Rondout Valley School District Newsletter



VCSD CAPITAL PROJECT INFORMATION

For the past two years the District Facilities Committee has been meeting with architects and engineers to review the Building Condition Survey and identify and prioritize necessary work in the district's schools. The Facilities Committee has looked at the work in the Capital Project through the lens of improving health and safety for the students and the staff throughout the district.

The process has included tours of the district's facilities, meetings with the principals and other stakeholders to help to identify work that needs to be addressed. The project also focuses on improving the energy efficiency of our buildings. A building project approved by the School District voters and by New York State Education Department, from work identified in our **Building Condition Sur**vey, will receive State Aid to help pay for the project. Also, the energy saved by replacing old lighting with LED lights, replacing old inefficient boilers, and replacing old drafty windows will significantly reduce our

energy costs over the next 15 years and will reduce the electric and heating oil budget lines paid from the general fund. The District will also qualify for NYSER-DA grants from doing energy efficiency upgrades.



Leaking Roofs

Capital Project Addresses:

October 2018

- HEALTH AND SAFETY
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- LONG TERM FINANCIAL
 STABILITY
- INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS OF THE WHOLE CHILD
- \Rightarrow Academic
- \Rightarrow Arts and Music
- \Rightarrow Athletics

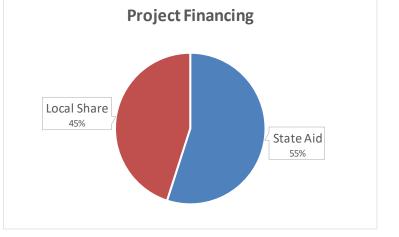


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Why Do a Building Project?

Every five years school districts are required to conduct a Building Condition Survey.

Items identified in the survey that need repair, such as roofs, boilers, heating systems, electrical systems, etc. included in a building project, that is approved by voters and by the State Education Department, will receive state aid to help pay for the project. For Rondout over 55% of the project will be funded with State Aid. The work is necessary and a building project that receives State Aid is the most financially prudent mechanism to get the work done.



Roof and Parking Lot Replacements



Deteriorating parking lots create unsafe conditions for students, staff and visitors.





Leaking roofs have caused water infiltration and damage.

Necessary Repairs are needed to Protect the District's investments in our buildings.





The boilers at the middle School and both elementary schools are approaching 30 years old.

New boilers will reduce fuel costs and improve the heating in the buildings and help the district become more energy efficient.



New LED lighting will reduce electricity costs.



Poor drainage on our athletic fields cause dangerous playing conditions and results in many practices and games to be relocated to turf fields in other communities.







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Ensuring that our student-athletes have fields that are safe and playable.



Multi-purpose Turf Field with Lights

The District's athletic fields are highly used and the fields are frequently unable to recover between seasons. The water table is often inadequate during drought periods to provide sufficient irrigation. Fields become unsafe for practices and competition and a multiple-purpose turf field would provide our teams with a much needed alternative. A multi-purpose turf field with lighting would extend times for play and allow our teams to play longer into the fall and begin practices earlier in the spring.



Capital Project Proposal \$61,800,000 - \$2,000,000 (Cash) = \$59,000,000

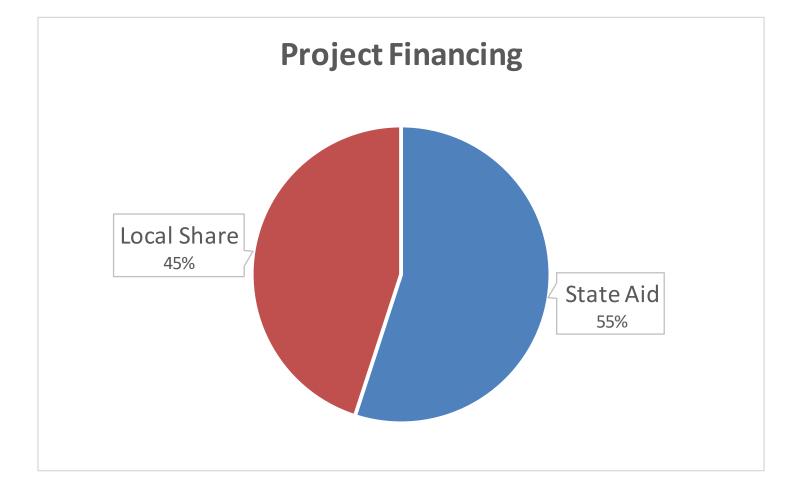
State Aid will cover over 55% of the cost.

Local share will be approximately:

Tax Rate impact = avg. of \$1.03 per \$1,000 of assessed value over 15 years

\$100,000 Home = \$103

\$200,000 Home = \$206



Rondout Valley School District tax rate is the second lowest in the area and will likely continue to be the second lowest in the area after the passage of the Capital Project.

Vote Date: December 11th, 2018

Snow Date: December 18th, 2018

Time: 7:00 AM-9:00 PM

Location: Rondout Valley CSD District Office

