

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

December 2021

Pal-Mac Family,

On Thursday, December 16 Pal-Mac voters will go to the polls to vote on a facility improvement project.

As a board, we take the responsibility of putting forth a facility improvement proposal very seriously, and know we must be thoughtful in our use of taxpayer dollars. The proposal was crafted after a lengthy planning process during which we gathered input from community members and staff along with information from a building condition survey conducted earlier this year.

With that being said, the project has been developed to meet the needs of our students and ensure we maintain our district facilities for the future. Key points in the proposal include improving safety and security, preserving and maintaining buildings and enhancing student access to the Hyde Parkway campus athletic facilities.

The project totals \$24.479 million dollars, and is intended to maximize state aid for facility improvements without new local taxes. Over the last several years, our board has planned for this work and put funds in capital reserves in advance to ensure there will be no school tax increase should the proposal be approved.

Over the next several pages of the magazine, you will find detailed information on the proposal and its scope. We invite you to attend our public information session on Tuesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in the middle school LGI for further information.

On Thursday, December 16, I encourage all eligible Pal-Mac residents to head to the polls and cast their vote on the proposal. Your voice is important and will help shape the future of our school district for years to come. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

As always, thanks for your continued support of our district. We appreciate you, Pal-Mac.



LAURA ARRINGTON
BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 7
7 P.M.**

Pal-Mac Middle School
LGI
163 Hyde Parkway
Palmyra, 14522

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VOTE

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 16
7 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

Pal-Mac High School
151 Hyde Parkway
Palmyra, 14522

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Safety and security (fire alarms, cameras)
- Preserve building envelopes (roof, masonry)
- Keep building systems operable (heating and ventilation components)
- Add artificial turf playing surface to the current location of the varsity soccer/lacrosse field and varsity baseball infield for improved student access to athletic facilities

TENTATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

PHASE 1

Design & Construction

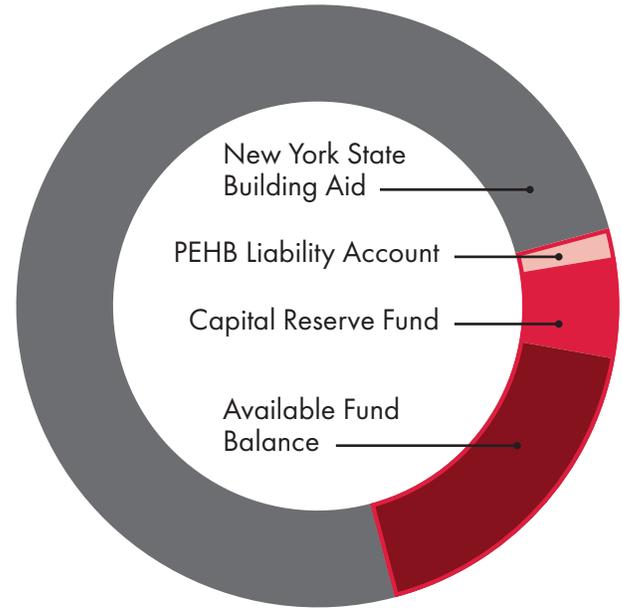
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 State Education Department Approval Fall 2022
 Bidding December 2022/January 2023
 Construction Summer 2023, 2023-24 School Year

PHASE 2

Design & Construction

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COST OVERVIEW



■ NEW YORK STATE BUILDING AID	\$18,349,000 (+ interest)
□ LOCAL SHARE	\$6,130,000
■ PEHB Liability Account.....	\$380,000
■ Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,325,000
■ Available Fund Balance.....	\$4,425,000
TOTAL.....	\$24,479,000

VOTER PROPOSITION BALLOT LANGUAGE

RESOLVED, shall the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District, Wayne County, New York, be authorized to construct improvements to and reconstruct various School District buildings and facilities, including athletic field and site improvements, and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$24,479,000, and that \$1,325,000 of Capital Reserve Fund (2015) monies and \$4,805,000 available funds shall be expended therefor and the remaining \$18,349,000 of said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

NO NEW SCHOOL TAXES REQUIRED

PROJECT SCOPE

Below is a summary of the major areas of proposed reconstruction, which were selected by the Board of Education following recommendations from facility committees, building condition surveys, administration and staff. If actual construction bids are lower than projected, additional reconstruction to existing buildings may be possible as determined by the Board of Education, and as the overall budget permits.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Replace obsolete fire alarm system, add hardwired carbon monoxide detection
- Caulk at window heads and sills
- Replace boiler room piping and associated unit ventilator/cabinet unit heater piping, replace building isolation valves and fin radiation
- Reconstruct cracked walls/peeling paint
- Repoint/reconstruct masonry, replace control joints
- Extend gas vent piping from boilers to above the roof, replace boiler plant and four pumps
- Replace remaining pneumatic controls
- Reconstruct parapet and stone copings

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- Provide an accessible path to bleachers and playground. Replace pavement up to school by concession building
- Replace obsolete fire alarm system, add hardwired carbon monoxide detection
- Repair stairs and railing at north doors
- Repair stairs and railing at both sets of doors on the southwest side of the building
- Repair stairs and railing on the west end of building by southwest parking lot
- Replace main switchboard and old branch panels through the facility. Increase service to support future HVAC upgrades

