

# SALMON RIVER CSD

## 2019 CLASSROOM AND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dear District Resident,

I am pleased to present the 2019 Classroom and Facilities Improvement Project for voter approval. I feel strongly that this will be extremely beneficial to the District, our community, our staff, and most importantly our students. After careful collaborative planning, I am proud to announce that the project requires no additional taxes, but does require voter approval on May 21st.

As you may recall, the voters approved the two previous capital projects in 2008 and 2013. These projects allowed us to expand the Elementary, Middle, and High School areas, redesign and enhance the learning environment in our schools, improve safety through district-wide security enhancements, create a state of the art fitness center, and address basic infrastructure repairs. In addition, it provided significant upgrades to the Elementary School—including a new secure main entrance, new cafeteria, and all new classrooms.

Through careful long-term planning, we continue to bring projects that benefit our students and community without additional funding from new tax dollars.

This new project specifically addresses the areas of the Middle and High School that have not been renovated and creates exciting new educational spaces. A new secure main entrance will be created in the Middle School, and both buildings will see new state of the art science classrooms. The High School will benefit from a new library, along with a guidance suite to provide space for students to prepare college applications and financial aid forms, or work with advisors to build a career pathway.

There will be additional work that addresses the continued maintenance of our facilities. There is a detailed list of the various improvements to each of our schools available in this newsletter. The goal of the 2019 Classroom and Facilities Improvement Project is to address the remaining basic infrastructure repairs necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of our community and students.

The financing of this project is another example of prudent fiscal decision-making. Through strategic use of the District's capital reserve funds, we are able to maximize our state aid and offset costs with the use of existing resources.

I invite you to attend the public forum that will be held on April 1st to discuss the project. I also encourage you to visit [www.srk12.org](http://www.srk12.org) to view more related documents. In addition, please contact me at (518) 358-6610.

Let this project be another example of our continuing mission to educate and provide our community and students with a safe place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,



Join us for an  
**INFORMATIONAL  
MEETING**  
Monday, April 1st  
High School LGI  
Room, 6 PM  
Enter Door 13



# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DETAILS

## High School



- Reconfigure and upgrade High School classrooms to accommodate program changes and 21st century learning
- Reconfigure the main office and guidance suite to distinguish programs and enhance offerings
- Upgrade data, communications, and electrical systems as well as plumbing and HVAC systems
- Improve flow of cafeteria serving lines
- Upgrade windows and the exterior façade to unify the original sections of the buildings to the new additions and to improve energy efficiency
- Redesign state of the art science classrooms and labs to enrich learning opportunities for our students
- Restructure the library to provide flexible learning areas for students
- Upgrade elevator



## Middle School



- Reconfigure entrance #18 to create a separate, dedicated secure entrance for the Middle School
- Reconfigure/upgrade Middle School classrooms to accommodate 21st century learning
- Reconfigure the main office and guidance suite to distinguish programs and enhance offerings
- Upgrade data, communications, electrical systems as well as plumbing and HVAC systems
- Improve flow of cafeteria serving lines
- Upgrade windows and the exterior façade to unify the original sections of the buildings to the new additions and to improve energy efficiency
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## Goals of the Project

- Conclude the three phase Capital Improvement Plan
- No additional local impact
- Construction to be completed over 18 months

## Other Repairs

- Repave the Middle and High School parking lots
- Replace metal siding on maintenance garage
- Construct new salt storage shed
- Replace exterior doors and concrete at the Arena with new secure energy efficient doors
- Replace rubber flooring in the Ice Arena
- Refurbish the decking in the pool area
- Reconstruct and insulate the exterior wall of the arena gym

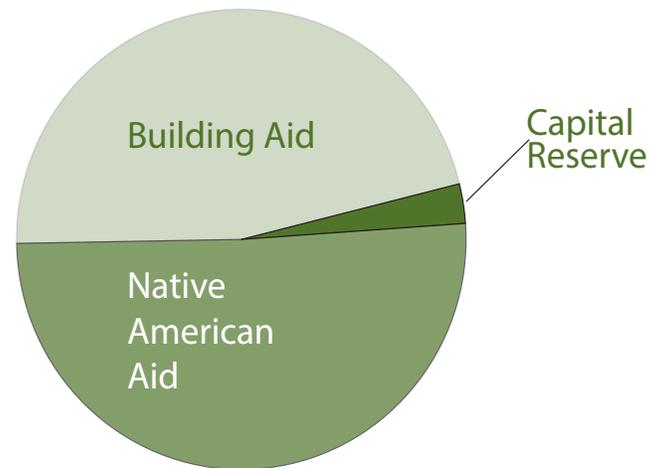


## Costs and Financing

The total projected cost of the project is \$26.5 M. Financing will be over an estimated period of 15 years, with no additional taxes needed. The project will be funded with a combination of NYS building aid, NYS Native American aid, and District capital 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.

NYS building aid will be reimbursed over 15 years at a rate of 98%. District capital reserves would cover the remaining \$727,040.



## Full Conversion to Geothermal Heating and Cooling

Salmon River Central School District's recent capital projects included the addition of 260 geothermal wells to reduce the District's dependency on fossil fuels. This final phase will convert the remaining areas of the building to the geothermal system which includes heating and air conditioning.

Geothermal heat pumps take advantage of the constant year-round temperature of about 50°F that is just a few feet below the ground's surface. Liquid is pumped through pipes that are buried underground and re-circulated into the building. In the summer, the liquid moves heat from the building into the ground; in the winter, it does the opposite, providing pre-warmed air and water to the heating system of the building. According to Facilities Director Ryan Adams, compared to air-source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps are quieter, last longer, need little maintenance, and do not depend on the temperature of the outside air.

## Salmon River Central School District Project Funding Sources

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Native American Building Aid	\$13,531,845
Building Aid	\$12,241,115
Capital Reserve	\$727,040
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,500,000</b>

### Local Taxpayer Cost

 **\$0.00** 



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## Voter Qualifications

Qualified Voter is ALL of the Following:

- At least 18 years old
- A U.S. citizen
- A District resident at least 30 days prior to the vote

## Informational Meeting

Monday, April 1st, 6 PM

High School LGI Room, Enter at Door 13



## Absentee Ballots

Qualified District residents who are unable to go to the polls on May 21st can cast their votes by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

## Project Timeline

- Design begins after vote and continues through August 2019
- Designs are submitted to NYSED August 2019
- NYSED Review August 2019 – April 2020
- NYSED Approval expected after April 9, 2020
- Construction begins summer 2020
- Construction completed fall 2021



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