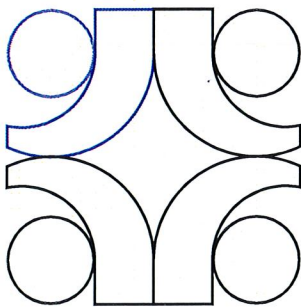


CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



2016 Proposed Capital Project



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Special School District Meeting and Vote - CAPITAL PROJECT

October 11, 2016 / 12 – 9 pm / HS Band Room

Cheektowaga Central is committed to providing a safe learning environment and well-maintained facilities for students and the public. Similar to upkeep and repairs in your home as it ages, our school buildings are aging and are in dire need of attention. Many routine repairs and projects are funded with the annual District budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost. Large repairs and facility upgrades, such as those in this capital project, totaling approximately \$25 million, would have a major impact on the tax rate if they were included in the annual budget. A bond issue is a fiscally responsible alternative, because the State reimburses Cheektowaga for a portion of the cost, and the expenses are spread out over a longer period of time.

Of the \$25 million, the majority of work are priority one and priority two items identified by the districts architects, Gordon W. Jones Associates. These are critical health and safety or accessibility concerns, upgrades to be more energy efficient, and fixer-upper items that have short life span or are eye-sores.

Major work to be done in the project includes:

- Replacing 15-20 year old HVAC units in order to meet building code
- Refurbishing the auditorium – the ceiling is crumbling and the seats are irreparable; the stage rigging and curtains are a major safety concern
- Masonry and restoration work in the pool area and exterior walls
- Replace fire alarm and carbon monoxide systems to meet code
- Replace inefficient lighting and 1970 plumbing fixtures
- Technology upgrades such as expanding wireless data network coverage
- Replace the roof at Pine Hill
- Paving and concrete work
- Replace existing running track with an 8-lane all weather running track. Officials have warned us that our track must be replaced or fixed because they will no longer sanction events on it due to its present condition
- Replace existing grass field with new multi-purpose artificial turf sports field, allowing our athletes more practice time as well as the ability to expand our sports programs. As you may be reading in the papers, many, many school districts have added a turf field. Cheektowaga athletes deserve the same!

The community will vote on the capital improvement project on October 11, 2016. If approved, it is expected that the State Education Department's approval will be received by late 2017, and the project will start in the spring or summer of 2018 and continue through the fall of 2019.

**To learn more about the capital improvement project,
please attend one of the information forums on September 22 or September 28
at 7 pm in the high school auditorium**