

Residents will vote on Capital Improvement Project on Tuesday, Dec. 6



On Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, Voorheesville Central School District residents will head to the polls to vote on two capital project propositions totaling \$27.2 million. If approved by voters, these propositions will protect the community's long-term investment into our school facilities by:

- ✔ *Improving health, safety, ADA compliance, and security measures*
- ✔ *Advancing and improving our instructional programming*
- ✔ *Addressing growing enrollment needs*
- ✔ *Achieving energy efficiencies and cost-saving measures*



Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022

2-9 p.m.

**Voorheesville Middle School
432 New Salem Road
Voorheesville, NY**

DON'T FORGET to vote

CAPITAL PROJECT at a Glance...

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$27.2 million

PROPOSITION 1:

\$25.2 million

PROPOSITION 2:

\$2 million

AMOUNT PAID FOR BY NY STATE AID

53%

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Leading up to the Dec. 6 vote, follow along for updates and more information by visiting our Capital Improvement Project website at <https://www.voorheesville.org/departments/budget-and-finance/capital-improvement-project/>.



What is being proposed as a part of this project?

PROPOSITION 1

The first proposition is the core project, at a cost of \$25.2 million, which includes a majority of updates at the elementary school, a new transportation facility, and infrastructure updates.

Proposition 1 Scope Highlights

- ✓ *Reworking existing space to create multiple general instructional spaces, including new music and arts classrooms, guidance suite, library makerspace, and science labs*
- ✓ *Installation of a secure vestibule building entrance*
- ✓ *Centralizing the building administration and health offices*
- ✓ *Creating a new cafeteria in the existing transportation facility space, that would double as self-contained community space*
- ✓ *Elementary stairwell replacement*
- ✓ *Utilizing green space to create an outdoor instructional classroom*
- ✓ *Fixing the failing drainage system on the district's soccer field*
- ✓ *Constructing a free-standing transportation facility at the rear of the high school site with an entrance off Martin Road*

Addressing growing enrollment needs

One of the driving factors in the district's decision to propose this project is to address growing enrollment. The district recently underwent two enrollment studies to examine its growing population and the effect it may have on our schools.



+350 student
increase over the next 10 years

The first study, a five-year, district-wide school enrollment projection study, was conducted by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC). The district conducted a follow-up study that the Board of Education used to identify various elementary building configuration options that would accommodate the anticipated growth of the district. The findings of both reports include the potential for the addition of more than 350 students over the next 10 years.

The reports looked at key indicators such as 20-year enrollment trends, birth rates, residential housing activity, and more, as a basis for developing these projections. The reports also took Guilderland's Albany Country Club project into consideration.

Safety is always a priority at VCSD

Here are the projects in the proposal that would improve the safety and security of our school facilities:

- A secure vestibule entrance would be installed at the elementary school, moving the administration and health offices to the ground floor. **The implementation of the vestibule would provide additional protection to the school building by adding a secure space and single point of entry.**
- The current transportation facility is located on campus and students, staff, and visitors frequently have to cross in front of the active and busy bus garage. For transportation staff, the facility, which was built in 1949, is outdated and unsafe. There are bus lifts that are rotted, cracked and beyond repair, and floor drains in two of the three bays do not work. **The new, separate transportation facility would alleviate concerns around student and staff safety.**
- **The main stairwell in the elementary school would be replaced with new railings.**





PROPOSITION 2

The second proposition on the ballot asks voters to approve an energy performance contract (EPC), for \$2 million. **This proposal does not impact the district tax levy**, and is paid for through state funding and energy-cost reductions.

Bundling this proposition into the upcoming December vote is a fiscally-responsible way to switch to energy saving protocols across campus—retrofitting LED fixtures in the middle and high school and installing new fixtures at the elementary school.

