Project and a Q&A at 7:15p.m..

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

High School Tour at 6 p.m.

Starting at the Multi-Media Center

Presentation at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

High School Tour at 6 p.m.

Starting at the Auditorium

Presentation at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

6 p.m.

**High School
Auditorium**



The public hearing will include a detailed presentation of the proposed project and financing followed by a question and answer session.

VOTE INFORMATION

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**High School
South Gymnasium**



For questions related to the Capital Project, please contact the Horseheads Central School District Office at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com or 607-739-5601x4295.