The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a safe, bright learning environment for our children. To this end, we would like to use funds from the existing capital reserve that was established by voters in 2015, to improve our parent drop-off and pick-up areas at all three schools. This will improve traffic flow and student safety. We will also conduct minor required interior work. We are able to complete more than $2.6 million in improvements with no additional local cost for district residents.

The items outlined in this brochure were identified as high priority items that either:

• Were necessary maintenance items
• Were necessary for purposes of safety
• Were necessary to our long-term planning

Listed below are the upgrades being proposed as part of the $2.6 million capital improvement plan:

**MAM Elementary School**
- Site Improvements
  - Reconfigure student drop-off area in front of MAM to improve traffic flow
  - Replace intermediate playground and playground surfacing
- Interior Improvements
  - Replace existing classroom flooring

**EJD Middle School**
- Site Improvement
  - Expand parent drop-off loop to get traffic off of state Route 264 and improve traffic flow
- Interior Improvements
  - Door and vision panel replacement

**JCB High School**
- Site Improvements
  - Create parent drop-off and pick up adjacent to new stadium
  - Expand parking area next to new stadium
- Interior Improvements
  - Replace and modernize the 1970s elevator
  - Replace generator and panel work for power backup

“By addressing these items with funding from the capital reserve, we improve our facilities without impact to the taxpayer while being fiscally responsible stewards of our district’s assets.”

Christopher Byrne
Superintendent of Schools

**Mark Your Calendar**
Public Vote
December 10, 2019
Noon - 9:00 p.m.
EJD Middle School
PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education undertake a project consisting of renovations, improvements and additions at the following three (3) facilities: 1) John C. Birdlebough High School: Mechanical, electrical and plumbing system upgrades and site upgrades including a new parking lot; 2) Emerson J. Dillon Middle School: Building interior upgrades and site upgrades including expanding the parent drop off; 3) Michael A. Maroun Elementary School: Building interior upgrades, site improvements and replacement of existing playground areas, including architectural fees and all other costs incidental to such work at a total estimated cost not to exceed $2,600,000, and obtain the necessary funds by using $2,600,000 from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund and State building aid.

FAQ’S

Why wasn’t this capital work included in the current project?

The state of New York gives each school a building dollar allowances to which a maximum amount of work may be completed in a specific time period. Since the approval of the main project, the district has gained allowances in all three buildings, allowing additional work to be completed.

Can’t funds from the current project be used for these additional improvements?

No. Although the current project is under budget, New York state only allows items that were in the original scope of a project to be funded with those voter-approved funds. Currently, the district is monitoring the budget of the main project as it progresses to ensure sound fiscal spending on original scope alternates as the project concludes.

The interior work seems minor, why do any at all?

New York state requires that some interior work be completed in all projects. Although the main scope of this project is site improvement, the interior work is part of the long-range improvement plan.

What is the advantage of taking the funds from capital reserve instead of borrowing?

The capital reserve was set up with the intent of offsetting future local taxpayer costs associated with capital improvements. The building conditions survey conducted in 2015 identified $80 million in needed improvements over 15 years. With the combination of this project and the main project, we will have completed more than 50% of those identified improvements, all with no additional costs to the local taxpayer.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Public Information Hearing
December 2, 2019
7:00 p.m.
JCB High School Cafeteria

Public Vote
December 10, 2019
Noon - 9:00 p.m.
EJD Middle School

PROJECTED COST TO LOCAL TAXPAYERS

Because the district is utilizing its capital reserve fund, there is no additional cost to taxpayers.