



Byron-Bergen Central School District
Bergen, NY 14416

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE



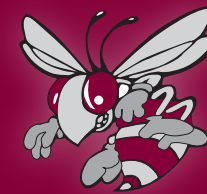
OCTOBER 7, 2021

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BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021 CAPITAL PROJECT



As part of the District's ongoing commitment to preserve and enhance the community assets at Byron-Bergen Central Schools, the Board of Education has authorized a Capital Project for improvements to the Elementary School, Jr./Sr. High School, the Natatorium, and the Bus Garage. The proposed project, that will not negatively impact the community's taxes, will be considered by District residents in a Vote on October 7th, 2021. The Board and its subcommittee have worked hard to assure that the work priorities of this project are focused on asset protection, healthy building initiatives, energy efficiency, and programmatic enhancement, furthering the District's goals to provide quality buildings, infrastructure and facilities that are well maintained and efficient.

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PROJECT FOCUS

- Health, Safety & Security
- Asset Preservation
- Academic Programming Enhancements
- Energy Efficiency



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Public Meeting:

September 30, 2021 in the
Jr./Sr. High Auditorium
@ 6:30 PM



Project at a Glance:

Elementary

- New Boiler Plant
- Domestic Water System Upgrades

Jr./Sr. High School

- Exterior Window Replacement
- Building Envelope Improvements
- Roofing Replacements
- Mechanical System Upgrades
- Domestic Water System Upgrades
- Sanitary System Improvement
- Gymnasium Renovations
- Locker Room Renovations
- Track Restoration
- Athletic Field Improvements
- Scoreboard Upgrades
- Soccer Stadium Lighting Replacement

Natatorium

- Building Envelope Improvements
- Locker Room Renovations
- Boiler Plant Replacement
- Domestic Water System Upgrades
- Pool Equipment Upgrades

Bus Garage

- Bus Parking Improvements



Natatorium Locker Room Renovations



ES Domestic Water System Upgrades



Jr/Sr HS Locker Room Renovations

A message from Superintendent McGee:

Dear Community Members,

The Byron-Bergen Central School District has a proud history delivering top-notch education and opportunities to our students. Part of our ability to fulfill this commitment to the community is having a safe and functional physical campus.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am notifying all our community members that there will be a public vote in October to address some much-needed improvements to our campus buildings. The specifics are itemized in this newsletter but include replacing outdated windows, roof replacement, and upgrades to the athletic facilities.

Please help keep our District as a point of pride in our community by coming out to vote on October 7.

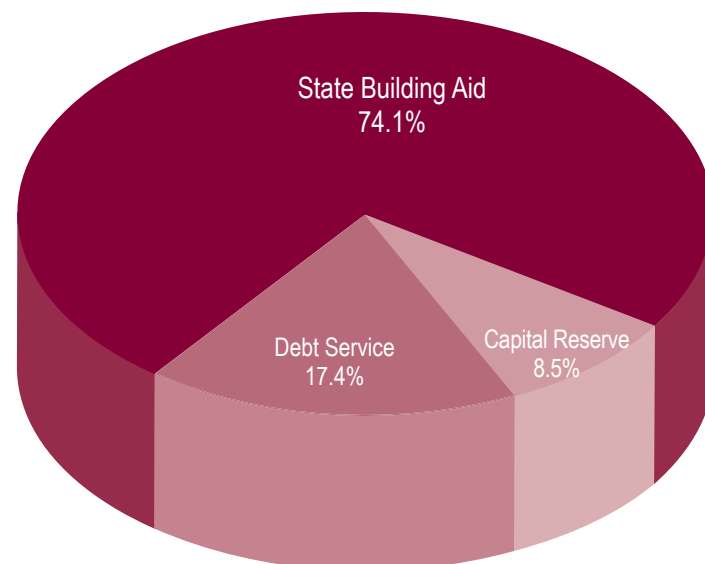
Yours sincerely,

Pat McGee

Byron-Bergen Central School District
Superintendent



Project Referendum Amount: \$17,107,802



Net Cost to Taxpayers: \$0

Capital Improvements Project Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why is the District proposing a capital project?

