

Marcellus Central Schools CAPITAL PROJECT 2021



Ensure Safety



Modernize Facilities



Enhance Education

Residents to consider capital project

On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, Marcellus School District residents will vote on a proposed \$17.5 million capital improvement project. If approved, the project will focus on re-roofing portions of all three buildings and re-paving and updating parking and roadways surrounding the high school. Our roofs are beginning to fail and are expected to reach the end of their useful lives by the time the project begins in 2023. We have continually repaired potholes and cracks in the roadways and parking lots surrounding the high school, and have now reached the point where repaving these areas is necessary.

We have also identified alternates that either allow us to capture additional work should bids on the project be favorable, or to have updated pricing to complete work in a future project. Alternates include construction of an agricultural education facility, replacement of the remaining original windows in the DMS auditorium and gymnasium, and renovations in the original DMS boys and girls locker rooms.

Taking into consideration increases in the cost of construction, state building aid of 80 percent, and use of debt replacement and \$1.7 million in capital reserves, we anticipate no additional local taxes will be needed to accomplish the proposed project.

For more information please visit the district's web site. A public information meeting will be held virtually on November 29th at 6:30 pm using a link to be posted on the district's website the week of November 22nd. The public information meeting will be broadcast from the Senior High School large group instruction room, where residents may choose to attend in person if they prefer.

Voting Information



Tuesday, December 7, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Groeling Auditorium at
the Senior High School

Questions & Answers

Q How was the work in the new project identified?

A Public school districts in New York State are required to undertake a building condition survey every five years. In 2021 the district worked with King & King Architects to conduct the mandated survey. Through this process it was determined that replacement of 1999/2000 vintage roofs and replacement of asphalt from North Street leading up to the high school were high priority items. We also had intended, when the high school was renovated, to revisit the traffic flow and parking in that area during a subsequent project. That time has come.

Q We vote on a school budget every year. Why can't the district use that money to pay for these improvements?

A Just like a home, school facilities need regular attention and upkeep to continue to operate year after year as originally intended. Capital improvement projects are a way for school districts to complete a large amount of facilities work in a more cost-effective manner than otherwise possible within the scope of the annual school budget.

Q Wouldn't it have been better for the district to include additional funds in its annual budget each year to complete this work?

A When expenditures for improvements and major repairs are paid for from the general budget fund, they are not eligible for any reimbursement from the state. When packaged as a capital project, the state reimburses Marcellus at a rate of 80 percent for the same improvements and repairs. A capital project with state building aid allows the district to be fiscally responsible while protecting the community's investment in our schools.

The general fund budget always includes allocations for routine repairs and maintenance. However, the proposed capital project looks beyond basic repairs and upgrades to address major

infrastructure needs that protect the community's long term investment in our school facilities, and their ability to meet instructional needs for the 21st century. The district could defer some of the proposed capital project work, but the delay could result in more serious and costly infrastructure issues.

Q How can a \$17.5 million project result in no new taxes?

A The district has existing bond payments that will be retired over the next three years. These bond payments cover roughly \$10 million of the proposed \$17.5 million project. The district is also seeking the community's approval for use of \$1.7 million in reserves to cover the local share for the remaining \$7.5 million.

Q When would the capital project work begin? When is it expected to be completed?

A If the voters approve the project on December 7, the work would be conducted during the summer months of 2023 and 2024 with an expected completion date of August 2024.

Q Will the proposed work require the relocation of any students or staff?

A No.

Q How will the district minimize the chance bids will exceed the approved budget?

A The district identifies "alternates", or projects that can be eliminated from the total scope of work in the event the bid for all items exceeds the approved budget. For this project, the district has included three alternates:

- Original windows in the DMS auditorium and gymnasium;
- Renovations in the boys/girls locker rooms at DMS;
- Construction of an agricultural education facility to the east of the high school parking lot.

Proposed Scope

Roof Replacement

As any homeowner knows, a roof needs to be periodically replaced. A large percentage of our roofs were replaced in 1999 and had a 25 year life expectancy. The proposed project involves replacement of approximately 200,000 square feet of roof at KCH, DMS and the Senior High School. Photos shown here provide some indication of the condition of our roofs.

Parking Lot Replacement and Reconfiguration

When driving through our high school driveways and parking lots residents will notice it is time to replace asphalt in this area of our campus. It is also an opportune time to address the parking shortage many of our residents have experienced during evening events, and to provide much-needed improvements to traffic flow through our campus. A photo of the proposed parking and driveway reconfiguration is shown below.

