Capital Improvement Project, 2016

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November 16, 2016
The District

- Maintain the District Buildings for Efficiency and Safety
- Enhance Academic Program Offerings for our Students in the Areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Provide Safe Physical Education Areas and Competitive Athletic Fields for
  - All LCSD Sports Teams and
  - Physical Education Classes
- As well as Community Partners that rely on our Fields and Facilities
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Noon – 9:00 pm

$28,661,489

Four Components

“Tax Neutral” for the Taxpayer
1st Component
2015 Building Condition Survey Items

• The Facilities Planning Department within the State Education Department mandates that districts must hire an architect/engineer to conduct a physical inspection of all district buildings at least once every five years.

• The district reviews the findings and establishes priority ratings from 1 - 4 with (1) being a high priority project and (4) being a low priority project.

• Such as: Interior finishes
• Boiler replacement
• Heating system upgrades, etc.
2015 Building Condition Survey

- Lockport High School
- North Park Junior High School
- Emmet Belknap Intermediate
- Elementary Schools (CU, RBK, GS, AM)
- LHSW at Charlotte Cross
- John Pound Early Childhood
- Administration Building
2\textsuperscript{nd} Component
Academic Program Improvements

**Four Reasons to Implement:**

**Reason 1:** New common core standards in science will include engineering and real world applications.
• **Reason 2:** Students who engage in relevant and authentic experiential learning are more likely to achieve and graduate.
• **Reason 3**: The Regents “Diploma Pathway Options Decision” is opening up new career-focused courses at local school districts that once were seen exclusively at career and technical education centers.
• **Reason 4:** In order to sustain economic growth, the business sector will be demanding more education linked to workforce preparation.
3rd Component
Physical Education Program and Athletic Facilities Improvements

• There are an estimated 4,800 district students who use the athletic fields for mandated physical education and over 1,000 athletes, district and non-district, who use our fields.
• School districts are required by Education Law and Commissioner’s regulations to implement a physical education program that meets or exceeds the specified instructional requirements.
• Fields are required to be kept in safe playing condition.
How old are the existing fields?

- Many of the fields are original from the 40’s and 50’s depending on when the school was built.
- At that time it was just green space. There were no guidelines on how to design athletic fields for the future.
- In 2001 (15 years ago) there was significant renovation to the athletic fields at North Park.
- In 2002 (14 years ago) there was some renovation to the fields at the High School and again some minor renovation in 2012.
- Since 2000 the District has added Modified Football, Modified Softball, Boys’ and Girls’ Varsity and JV Lacrosse and Boys’ and Girls’ Modified Lacrosse.
What are the concerns if we continue to use the existing fields?

- **Safety and Playability**
- Cost of temporary improvements that might not guarantee a safe and playable field over time.
- Overuse of fields leads to inconsistent and unreliable field conditions.
- Difficult for our students to get to practice and games.
- Below average facilities as compared to other WNY school districts.
- Loss of “home” games due to concerns over unplayable conditions that have been raised by league officials.
4\textsuperscript{th} Component
Beattie Avenue Land Development

- Will provide a safer, more competitive playing area for JV and Varsity baseball.
- The area is easily accessible for high school students to get to practice and games.
- It provides for a centralized location for parents in the town and city.
Financing
IN 2015 THE GOVERNOR APPROVED $406,692,000 TO SCHOOLS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

VOTERS MUST AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT SUBMISSION TO ACCESS THOSE FUNDS.

BOND
$28.6M
Lockport
BUILDING AID
89%

VOTER APPROVED
$58M
Grand Island
81%

VOTER APPROVED
$51M
Ken-Ton
79%

VOTER APPROVED
$29M
Amherst
75%

VOTER APPROVED
$26M
Williamsville
70%

VOTER APPROVED
$33M
Clarence
70%

VOTER APPROVED
$16M
Starpoint
79%

IT'S OUR TURN. YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR IT.
## WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

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<td>Total Project Referendum</td>
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<td>Aidable Project Cost @ 89%</td>
<td>$22,125,000</td>
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<td>$6,536,489</td>
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<td>District Capital Reserve Balance as of 6/30/2016 is</td>
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<td>Local Taxpayer Share will be</td>
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**NO TAX IMPACT**
November 2, 2016 Panel Presentation
Available on the District Website
www.lockportschools.org/capitalproject
2016 Capital Project Referendum Video

- 2015 Building Condition Survey Items - Director of Facilities
- Academic Program Improvements - Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development and Director of Technology
- Physical Education Program and Athletic Facilities Improvements - Director of Physical Education and Director of Health, Wellness and Athletics
- Beattie Avenue Land Development – Director of Health, Wellness and Athletics with Architects from Trautman Associates and Appel Osborne
- Financing – Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Management Services and Capital Markets Advisors
WHO CAN VOTE?

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- A Citizen of the United States
- A School District Resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- You do not have to own a home to vote
- You must be registered with the Niagara County Board of Elections
If you live in the following City Wards your Voting Location is:

Election Districts (Wards)

1st Ward – Lockport High School - Door # 7
2nd Ward - Board of Education Building – Board Room
3rd Ward - Anna Merritt Elementary School - Foyer
4th Ward - Charles Upson Elementary School - Foyer
5th Ward - Roy B. Kelley Elementary School – Lower Foyer

Town of Lockport, Cambria or Pendleton your voting location is: Lockport High School – Door # 7
Not sure what City Ward you live in or where to vote?

Visit the Niagara County Board of Elections website at www.elections.niagara.ny.us/ to determine your City Ward,

then look at our district website www.lockportschools.org to determine which school building your City Ward votes at

or call Laurie or Karen at 478-4811
QUESTIONS?

Please call the Business Office at 478-4828 or visit our website at www.lockportschools.org/capitalproject

On the home page click on the link titled “Capital Improvement Project Vote”
REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, December 6th

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 12 NOON TO 9 PM
Discussion Opportunity