

PROPOSITION ONE: \$36,500,000

Capital Improvements

Voters will be asked to authorize a capital project to renovate and upgrade our facilities at a cost not to exceed \$36.5 million. These renovations will ensure an environment that is safe and secure for our students.

PROPOSITION TWO: \$980,000

Synthetic Turf Field

Voters will be asked to authorize upgrading the soccer/lacrosse field to synthetic turf at a cost not to exceed \$980,000. This proposition is contingent on proposition one passing.

It is important to understand that turf fields are projected to last 11 years before requiring replacement. NYS will only aid replacement after a 15-year time frame. Therefore, if the turf fails before 15 years have passed, the costs would fall to the district and subsequently the taxpayers, costing approximately \$500,000. To assure its continued use and eventual replacement, the district would set up a reserve over the next ten years that would create an estimated \$14 annual impact on taxpayers per \$50,000 of assessed home value. Without a reserve, a failed field could not be replaced until the 15 years are reached and could not be used for athletic events for safety reasons.

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RURAL ROUTE
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROPOSITIONS

VOTE!

**October 22, 2013
Noon-8 PM**

**High School
Auditorium**



CAPITAL PROJECT COMMITTEE

The Capital Project Committee was formed to review the scope of the work and provide feedback to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The committee provided recommendations on how the district should communicate with the public about the scope of the next project. Committee members included Jacque Leduc, Gisele Hance, Dr. Ben Kelly, Barb Kelly, and Rod Lauzon. Community and staff members in attendance also included: Peter Ghostlaw, Roger Lapage, Tim Gray, Maddi Durant, Bill Plante, Cindy Healy, James Healy, Bob Durant, Eva Durant, Connie Gerow, Howard Gratton, Phillis Walrath, Danielle French, Jeff French, Kevin Walbridge, Angela Robert, Shawn Miller, and Alison Benedict.



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PROJECT FINANCES

	PROP ONE	PROP TWO
Cost	\$36,500,000	\$980,000
NA Aid	\$16,370,000	\$0
EXCEL	\$410,000	\$0
NYS Building	\$19,325,600	\$960,040
Debt Reserve	\$394,400	\$19,960
Total	\$36,500,000	\$980,000
Local Share	\$0	*\$0

*See question two under Project Finances

2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Over time, buildings need maintenance and improvements. Much like your own home, Salmon River School buildings also encounter wear and tear. With 1,166 students and 250 staff moving through our building, the scope of work needed to provide a safe and healthy learning environment can be extensive. Much of the work necessary is beyond the day to day maintenance our staff and budget can provide.

PROJECT GOALS

- No Local Taxpayer Impact
- Health & Safety Improvements
- Educational Program Enhancements
- Energy Upgrades

THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

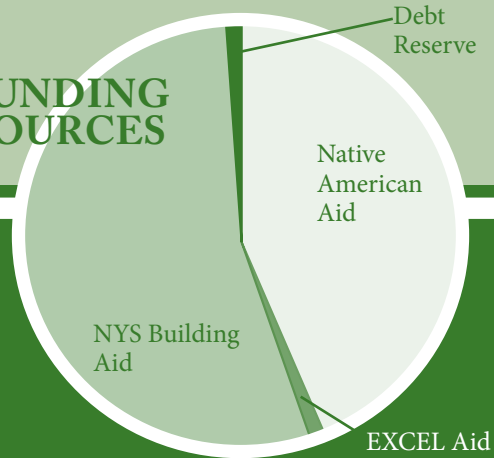
- **Water System:** Develop a new water source, install new pumps, and upgrade filtration system with new technology.
- **Bus Garage Renovations:** Extend the bus garage to add an additional work bay; install new bus lifts; upgrade electrical, heating and fuel tanks; remove the oil holding tank.
- **Field Work:** Abate field and create soccer/lax field; refurbish track and interior field; refurbish and improve soccer/lax field by bus garage with drainage; refurbish baseball field, add drainage, upgrade backstop, fencing and scoreboard; create practice softball field adjacent to new softball field.
- **Boilers:** Convert boilers to high-efficiency units to supplement the geothermal system, lowering annual operating costs.
- **Ventilation:** Update the 1956 and 1969 ventilation systems with new systems that coincide with the heating system.
- **Plumbing:** Upgrade handicapped accessible bathrooms throughout the buildings, drainage system, and plumbing fixtures.
- **Electrical:** Update the electrical system with new panels and wiring; install larger generators that will allow the district to become an emergency shelter for the Red Cross.
- **Roofs:** Replace 147,300 square feet of leaking and deteriorating roofs.
- **Exterior Improvements:** Replace exterior doors and windows with energy-efficient units containing low-e glass; increase insulation and upgrading exterior walls.
- **Elementary Classroom Upgrades:** Renovate open plan classrooms areas to create traditional classrooms with windows, walls and doors to provide a better learning environment and improve student safety.
- **High School Gymnasium:** Refurbish HS gymnasium, including updated flooring, ventilation, lighting, and seating.
- **Wellness Center:** Create a wellness Center for students and athletes that will include weights, treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, and other conditioning equipment.

This is why we are asking district residents to vote on Tuesday October 22nd on two propositions:

1. Capital project improvements not to exceed \$36,500,000
2. Synthetic turf not to exceed \$980,000

Additional detailed information can be found at www.srk12.org/district/capital_project. For questions call 518-358-6610.

FUNDING SOURCES



PROJECT FINANCES

Question 1. Why hasn't the project cost decreased?

A. While we eliminated the bus wash and indoor track, which amounted to approximately \$2.8 million, the Department of Health has since directed the district to develop a new water source. This could be done by connecting to a municipal water treatment system or through the development of a new water treatment system. Water upgrades are budgeted at approximately \$2.4 million. Additionally, the budget consists of a 4% increase over the previous project due to inflation.

Question 2. How will my taxes be affected if one or both propositions pass?

A. There will be no local tax impact for the capital improvement project if the first proposition passes. If the second proposition passes, the cost of construction would also have no local tax impact. However, the district would need to set up a reserve to cover the potential cost of turf replacement. This reserve will need approximately \$50,000 a year, which would cause an increase to the tax levy. This increase would cost an average homeowner an estimated \$14 per \$50,000 of assessed value.

Question 3. How will the project be funded?

A. The project will be funded with a combination of NYS building aid, NYS EXCEL aid, NYS Native American aid and district debt reserves. The Native American Aid will be based on the percentage of enrollment of Native American students who reside on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation and the Native American aid is funded at the beginning of the project. EXCEL aid is an additional funding amount provided by the State as an incentive for schools to undertake a capital project. This project would use \$410,000 in EXCEL aid. NYS building aid would be reimbursed over the life of the project at a rate of 98%. District debt reserves would cover the remaining \$413,614. This reserve was set up by the district so that proceeds from low interest bonds and refunding bonds could be maintained to pay future debt payments. This reserve cannot be used to fund the general budget.