



CHARLOTTE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Superintendent's message



Eric Whipple, Superintendent
Charlotte Valley Central School District

In December, Charlotte Valley voters will have the chance to vote on a \$13,300,000 capital improvement project to repair and upgrade our school facilities. You can read more about the details of the project inside this newsletter. I realize that at first glance, \$13 million may seem like a big number, so there are a few things I wanted you to know about this project before the Dec. 6 vote.

State aid available

First of all, much of the cost of this project is aidable. That means the district expects to be reimbursed for 80.8% of all eligible project costs. By tapping into state building aid, Charlotte Valley can bring some state tax dollars back into our own district to offset the local cost. For a property fully assessed at \$100,000, this \$13 million project would cost on average an additional \$19 per year in taxes, \$13 with STAR savings, and \$5 with senior STAR savings.

Using capital reserves

Two years ago, voters approved the creation of a capital reserve fund. This fund allowed the district to set aside unused funds to save up for future capital projects. This type of long-term financial planning can help keep the district's finances more stable year over year. We're asking for your permission to use those funds, which were set aside for times just like this.

What's on the ballot?

By reviewing the district's building condition report and talking with students, employees and community members, we have identified several areas for improvement:

- Renovations to the All-Purpose Room to create a K-12 Library Media Center
- Resurfaced athletic track to address safety issues
- A renovated cafeteria and kitchen to accommodate two serving lines, improve food preparation areas, and increase student seating area.
- Purpose-built classrooms for vocal and instrumental music, elementary science and art
- Dedicated storage space
- Improvements to the building exterior, including window replacement

The full scope of this project is outlined on Pages 2-3 of this newsletter. I hope you'll take time to review this information before the vote in December. Please reach out to my office with any questions you may have. You can email capitalproject@charlottevalley.org for more information.

—Eric Whipple, Superintendent

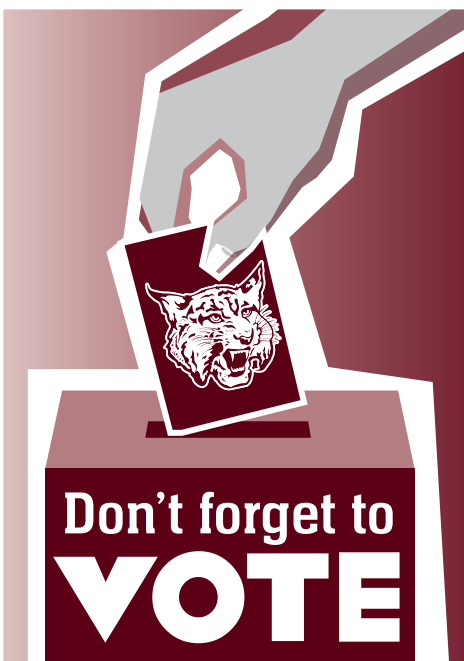
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CAPITAL PROJECT

Dec. 6, 2022
Noon-8 p.m.

CHARLOTTE VALLEY
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALL-PURPOSE ROOM
(APR) AT CVCS



CAPITAL PROJECT FACTS

On December 6, 2022, the Charlotte Valley Central School District is bringing a capital project to vote. With our history of providing strong academic and vocational programming paired with the ongoing need to maintain our old facilities, this project will address the current and future needs of both students and staff. We have carefully examined our state-required Building Condition Survey to identify infrastructure upgrades needed to maintain our facilities over the long term and to meet the needs of 21st century students.

General facility improvements along with educational program needs provide a clear prioritization of work. In the case of

our facility needs, maintenance of normal wear and tear items, such as replacing the windows throughout the original building have been defined in the scope of work. Other projects are program-related and include the

renovation of the APR room to provide a dedicated, flexible, all-ages library space which will be suitable for both class and individual use. All of this will be accomplished without expanding the footprint of the building.