A. Byron-Bergen Central School District is committed to exercising care and good judgment in managing the community resources with which we are entrusted. We need to continue to take care of our schools, an important asset the community owns. Just as one's home ages and needs upkeep and repairs to keep it in good shape, so too do our schools. The District is addressing its highest-priority facilities issues now, rather than delaying and facing future higher costs and further deterioration.

Q. How was the proposed capital project developed?

A. Over the past several years, the District administration and Board of Education have been developing a long-range facilities plan to assess current and future capital improvement needs and the means to responsibly achieve them. During this process, critical safety upgrades and building preservation needs were identified and prioritized, as were opportunities to enrich our students through academic program enhancements. To evaluate conditions at all facilities, the District utilized its Building Condition Survey (BCS), which is mandated by the State to be conducted every five years.

Additionally, the District considered work completed in previous projects and met with building principals and the Board of Education to discuss instructional indicatives requiring attention. The District and its consultants then reviewed all recommendations over several meetings and developed the project's scope, delivery timeline, and financing options to develop a reasonable and responsible project that would have no additional tax impact on our community.

Q. What needs does the project address?

A. The proposed project focuses on four key areas: 1) Health, safety and security; 2) Asset preservation; (3) Academic programming enhancements; and (4) Energy efficiency.

Q. What is the total cost of this proposed project and how can it have no additional tax impact?

A. The total cost of the project is \$17,107,802. The majority of the project will be paid for using available State Building Aid. The District's capital reserve fund, which is designated to be used exclusively for capital improvement projects, will pay for \$2,000,000 of the "local share." The remainder of the project's cost will be offset through debt service, resulting in a "tax neutral" financing plan. Due to careful financial planning and consideration of our taxpayers, this project would result in no additional tax increase for district residents.

Q. Isn't State Aid just my tax dollars too?

A. Yes, it is. The New York State Legislature has given all Districts in the state an opportunity to use tax dollars to enhance their communities through school building improvements and renovations. This is an opportunity to keep some of those tax dollars in our own community, working to improve the educational setting for our children and the public.

Q. When will the work take place?

A. It's expected that the State Education Department's approval for the project's initial phase would be received by fall 2022, allowing work to begin in early 2023. The bulk of the work would take place during the summer months of 2023-2024 to maximize student safety and minimize program disruption, with final completion anticipated in fall 2024.

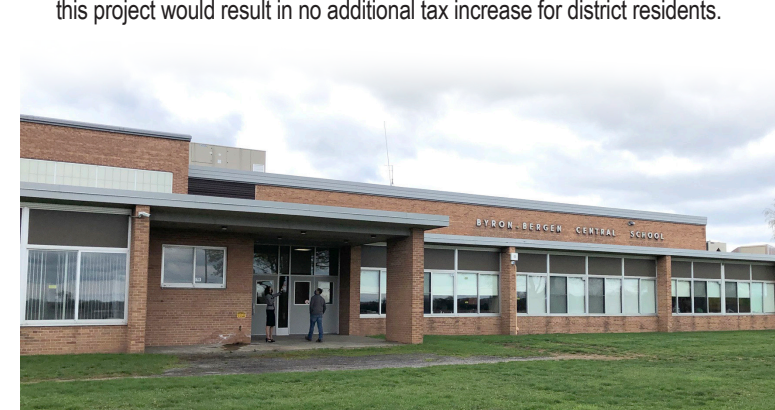
Q. What if the referendum does not pass?

A. The critical safety requirements and building preservation needs would still be absolutely necessary. If the referendum does not pass, these requirements would still need to be addressed. A bond vote allows the District to receive substantial reimbursement of the project's cost through State Building Aid. Without the State's aid, the funds for any required work would have to come from the annual budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost.

Q. Where can I find out more about the capital project?

A. A Public Information Meeting with an open forum for questions and answers will be held on Thursday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium. Project information is also available at www.bbschools.org.

The District website will be periodically updated with answers to additional questions from our district residents. You may submit your questions to the District Clerk via email at rstevens@bbschools.org or by phone at 494-1220, ext. 2529.



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