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2019 CAPITAL PROJECT NEWS

GREENBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Jackson Elementary will be renovated and expanded for Pre-K through grade 2.

GREENBURGH RESIDENTS TO VOTE ON 2019 CAPITAL PROJECT ON MARCH 19

The Greenburgh Central School District is proposing a transformative capital project, developed with the guidance of a diverse, community-driven Construction Advisory Committee, that will go before voters on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019**. The plan proposes a **united district on the Warburg campus** for all Greenburgh students – Pre-K through grade 12 – a model that has been shown to deliver academic, economic and social benefits.

If approved, this plan would address repairs while creating optimal learning and teaching environments that are **healthy, secure, energy efficient and sustainable**. The capital project will:

- Renovate and expand Lee F. Jackson Elementary to serve students in Pre-K through grade 2.
- Make all Greenburgh families eligible to enroll their child in full-day Pre-K. *The average annual cost of childcare for a pre-school-aged child in Westchester County is \$16,000.
* Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc.
- Build a brand-new school for students in grades 3-8 with separate 3-5 and 6-8 wings and entrances.
- Transform Woodlands into a true high school with its needed updates prioritized in annual budgets.
- Reduce the number of transitions students go through, moving from school to school every couple of years. Studies have shown **fewer transitions** improve student performance.



New school on united campus will have separate wings for grades 3-5 and 6-8.



VOTE

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 19
7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.**

See page 4 for complete voting information.

Total Cost: \$114,600,000

Taxpayer Impact: \$14 monthly per \$100,000 of property assessment

Tax impact figures are based on an estimated 30-year average.

"This plan addresses our aging buildings and their current state of disrepair by creating modern learning spaces. While passing fiscally prudent budgets, the District has maintained outstanding educational programs. Now is the time to invest in our facilities to reduce outward migration of students, improve community recreational spaces and maintain strong property values."

Dr. Tahira Dupree Chase
Superintendent, Greenburgh Central School District

POINTS OF PRIDE

 96% 2018 graduation rate	 1 of 9 districts in the U.S. to offer a K-12 International Baccalaureate diploma program	 90% of graduates go to college
 Secondary Honors Programs	 Elementary Advanced Learning Program	K-12 Mandarin Chinese Program

For more information, visit www.GreenburghCSD.org/2019CapitalProject



A SMART INVESTMENT

This investment is a sound financial decision for the entire Greenburgh community. Capital investments in schools have been shown to improve student achievement and increase local home values.

- Our buildings are outdated and in a state of disrepair.
- It would cost \$79 million just to fix our buildings and they still wouldn't meet current educational standards.



Our buildings are outdated, in a state of disrepair and don't meet current educational standards.



The 2019 Capital Plan offers economic benefits, including:

- decreased operating costs,
- upgraded energy efficiency,
- extended life expectancy of buildings, and
- a reduction in costs of upkeep.

This plan incorporates expanded extracurricular activities and after-school programs for all ages. Additionally, it features improved security in the new and renovated buildings, including secure vestibule entrances.



2019 CAPITAL PLAN

Lee F. Jackson Elementary School (Pre-K through Grade 2)

- New entrance with enhanced security
- 20 new classrooms, including a dedicated World Language classroom
- Renovated cafeteria
- New elevator and updates to building systems, fixtures, furnishings and finishes
- Separate student and bus drop off, and parking
- Resurfacing of existing roads and parking areas
- New roadway and storm water management pond

New School (Grades 3 through 8)

- Separate 3-5 and 6-8 Learning Communities with secure entrances
- Separate student and bus drop off, and shared parking
- State-of-the-art classrooms, STEAM, Math and Production labs
- Media Center and flexible learning spaces
- Music & Performance wing
 - o 550-seat auditorium
 - o General music classrooms
 - o Band and choral music rooms
- Community room and large flexible use gathering spaces
- Teacher Planning Rooms
- Special Education classrooms, resource and support spaces
- Elementary playgrounds and rooftop gardens
- Storm water management pond, storm water retention



All designed to preserve green space and minimize land clearing.



PROJECT SNAPSHOT



Falcon Features

- New sports stadium with new turf field and bleachers
- New track with shot put and discus fields
- Natural grass multi-purpose field



STEAM and World Language programs will have dedicated classrooms.



