Residents to vote on revised renovations proposal

After listening to residents’ concerns following the October referendum vote, district officials returned to the drawing board and came up with a $14.8 million plan that reduces the scope and cost of the proposed renovations, but still serves the needs of a 21st century educational program in Marcellus.

The Marcellus Central School District Board of Education believes in the need to schedule a second voter referendum **March 10, 2015**, so residents can consider a revised capital improvement proposal that addresses the needs of 21st century learners while remaining sensitive to district taxpayers. The revised project has been tailored to reflect community feedback after the first vote. All previous improvements to academic areas remain intact and represent the majority of the project. In an effort to reduce the local share of the project’s cost, expansion of the high school auditorium lobby has been eliminated. Nearly all of the proposed work qualifies for state aid, significantly decreasing the local share by 42 percent from $57 to $33 for the owner of a $100,000 home.

The proposed project includes:

- **Marcellus High School**: Complete renovation of all classroom spaces and corridors; partial roof replacement; relocation of the main office and main entrance (necessary to realign instructional areas); renovated locker rooms; and a new choral room (also necessary to realign instructional areas).
- **Driver Middle School**: Security window at main entrance.
- **K.C. Heffernan Elementary School**: Heating and ventilation unit replacements; new roof over kindergarten wing; and security window at existing main entrance.

**Project at a glance**

- **$13,830,953**: High school academic and safety improvements and partial roof replacement.
- **$973,125**: KCH security upgrades, new unit ventilators, new roofing.
- **$40,000**: DMS security upgrades.
- **$33**: Estimated annual cost for owner of $100K home.

*See for yourself!* Go to [www.marcellusschools.org](http://www.marcellusschools.org) to watch a student-produced video about the proposed project.

Science classrooms at Marcellus High School have not been substantially updated since the school opened in 1965 (above). The photo below was taken 50 years later, in February 2015.
Summary of Proposed Project

K.C. Heffernan Elementary School ($973,125):
- Enhanced secure entrance.
- Roof replacement over kindergarten wing.
- Replace (19) classroom heating and ventilation units and convert from steam to hot water.

Driver Middle School ($40,000):
- Enhanced Secure Entrance.

Senior High School ($13,830,953):
- Science wing and computer lab renovations.
- Math wing renovations.
- Second floor humanities renovations.
- Resource, world language, life skills and copy center renovations.
- Library and computer lab renovations.
- Art room renovations.
- Large-group testing and flex space.
- Choral room addition.
- Locker/team room renovations, AD, trainer and girls team room.
- Roof replacement at music wing.
- Guidance, nurse, school resource officer, main office and enhanced secure entrance renovations.
- Site work/entry court.
- Skylight replacement.
- Permanent soundproof walls to replace partitions at five classrooms.
- Corridor locker replacement.
- Entry door replacement (three locations).
- Replacement of sanitary piping in locker rooms.
- Paint wood fascia around perimeter of building.
- New white boards to replace chalkboards.
- Generator transfer switch.
School District Improvement Project

H.S. First Floor

- Renovation - Math Wing
- Renovation - Library & Computer Lab
- Renovation - Locker Rooms & Team Room
- Renovation - Resource, World Language, Life Skills & Copy Center
- Renovation - Enhanced Secure Entry, Guidance, Nurse, Main Office, SRO
- Renovation - GYMNASIUM
- Renovation - Locker Rooms & Team Room
- Music Wing
- Renovation - Restroom & Storage

Site Improvements/New Front Entry

- New secure entry

Don't forget! Vote Tuesday, March 10th!
Vote March 10, 2015

Residents will decide if the Marcellus Central School District proceeds with a proposed $14.8 million capital improvement project to improve security at all three schools and outfit Marcellus Senior High School for 21st century learning.

Polls will be open noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Marcellus Senior High School, 1 Mustang Hill, Marcellus.

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age and have lived in the school district at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee ballots: Obtain an application by calling the district clerk at (315) 673-6210. Requests must be made by March 3, if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by March 9, if it will be picked up by the voter. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 4 p.m. March 10.

Project goals

- Incorporate public feedback, issues and concerns from the October referendum.
- Maintain the core vision for academic and safety improvements at Marcellus High School, K.C. Heffernan Elementary School and C.S. Driver Middle School as determined by the Facilities Committee.
- Reduce the total cost, from $18.5 million to $14.8 million.
- Enhance secure entrances.
- Increase the bond ratio (portion eligible for state aid) of the proposed project scope from 88 percent to 98 percent.
- Lower the local share from $57 to $33 for the owner of a $100,000 home (42 percent reduction).

For more information...

- The Board of Education will hold a public hearing about the renovations referendum at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the DMS auditorium.
- Visit the Marcellus district website for more information about the referendum and proposed project: www.marcellusschools.org.