

Learning spaces

and district infrastructure

should support today's students. The cost of keeping up with daily wear and tear can rise above what the annual school budget can support. Capital improvement projects are a way for school districts to access state aid to complete a larger amount of facilities work than what the scope of the annual school budget can provide.

In 2020, Worcester's Building Condition Survey revealed two major areas in need of improvement due to wear and age: the main building and bus garage.

Unless an unlikely positive revote in Schenevus occurs, the Worcester Central School District will not be merging with its neighboring school, so the district would like to take this opportunity to invest in its schools for the future. The time is right to make these much-needed renovations. The proposed capital project will have no tax impact to the Worcester community because the loan from the 2010 capital project is nearly paid in full. The proposed project's loan would be financed over a 30-year period, but as a result of the timing of the project, combined with the use of \$1 million in capital reserve funds, there will be no increase to the local tax levy to fund this project

SECURITY AND SAFETY

Continual and renewed upgrades are necessary for the safety and security of the district's buildings, students, and staff. The district has compiled specific repairs for the two prioritized areas in order to focus on critical repairs only. Critical repairs for the main building and campus include security system upgrades, an emergency generator, interior door access control, oil tank replacement, and building upgrades. Critical repairs for the bus garage include updated parking areas, fuel dispensing and metering systems, air conditioning upgrades, and boiler replacement.



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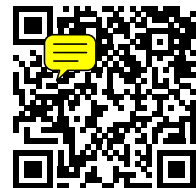
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CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022,

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Polls will open at 12 p.m. Noon on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Worcester Central School District library.

the Worcester Central School District community will vote on a \$6,977,501 capital improvement project. If approved, the capital project will directly benefit much-needed repairs and improvements on both the district's main building and the bus garage. Repairs on aging district infrastructure are necessary to ensure and enhance the safety and security of students and staff.



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Strive, Support, Succeed!

The **\$6,977,501** proposition intends to improve the district's facilities and infrastructure in order to continue providing necessary services that keep day-to-day operations running smoothly. The vision of Worcester Central Schools is to empower students to reach their highest potential to meet the demands of our ever changing world. Renovating aging infrastructure to fit the needs of our students is at the heart of this capital project.



Photos of work that needs to be done

A BUILDING ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS LEARNING

This capital project devotes **\$2,971,445** alone to the main building renovations. The district will continue its efforts to maintain safety and security; the project includes security system upgrades and an emergency generator to keep the power going in case of an emergency. Aging buildings also mean funds will be allocated in this proposed capital project to the cafeteria roof, auditorium ceiling, a weight room, and air conditioning in multiple locations (kitchen, gymnasium, bus garage).

DRIVEN TO SUCCEED

\$777,400 of the proposed capital project will be dedicated to needed upgrades at the district's bus garage. These improvements include both a front and rear parking area, fuel dispensing island canopy and fuel metering system, air conditioning, security upgrades, and boiler replacement.

GROUNDING WITH SPACE TO GROW

The district's campus has areas in need of improvement as well. The proposed capital project sets aside **\$782,000** for replacing the oil tank, renovating the campus front lawn, replacing the softball scoreboard, reconstructing the courtyard's drainage system, updating playground gate hardware, and fixing the main entrance sidewalk.

Debt being paid off from a 2010 project makes it possible for the proposed capital project to have zero tax impact on the Worcester community.

Three ways Worcester CSD will fund the project:

Stable local share

The Worcester Central School District has worked hard to maintain a stable share separate from state funds, causing no tax increase.

Setting aside capital reserve funds

Worcester CSD has reduced reliance on loans by setting aside \$1 million of voter-approved funds in a capital reserve fund. These funds will be used to help finance the proposed capital improvement project.

Strategic timing

Waiting until now when debt from the 2010 project is being paid ensures there will be no increase to the local tax levy to fund this project.

Funding Sources

New York State building aid: **\$3,085,141**

Local property tax revenue: **\$3,315,411**

District's capital project reserve fund: **\$1 million**

Cost Investment Breakdowns

Contractor Escalation/Construction Contingency/Incidentals:

\$2,446,651

Main Building: \$2,971,445

Bus Garage: \$777,400

Site Work: \$782,000

25% of home buyers nationwide list quality of school district as a main factor when purchasing a home.

On average, students who attend newly renovated schools have higher standardized test scores and a higher attendance rate than those who attend outdated schools.

Learning infrastructure is listed in the top seven factors that affect student achievement.

ACTIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

December 2022:
Capital Construction Project Vote set for December 14

Jan-June 2023:
Design Phase

Late Oct/Nov 2023:
SED Approval Period

March 2024:
Award of Construction Bids

Late Spring 2024:
Construction Begins

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