The capital project includes one proposition with a combined cost of \$13,300,000. The District has already prepared a plan to pay for this project. There will be a public information meeting on Nov. 17, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Gymnasium, which will include a detailed presentation and a Q & A session as well as a Senior Citizen's Breakfast and Information Session on Nov. 29, 2022, at 9 a.m.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Major Work:

- Library Renovation: Naturally lit dedicated library space with spaces for group and solo work
- Band & Chorus Renovation: New rooms with improved acoustics for band and chorus programs
- Kitchen & Cafeteria Renovation: All-new kitchen will serve the larger cafeteria with flexible seating options
- Art Room Renovation: Art room will be relocated to a larger space with all new cabinetry
- Track Replacement: Track and safety improvements

Minor Work:

- Elementary Science Room Renovation
- Storage Room
- Gym Floor Replacement
- Corridor Finishes Update
- Original Building Window Replacements

VOTE INFORMATION:

DATE:	Dec. 6, 2022
TIME:	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
LOCATION:	All Purpose Room: Charlotte Valley Central School 15611 NY-23, Davenport, NY 13750

Voter Eligibility

- Citizen of U.S.
- At least 18 years of age
- You do not need to be a registered voter
- Legal resident of the Charlotte Valley Central School District at least 30 days prior to vote

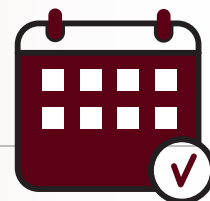
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Proposition Cost:
\$13,300,000

The majority of the cost will be paid for using a combination of State Building Aid and the District's reserves. This is the average *annual* marginal increase to taxpayers for \$100,000 assessed home value.

STAR LEVEL	PROPOSITION
SENIOR STAR	\$5
STAR	\$13
NO STAR	\$19

MEETING INFORMATION



**NOV. 17, 2022
6 P.M.**

- Public Meeting
- Elementary Auditorium
- Charlotte Valley Central School
- 15611 NY-23, Davenport, NY 13750

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Meetings will include a presentation of the proposed project details followed by a question-and-answer session.



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Building Project Highlights



All-Purpose Room/ Library Media Center

- The All-Purpose Room is currently being used for a combination of storage, and to house a small library for elementary school students. Middle and high school students have limited opportunities to use the school library in its current configuration. Renovations would create more classroom space so that all grade levels could use the library, while also providing a comfortable, engaging environment for students to access research tools. Renovations would also help make the space more energy efficient by upgrading the heating mechanicals, lighting fixtures, and the building envelope.



Cafeteria and Kitchen

- The kitchen and cafeteria would be renovated to give each area more space. This would allow room for two serving lines while breakfast and lunch are being served, helping students get their food more quickly. Currently, students must wait in long lines stretching out into the hall to get their food, as there is only one serving line, and the current kitchen configuration does not include room for a second. The reconfiguration would also allow for increased seating space for students, providing flexibility in lunch scheduling.



Athletic Track

- The surface of the athletic track has deteriorated over time. It has been deemed unsafe, and presents tripping hazards for student athletes during soccer games. Students cannot use the track for gym class, athletic practices or competition due to the safety hazard. The project would give the track a new, modern surface to address these safety issues, as well as provide Charlotte Valley with increased opportunity to use the track for school, athletic, and community functions.



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FAQ:

What is a Capital Improvement Project?

Just like a home, school facilities need regular upkeep and occasional remodeling to continue to operate effectively and efficiently. A capital project helps school

districts undertake these projects in a time-sensitive and cost-effective way.

The district can receive state building aid for some capital improvement costs. This can help the district get more work done faster. It also brings local tax dollars paid to the state back into the local community. By spreading the cost out over a statewide tax base, the cost for each taxpayer is less.

Why do we have to vote on this project?

Voter approval is necessary for all capital improvement projects in New York state. In addition, the district cannot spend any of its Capital Reserve Funds unless voters agree to it. For this vote, a simple majority of voter support (50% plus one vote) is needed for passage.

What happens if the project is not approved by voters?

If the project is voted down, the district can:

- **TRY AGAIN.** The same project (or a similar one) could be proposed in a future vote. This could delay the start of work, as the process would have to begin again.
- **FUND THE PROJECT LOCALLY.** Capital improvements can be included in the district's annual budget proposal. This could require local taxpayers to foot more of the cost.
- **POSTPONE THE PROJECT.** Repairs and improvements could be delayed. If the prices of labor and materials continue to go up, the cost of the work could increase.
- **DO NOTHING.** If the district chose not to make the improvements outlined in the project, the track would continue to sit unused, presenting a safety hazard for students, visitors and staff. The All-Purpose Room would continue to offer only limited access to library materials, to one class at a time, making it difficult for middle and high school students to use the space. Choir and band classes would continue to be held in rooms not suited to the purpose. Students would continue to face long waits for school meals with only one serving line available.



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