



PROPOSED 2022-2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1

Conquest 6 PM at Town Hall

DECEMBER 5

Mentz & Public Hearing 6 PM at School District

DECEMBER 7

Throop 6 PM at Town Hall

DECEMBER 8

Montezuma 6 PM at Town Hall

Please remember to

VOTE!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

from 9 AM - 9 PM in the Athletic Lobby

Dear Port Byron Community,

School facilities need regular attention and upkeep to continue to operate year after year as originally intended. Every five years, New York state requires school districts to complete a Building Conditions Survey performed by a certified architect. The report evaluates the condition of the facility and helps the school district to develop a list of necessary facility improvements. Our most recent Building Conditions Survey and five-year Capital Facilities Plan has identified a recommended list of facilities improvements that should be addressed through a capital project.

Our first priority with any capital improvement project is to ensure there will be no additional local cost to our tax payers. We have a very high State Aid ratio for building projects. We are able to take advantage of state aid reimbursements to cover over 87% of our building project costs. Through thoughtful planning, the district is able to use capital reserve accounts to make up for the remainder of the cost of the project.

This list of items that will be addressed in this project includes replacing the roof on the elementary school, replacing the elementary playground, and updating several unit ventilators in the high school. This project will also include renovations to the auditorium and necessary improvements to student lockers in some of our elementary classrooms.

In addition, this project will allow the school district to upgrade instructional areas and create learning spaces where our students can be excited and engaged in their learning. These renovations will provide students and teachers multiple locations with ample space to use technology and participate in hands-on activities. The rooms will have furniture arrangements and flexible seating that promote collaboration and innovation. We will create dedicated STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) spaces that will be used by all students (UPK-12).

Community members are invited to learn more about the project during upcoming town meetings. Please see the back of this newsletter for meeting dates/times/locations. The information is also posted on the district's website (www.pbcschools.org/capitalproject). The district welcomes your feedback on the proposed project and I encourage you to contact me with any questions you may have.

Residents will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed project from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13 in the district's Athletic Center Lobby.



**SCAN TO LEARN
MORE ON OUR
WEBSITE**

Thanks for your continued support!

Michael Jorgensen

Superintendent of Schools, Port Byron Central School District

NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT!

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Facilities Needs

- Elementary Roof Replacement
- HVAC (HS)
- Auditorium Renovations
- Bus Garage Paving
- Locker Replacement (ES)
- Playground Replacement

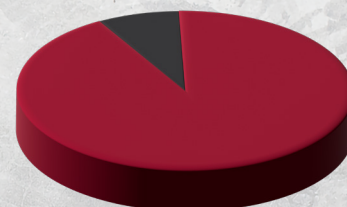
Modernization of Instructional Space

- STEAM Renovations
- Outdoor Learning Spaces (ES and HS)
- Art Room Renovations
- Science Room Renovations

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET

- State Building Aid (87.4%): \$13,900,000
- Capital Reserves (12.6%): \$2,000,000

Estimated Project Cost:
\$15,900,000





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - FAQs

Q Why are we planning a capital project?

A School facilities need regular attention and upkeep to continue to operate year after year as originally intended. The New York State Department of Education requires school districts to inspect its property regularly and maintain a five-year Capital Facilities Plan. Capital improvement projects are a way for school districts to complete more substantial facilities work, including upgrades, renovations and replacements as compared to regular maintenance.

Q How was the scope of the project determined?

A This scope of this project was influenced by two factors. The first was the list of necessary facility improvements identified through the Building Conditions Survey and five-year Capital Facilities Plan. These improvements include the elementary roof, the elementary playground, auditorium seating replacement, HVAC upgrades, and locker replacements in the elementary school.

The second factor was the feedback we received from community members, families, and staff members regarding the programming we provide to our students. The scope of work in this project includes renovations to classrooms that will greatly increase the amount of instructional space available for students to participate in hands-on, collaborative, innovative, and engaging learning opportunities.

Q What is the total cost of the project and how can it have NO TAX IMPACT?

A The total cost of the project is \$15.9 million. Most of the project will be paid for through building aid reimbursement from New York State. In the Port Byron Central School District, our aid ratio is 87.4%, which means the district will receive \$.87 in reimbursement for every dollar we spend on the project. In a \$15.9 million project, we expect to receive \$13.9 million dollars in building aid from the state for this project. The remainder of the project will be paid for using our capital reserve fund.

Q Isn't state building aid tax dollars?

A Yes, it is. The New York State Legislature gives all districts throughout the state an opportunity to use tax dollars set aside for building aid to enhance their communities through school building improvements and renovations. The upcoming capital project is an opportunity to keep those tax dollars in Port Byron, working to improve our facilities and ensure our students have the best educational opportunities in the area.

Q If the project is approved, when will construction begin?

A After a project is approved by voters, formal designs and plans are developed by our architects and engineers. Those plans are then sent to NYS for approval. The approval process takes several months. We anticipate construction would begin in the spring of 2024.

Q What if the referendum does not pass?

A The building maintenance renovations identified in the Building Condition Survey and five-year Capital Facilities Plan are upgrades that need to be completed soon, if not immediately. If the referendum does not pass, those renovations would need to be done without the benefit of NYS building aid and would have to be funded within the annual school budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost.

Q How can we learn more about the project?

A There are public meetings scheduled on December 1 (Conquest Town Hall), December 5 (School Library), December 7 (Throop Town Hall), and December 8 (Montezuma Town Hall). All of those meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

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Q Who can vote on the proposed project?

A Qualified voters must be age 18 or older, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote, and registered with either the school district or Cayuga County Board of Elections.

Q Who can vote on the proposed project?

A The vote is scheduled for December 13, 2022 between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm in the Athletic Lobby.



SCOPE OF WORK



ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS



ART ROOM



STEAM LAB

ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS



STEAM / COLLABORATION



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VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

All voters must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen, and a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. No pre-registration is required, but personal identification/proof of residency is required (e.g. driver's license with current address, utility bill showing resident's name and current address.) Residents will not be allowed to vote without proper identification.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available to residents who will be out of town or unable to vote in person on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 due to illness or disability.

Ballots are available be obtainable between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk.

Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. prevailing time, on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

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Michael Jorgensen

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