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Replace roof
- Upgrade existing security cameras
- Replace remaining 1971 vintage heating and ventilation components
- Reconstruct the Main Office so that visitors enter the Main Office, not the hallway

HIGH SCHOOL

- Replace ventilation systems in the auditorium, cafeteria, and basement
- Replace gate valves with ball valves, replace piping in 600/800 wing
- Replace steam boilers with hot water boilers, remove heat exchangers and pumps
- Add chilled water plant to support unit ventilator chilled water coils
- Replace 1988 coil pumps and piping

TRANSPORTATION

- Replace obsolete fire alarm system, add hardwired carbon monoxide detection
- Replace two underground bus lifts
- Kent St. Fuel Facility - Replace original panel boards and feeders, replace lighting, replace fire alarm and suppression system, replace fuel tanks, replace fuel pumps and replace fuel management system

HYDE PARKWAY CAMPUS ATHLETIC FACILITIES

- Enhance accessibility, bleacher pads, new backstop, player fencing and benches, drainage corrections in the outfield and add artificial turf infield at baseball field
- Add multipurpose artificial turf field at current varsity soccer/lacrosse field location



The intermediate school would receive electrical upgrades including the main electrical distribution panel.



1988 steam boilers at the high school would be replaced.



Bus lifts would be upgraded at the transportation facility.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT Q & A

Why a facility reconstruction project and why now? Is all this work needed/necessary?

The proposed scope of work was developed after input from a variety of sources including community members and staff along with a building condition survey conducted earlier this year. Most recently, the board completed a survey to outline its capital project priorities which also guided the proposal. Key points of focus include improving safety and security, preserving and maintaining buildings and enhancing student access to the Hyde Parkway campus athletic facilities.

If the project is approved, what money would be used to pay for the project costs?

No new Pal-Mac school taxes are required to fund the project. The estimated local share of the project cost is just over \$6 million, which would come from available fund balance and Capital Reserve funds. The remainder of the project cost would be funded by New York State Building Aid.

Why does the proposition read, "...so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax..." if no new Pal-Mac taxes are required to fund the proposed project?

It is the legal language required by buyers of municipal bonds. NY State Building Aid for reconstruction projects is paid over the course of 15 years. The District would borrow the money upfront by selling bonds. NY State Building Aid reimbursements to the District (including interest) are anticipated to exceed the debt service payments, so no new taxes are required.

Will extracurricular/sporting events be affected?

To the extent possible, disruption to these events will be kept to a minimum. As necessary, the Director of Athletics will work with other schools to arrange schedules to minimize impact on student programs. Practice schedules may be altered but construction will be phased to have the least amount of disruption for "in-season" events.

Isn't there a better way to spend this money?

Now is the time to maximize the state aid provided the district, to lessen any impact on local taxpayers. Facility upgrades are urgently necessary, with the youngest school (the Middle School) nearing 50 years old and our oldest (Primary School) nearing 100 years old. In addition, the current Board of Education has maintained the priority of past boards to save funds for facility improvements in advance so that the project can be 100 percent funded without increasing taxes. This project and the timeline is able to meet this goal.

Who decided what work to do?

Having reviewed findings from the District's Building Condition Survey, the Facility Improvement Committees, made up of community members, parents, and school representatives, identified and prioritized recommendations to the Board of Education. Having consulted with the school district's leadership team and architects, the Board of Education reviewed potential project needs and costs. From this they approved a final scope of work with a project cost placed on a referendum for voters on Thursday, December 16, 2021, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Pal-Mac High School.

Why did we not propose more work?

For the past several months, the Board of Education deliberated on project scope and the parameters for a recommended facility improvement project. The Board ultimately established a benchmark to complete as much work as possible related to health and safety, building infrastructure, and student access to support continued learning in our school buildings that would result in zero impact to local taxpayers in the form of a tax increase.

Where can I see the architectural drawings for the projects?

They do not yet exist. Voter approval is required before the architects can be authorized to begin designing and creating construction documents.

How does the Capital Project proposition affect the school budget?

Simply put, it doesn't. If the proposition is passed, the work will be done and it will have no net impact on the regular school budget. New York State provides separate funding streams for construction projects versus the regular annual school budget, and requires that they be accounted for separately.

Why do we have to vote on the Capital Project if it will not impact the tax levy?

New York State law requires voter approval for these school construction projects.

Why does the project proposal include installation of artificial turf on the varsity baseball infield and the varsity soccer/lacrosse field?

The addition of artificial turf in these locations is intended to increase access to outdoor spaces for physical education classes and athletic teams, particularly in the late fall and early spring. Artificial turf fields don't freeze solid the way natural turf fields do, and artificial turf fields can withstand far more uses per season - even immediately after snow or heavy rain. For example, the spring sports season begins in mid-March. Currently, spring athletic teams typically spend their first few weeks of practice either indoors or on asphalt parking lots, and they may have their first contest before ever having practiced on an actual game field. Additional artificial turf is expected to increase access, decrease ongoing maintenance requirements, and decrease the number of practices and contests that are canceled, delayed, or relocated to opposing teams' fields.



NO NEW SCHOOL TAXES REQUIRED

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CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

Thursday, December 16, 2021

7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Palmyra-Macedon High School

151 Hyde Parkway, Palmyra

Voter Qualifications

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age
- A resident within the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District for a period of at least 30 days prior to the vote

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