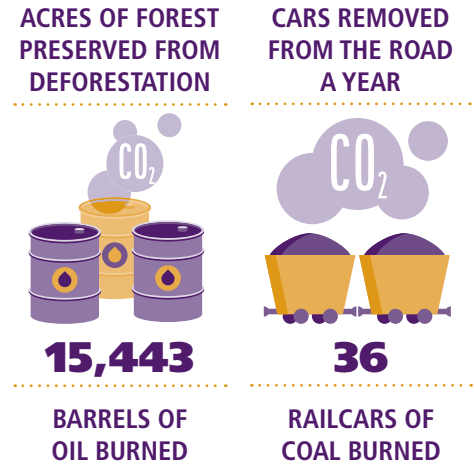
The project is expected to reduce the district's greenhouse gasses and energy consumption to the equivalent of 1,302 cars removed from the road annually. Other highlights of the contract include approximately \$80k in annual energy savings, internal LED technology lighting fixtures and upgrades, updated temperature and ventilation control systems, weatherization, air sealing and insulation district-wide, and a new heating system for the high school pool complex.

What is an energy performance contract (EPC)?

An EPC is an initiative that allows school districts to take budgeted utility and operational costs and re-allocate them into energy saving capital improvements without the need for increased taxes.



EMISSIONS REDUCTION EQUIVALENT TO:



Reducing the Wallet Impact

As a result of careful financial planning, and the option to leverage our building aid and utilize capital reserve funds, Voorheesville is able to limit the impact on taxpayers while improving the facilities for the community and investing in the school district's future.



LEVERAGING STATE AID:

State aid reduces the cost for local taxpayers. Principal and interest costs for eligible capital improvement projects are reimbursed by the state at rates specifically calculated for each district. For every dollar borrowed, the state would reimburse the district approximately \$0.53 for all eligible expenses.



PREDICTABLE DEBT SERVICE:

The remaining cost would be financed for a 30-year period. Taxpayers would see an estimated one-time 2.5% increase in the tax levy through 2040. After that time, the tax impact would be reduced by 1.1% for the remaining 15 years of the borrowing. The estimated annual cost for a homeowner who has a home with a full market value of \$300,000 is \$120 per year for years 1-15, or \$0.40 per \$1,000 of full market value, which decreases to \$0.22 per \$1,000 of full market value in years 16-30, which would be \$66 per year for a full market value of \$300,000.



UTILIZING CAPITAL RESERVES:

The capital project proposition also authorizes the district to use \$4.5 million in capital reserve funds to pay for this project.

Capital Project Approval Effect (30-year Bond)

2022	2025-2026	2026-2041	2041-2056	2056
\$100.00	Bond Begins \$102.50 2.5% ↑	Bond Continues \$102.50 No increase to Levy	Bond Continues \$101.40 1.1% ↓	Bond is PAID in Full
School Tax Paid	One-time Levy Increase	15 year Fixed Rate	Remaining 15 years	

*Only other possible increases would occur for budget votes.



Non Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 79
Albany, NY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Rachel Gilker, President
- Robert J. Samson, Vice President
- Timothy Kremer, Trustee
- Patricia Putman, Trustee
- Argi O’Leary, Trustee
- Barbara Owens, Trustee
- Robyn Willoughby, Trustee

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Frank Macri

Produced in cooperation with the Capital Region
BOCES Communications Service.

PO Box 498
Voorheesville, NY 12186

****ECRWSS****

POSTAL CUSTOMER



CAPITAL PROJECT NEWSLETTER

VOTER INFORMATION

Community members who are U.S. citizens may vote in the school elections if they:

- ✓ have been a resident of the district for at least 30 days and;
- ✓ are at least 18 years old.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Qualified voters who will be out of town or unable to vote in person due to illness, disability, or the risk of transmission of COVID-19 can vote by absentee ballot. You must complete an application to receive a ballot.

Voters requesting mailing of the ballot must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election, Nov. 29 by 3 p.m. If the voter is going to pick up the absentee ballot in person, the application must be received by the day before the election.

All absentee ballots are due to the district by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote (Dec. 6).

Contact Board Clerk Jessica Tabakian at jtabakian@voorheesville.org to request an absentee ballot application.



Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022

2-9 p.m.

Voorheesville Middle School
432 New Salem Road
Voorheesville, NY

DON'T FORGET to vote