Younger and older students will have separate entrances in the new 3-8 school.



FAQs

1. Why not just renovate all of our existing buildings?

It would cost approximately \$79 million to just make the required repairs to bring the district's existing schools up to basic safety and building codes. This plan provides long-term cost savings by investing in modern, energy-efficient, technologically equipped buildings with lower operating costs and greater longevity. The 2019 Capital Project additionally creates 21st Century learning spaces that encourage hands-on learning, and prepare our students for future careers. It will also include the creation of dedicated learning spaces to support our existing STEAM and World Language programs.

2. What will happen to Richard J. Bailey and Highview elementary schools?

Richard J. Bailey and Highview elementary schools will be closed and sold. The proceeds from the sales will offset costs of priority repairs at Woodlands High School.

In parallel with the 2019 Capital Project, the Greenburgh Central School District will be leveraging an Energy Performance Contract to develop and implement energy-related capital improvements at Woodlands High School and Jackson Elementary School with no impact to taxpayers.

3. What are the benefits of having the Pre-K program at Lee F. Jackson Elementary?

For the first time, our district will be able to offer full-day Pre-K, a program currently unavailable for some area families due to lack of space. The unified campus model would provide a strong start for our early learners in a safe, spacious environment conducive to learning.

4. Will the community be able to utilize the new facilities?

Yes! Sports enthusiasts will love the new track and athletic field. Outdoor play areas and educational spaces will be added for all ages to use. A new auditorium with seating for 550 people will be available at the all-new school, and community and multi-use rooms are part of the design for use by local clubs and associations.

5. How will consolidating on one campus impact student outcomes?

Currently, students transition five times during their academic career in the Greenburgh schools; the 2019 Capital Project would support students' academic, social and emotional wellness by minimizing the number of transitions. Stronger, sustained student/teacher relationships can be cultivated and family engagement and attendance rates rise – both factors that can improve academic achievement. Safety and security can even be improved when students feel a greater sense of connectivity and belonging. Finally, faculty and staff

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can be utilized more efficiently and reduced building operational costs can be invested into programs.

6. Is it sensible to have grades 3-8 in the same building?

Students in grades 3-5 and 6-8 will have their own separate Learning Communities within the new building. The two defined areas will each have designated secure entrances and receiving areas, student and bus drop-off locations as well as their own cafeterias and gymnasiums.

7. How will new and renovated facilities improve student performance?

Multiple studies show that building conditions impact student performance. For instance, efficient heating, cooling and ventilation increase student task speed and lead to improved test scores. Proper acoustic design and performance have direct effects on speech intelligibility and student understanding. In fact, each and every design element of this project has been considered through the lens of creating spaces for optimal learning.

A Cornell study of New York City middle school environments states that:

"70% of variation of student achievement on NYS standardized tests can be predicted based on building condition surveys."

A Princeton University study of bond impacts on housing prices states that:

"Passage of a bond measure causes housing prices in the district to rise by about 6 percent. This effect persists for at least a decade."

Visit www.greenburghcsd.org/bondresearch for these studies and additional research that informed this capital project initiative.

VOTING INFORMATION

When & Where Do I Vote?

Tuesday, March 19
7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Woodlands HS Gym
475 W. Hartsdale Ave.

Who May Vote?

You may vote if you are 18-years old or older, a US citizen, a district resident for at least 30 days, and a registered voter.

How Do I Register?

You may register with the District Clerk at the Board of Education offices: 475 W. Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale, N.Y. 10530. The clerk may be reached at 914-761-6000, ext. 3114. You can also register with the Westchester County Board of Elections: 25 Quarropas St., White Plains, N.Y. 10691.

How Do I Apply for an Absentee Ballot?

You may apply in person in the District Clerk's Office at 475 W. Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale, N.Y. or download an application by visiting www.greenburghcsd.org/GreenburghVoter. Absentee ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote date if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote date, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

Please attend a Public Information Session:

- Jan. 26, 10 a.m. at Richard J. Bailey Elementary School
- Jan. 29, 7 p.m. at Greenburgh Public Library
- Jan. 31, 7 p.m. at Highview Elementary School
- Feb. 7, 7 p.m. at Theodore D. Young Community Center