

Averill Park

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committed to the Pursuit of Life-Long Learning

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

"MAINTAINING OUR INVESTMENT"

On Tuesday, May 21, the Averill Park Central School District will ask residents to decide on a \$12.9 million Capital Improvement Project that focuses on critical repairs and renovations that address student safety, security and instructional needs, while maintaining the community's investment in its schools. The proposed project includes technology upgrades and renovations district-wide – **ALL AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS.**

This project will provide 21st Century technology infrastructure across the district in support of innovative educational opportunities aimed at improving student skills for college and career readiness. It will also provide the District with the State-mandated capability to conduct online New York State assessments beginning in the 2014-15 school year. Health and safety priorities will also be addressed, such as improving public access to the Averill Park High School, alleviating bus, car and pedestrian traffic congestion at the Miller Hill Elementary School and repairing deteriorating play areas at Algonquin Middle School, George Washington and Miller Hill Elementary Schools.

The restoration component of this project will provide necessary improvements to aging boilers, roofs and lighting systems throughout the district, reducing long-term repair and maintenance and energy costs. Additionally, the auditorium at the Averill Park High School will undergo the first structural renovation since its construction in the 1950s.

The proposal was developed using the recommendations of both the Board's Long Range Planning Committee, commissioned to evaluate and prioritize the District's capital facilities needs, and the District's AP2020 Task Force, engaged to formulate a strategic educational plan for the District. In March, the Board of Education approved putting the plan before district voters on May 21 in conjunction with the annual school budget vote. For more details about the Capital Improvement Project, please visit www.averillpark.k12.ny.us/CapitalProject/index.htm.

VOTE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

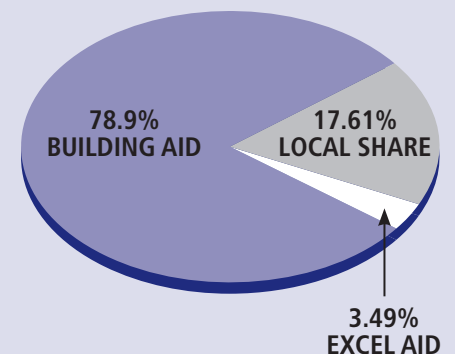
MAY 21, 2013 • 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Averill Park High School • Auxiliary Gym • 146 Gettle Road

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

PROJECT FINANCING

The \$12.9 million referendum will be funded by applying \$450,000 from the District's allocation of EXCEL Aid (Expanding our Children's Education and Learning). This aid is a special opportunity being provided to Districts by the State of New York to help offset the cost of health and safety and technology related projects. After EXCEL Aid, the remaining \$12.45 million of these important educational facilities improvements will be financed over 15 years by applying State Building Aid (currently at 78.9% State reimbursement on approved capital projects) to the principal and interest payments. The resulting local annual share is about \$210,000, approximately the same amount that has been included in the District's annual operating budget for debt issued on a 1997 capital project. That debt retires this year and can be replaced by the payments toward the new project at no additional cost to taxpayers.



NO ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS

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Public Tours of the Proposed Renovations at the High School: April 29, 6:30 p.m.; May 7, 7:15 p.m.

Scope of Capital Improvement Project

District Wide — \$3,405,000

TECHNOLOGY:

- Wireless Access for Every Student
- Network Hardware – 1GB
- Environment – Temperature Controls & Ventilation
- Voice Over Internet Phone Communication
- Enhance Distance Learning Opportunities

Averill Park High School — \$5,614,000

- Main Entrance Security Vestibule – Safety
- Renovate Auditorium
- Replace Cast Iron Boilers
- Modify Classroom for Distance Learning
Incl. w/ Technology Upgrades
- Re-point Select Areas of Brick Veneer
- Replace Ventilation in Room 227 & Shop
- Replace Gym Lighting – Energy Conservation
- Replace Select Areas of Asphalt/Sidewalks

Algonquin Middle School — \$887,000

- Replace Gym Lighting – Energy Conservation
- Exhaust & Ventilation Upgrades – 1961
Classrooms (26)
- Address Domestic Hot Water System
- Modify Classroom for Distance Learning
Incl. w/ Technology Upgrades
- Refurbish Recreation Area – Outside Cafeteria
- Replace Select Area of Auditorium Ceiling

Miller Hill Elementary — \$1,561,000

- Traffic Flow – Bus/Parent/Staff Safety
- Replace Cast Iron Boilers
- Replace Roof – Original Building
- Ventilation in Cafeteria
- Replace Well Storage Tanks
- Upgrade Path to Playground – Safety
- Replace Deteriorated Window Sills

West Sand Lake Elementary — \$141,000

- Install Ceiling Heating Unit – South Corridor
- Insulate Attic – Original Building
- Evaluate Gym Floor

Poestenkill Elementary — \$494,000

- Replace Roof – Select Areas
- Replace Piping in Boiler Room
- Evaluate Hot Water Storage Tanks

George Washington Elementary — \$337,000

- Address Moisture Issues in Basement
- Replace Gym Roof
- Resurface Hard Surface Play Areas – Safety
- Install Flow Meters at Sprinkler System

Transportation Center — \$461,000

- Replace Roof over Center Bay
- Modify Exhaust at Parts Repair Area

AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS: A significant portion of the Capital Improvement Project budget (\$3.7 million) has been allocated to the high school auditorium. Since the high school was built in the 1950s, there have been no improvements made to the auditorium other than seating replacement. The project would allow the District to make the following improvements:

- New heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system
- Ceiling repairs including new house lighting (required to accommodate new ductwork for AC and current code required ventilation)
- New sound system
- Create sound and lighting control/teaching space at rear of auditorium
- New theatrical lighting; several of the current fixtures no longer work. Students are missing out on this experience.
- New theatrical rigging system with structural reinforcement as required by code. The current system poses a hazard and cannot be used.
- Refinish stage floor
- Create expanded wing space at stage right
- Reconfigure access to the stage for use during performances
- Remove built-in tiers in the choral and drama classrooms to provide better use of those rooms
- Construct appropriate dressing rooms



The aging boilers at Averill Park High School, shown here missing a section that no longer functions, and Miller Hill Elementary School need to be replaced. Over time, these boilers have become increasingly expensive to operate. Repair costs for parts and intensive and frequent labor do not qualify for state aid leaving the district to pay 100% of the costs. By replacing the boilers through the capital project, the cost would be eligible for state aid.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

The Capital Improvement Project will allow the District to upgrade its technology backbone supporting teaching and learning. By having a 21st Century technology infrastructure across the district, the District will be able to provide a wireless environment to support innovative educational opportunities. Enhanced bandwidth and connectivity capabilities will increase access to Internet resources and expand online and distance learning options to improve student skills for college and career readiness. The project will also provide the District with the State-mandated capability to conduct online New York State assessments beginning in the 2014-15 school year.