Alternate Scope Items

Other items high on our priority list include much-needed renovations in the DMS boys and girls elementary locker rooms, replacement of original windows in the DMS auditorium and gymnasium, and sitework and facilities for our growing agricultural education program. We have included these alternates for two reasons. First, we are hoping to capture some of them depending on how favorable bids come in for the base work, and second, for those we cannot accomplish now, to have updated pricing on the cost to complete the work down the road.

Current Conditions



Aging Roof



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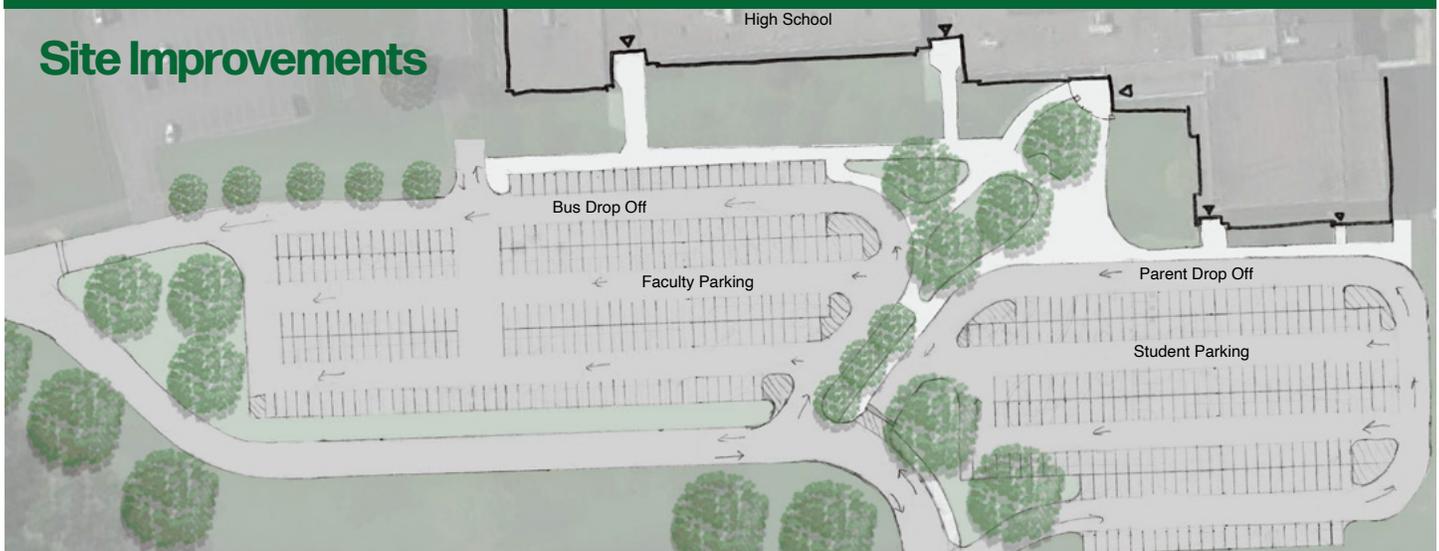


Outdated Middle School Boys Locker Room



Outdated Middle School Girls Locker Room

Site Improvements



Proposed Bus Loop Reconfiguration

Marcellus CENTRAL SCHOOLS

2 Reed Parkway
Marcellus, NY 13108

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More Information

Public Forum

Monday, November 29th, 6:30 pm

Via Zoom or In-Person at the Senior High School Large Group Instruction Room

A link to the zoom session will be made available on the district's website the week of November 22nd.



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Proposition Appearing on the December 7th Ballot

Shall the Board of Education of the Marcellus Central School District (the "District") be authorized to reconstruct, renovate, improve, rehabilitate, furnish and equip the Marcellus Senior High School, Driver Middle School and K.C. Heffernan Elementary School, including the construction of agricultural facilities, the renovation of locker rooms and the replacement of windows at the Driver Middle School, the replacement of driveways, parking lots, and roofing at the School District's buildings and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purposes for which such buildings and improvements are to be used, at a combined maximum estimated cost of \$17,500,000; to withdraw and expend \$1,700,000 from the School District's existing Capital Reserve Fund to pay a portion of said costs and to raise the sum of \$15,800,000 by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District, to be collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, which tax may be offset by New York State aid available therefore; and, in anticipation of such tax, shall the District be authorized to issue obligations of the District up to a maximum principal amount of \$15,800,000?

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