

Deposit Central School District



Capital Improvement Project - Presented with **NO Tax Increase**

On Thursday, December 10, 2015, community members in Deposit Central School District will have the opportunity to vote on proposed improvements to the district's facilities in a public referendum.

The proposed Capital Improvement Project - totaling \$3.1 million (**with a local tax increase of \$0**) - addresses immediate health, safety and welfare needs by renovating security systems and building infrastructure. It also deals with federal and state code compliance issues including the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The scope was generated by the efforts of the Facilities Committee that combined input from school staff with the district's Building Condition Survey and Five-Year Capital Plan.

The project construction would be split into two phases with the first phase of construction beginning in the summer of 2016.

What's Included?

The following improvements are being proposed in this referendum:

Middle/High School

- Pavement and fencing replacement
- Door and hardware replacement
- Corridor finishes replacement
- Classroom ceiling and lighting replacement
- Library air-conditioning renovations
- Auditorium stage front reconstruction
- Stadium storage building

Elementary School

- Pavement and fencing replacement
- Classroom accessible toilet construction
- Classroom air conditioning renovations
- Emergency generator construction
- Music room instrument storage renovations

Bus Maintenance Facility

- Pavement and fencing replacement
- Door and hardware replacement

Warner Field

- Storage building

Project Funding

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| Total cost | \$3,100,000 |
| Less state aid | \$1,600,000 |
| Less capital reserve funds | <u>\$1,500,000</u> |

Tax increase **\$0**



Questions & Answers

Q: Why is this project necessary?

A: The New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires all school districts to complete two evaluations every five years: a Building Condition Survey and Long Range Plan for Educational Facilities (commonly referred to as the “Five Year Plan”). These reports indicate the need to not only maintain aging infrastructure, but also to comply with ADA regulations and code requirements. Portions of our building are more than 50 years old and some infrastructure components have reached the end of their useful life. Additionally, other components are showing signs of deterioration and need to be replaced.

Q: Can this project be done under regular maintenance?

A: No. Due to the cost associated with the required construction, the district can only undertake this type of work with the help of building aid from the State Education Department. For the proposed project, the state will aid approximately 63% of eligible capital construction.

Q: Why does the district have to borrow money if the project has no tax increase and is being paid for by state aid and the capital reserve fund?

A: The district pays for the project and is subsequently reimbursed by the State Education Department (SED) through state aid. All school districts borrow money for capital improvements projects. New York State allocates building aid money for the 700 school districts in the state each year.

Q: What happens if the project is not approved?

A: If voters reject the proposed plan in December, the district’s facilities infrastructure, ADA compliance and health and safety issues will still need to be addressed. We only receive aid on capital projects – not maintenance expenses; therefore, when a building component fails, the district will have to make necessary repairs using money from the school budget with **no state aid**. This means the full expense would be paid for by local taxes. If these issues are not dealt with in a timely matter it will cost more in the future as deterioration and inflation increase.



Your Vote Matters!

Vote Date: Thursday, December 10, 2015 between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Alternate inclement weather date: Thursday, December 17th)

Where to Vote:
Middle / High School Band Room

Absentee Ballots:
For information on absentee ballots, call the district clerk at 607-467-5380.



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For More Information

Attend the Public Information Session scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st at 6 p.m. In case of inclement weather, an alternate date has been set for Thursday, December 3rd at 6 p.m. In addition, comments or questions can be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Edward Shirkey, at 607-467-5380 or the Director of School Facilities, Mr. Tom Williams at 607-467-1579.