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PRIDE**

**Public Information Meeting
Proposed Capital Improvement Project**

September 12 ,2024

6:00 pm

The Fort Plain Central School District will provide each student with the opportunity to develop intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically in a safe, orderly and positive environment.

Our goal is to prepare every student for success beyond graduation



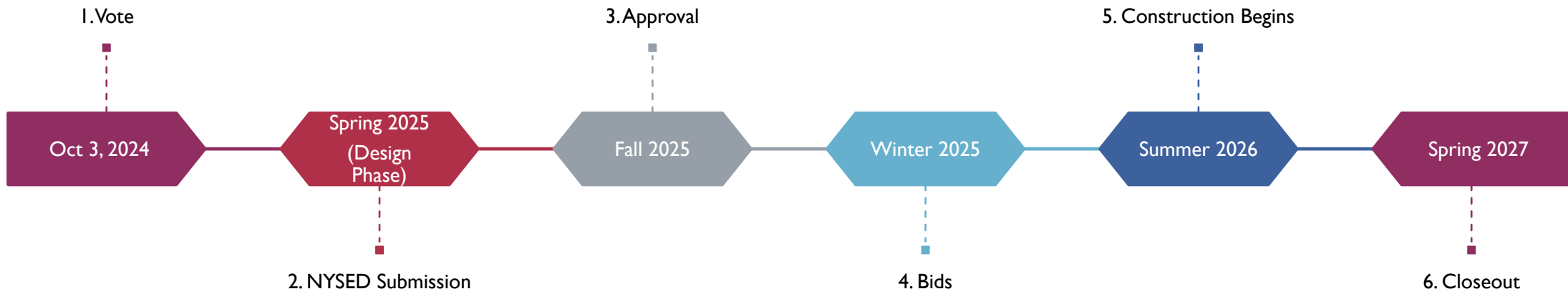
WHY DO WE NEED TO COMPLETE REPAIRS AND UPGRADES THROUGH A CAPITAL PROJECT

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- In NYS it is a constitutional responsibility for the state government to support local communities and their efforts to maintain schools
 - The state constitution entitles every child to a sound basic education. Adequate and predictable state aid is one of the most important ways the state fulfills that obligation.
 - New York State School Boards Association
 - If we complete work that is approved for funding by NYSED we will be reimbursed for approximately 92 percent of the work
 - If we wait, and a problem becomes acute, the entire burden for repairs will be borne by local taxpayers when the expense could have, and should have, been supported with state funds.



PROJECT PLANNING PROCESS

- ✓ Development of Project Scope
 - Review of NYSED-Mandated Building Conditions Survey
 - Facilities Committee identified priorities (emphasis on safety, security, energy performance, educational opportunities, and community engagement)
- ✓ Priority Review and Funding
 - Facilities Committee, Architect, Financial Planner
 - Brody Neville, King and King Architects
 - Chris DeCarlo, Bernard P. Donegan Inc.
 - Stakeholder Meetings
 - Project presented to Board of Education
- ✓ Build Community Awareness through Public Hearing and District Mailing
- ✓ VOTE



PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE

**PROPOSED WORK
HARRY HOAG ELEMENTARY
\$5,705,000**

- Pave access road to ball fields
- Regrade ball field
- Replace cafeteria windows for more energy efficiency
- Upgrade classrooms
- Replace failing drip edge panels
- Replace master clock system

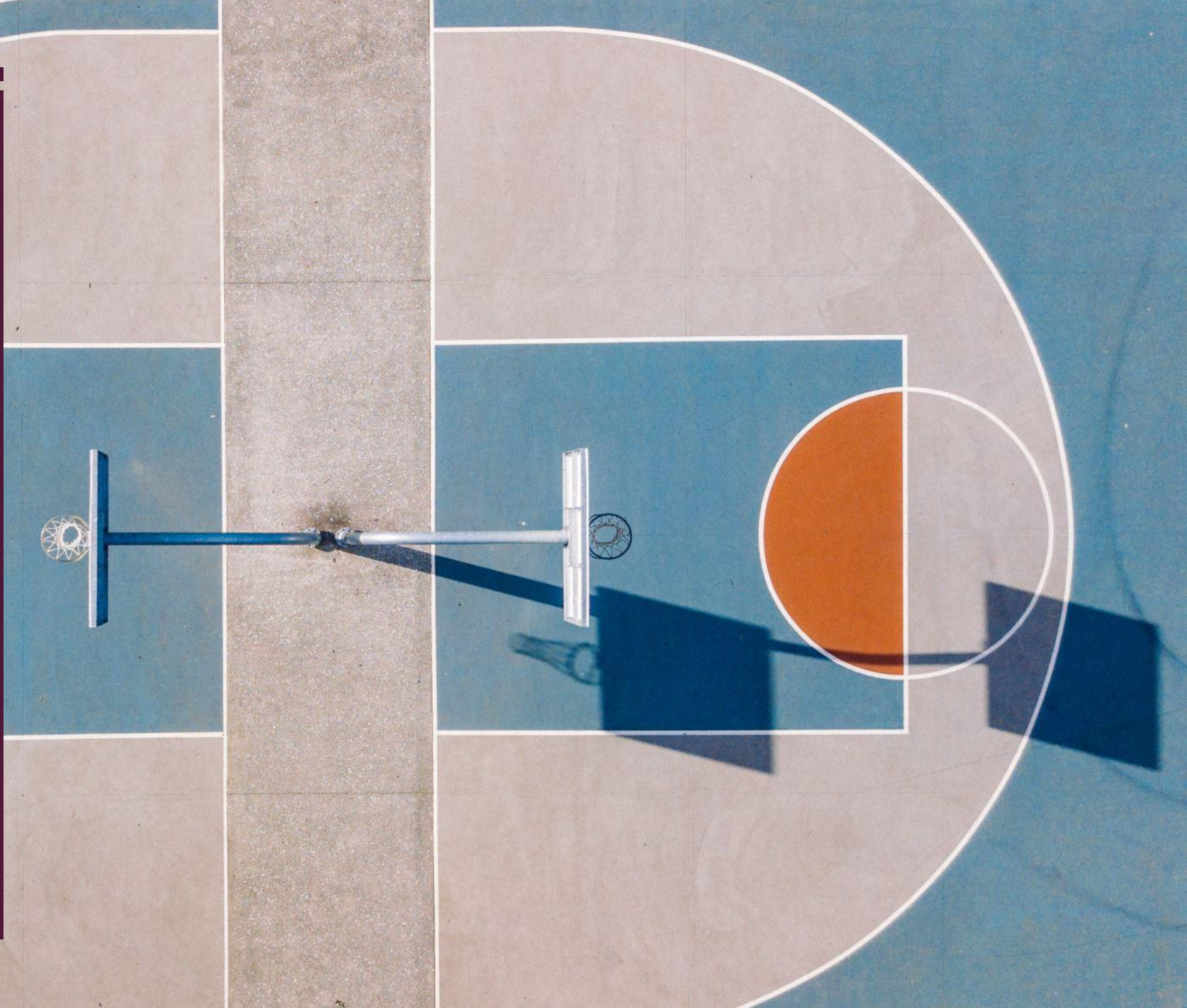


PROPOSED WORK

JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

\$4,265,000

- Reconstruct steps on West Street entrance
- Masonry reconstruction of facade
- Replace sound and light systems/equipment in auditorium
- Repair Fitness Center skylights
- Replace HVAC system in lobby
- Replace chiller
- Upgrade Master Clock system



PROPOSED WORK BUS GARAGE \$170,000

- Replace controls in wash bay
- Replace carbon monoxide alarm system



PROPOSED FUNDING

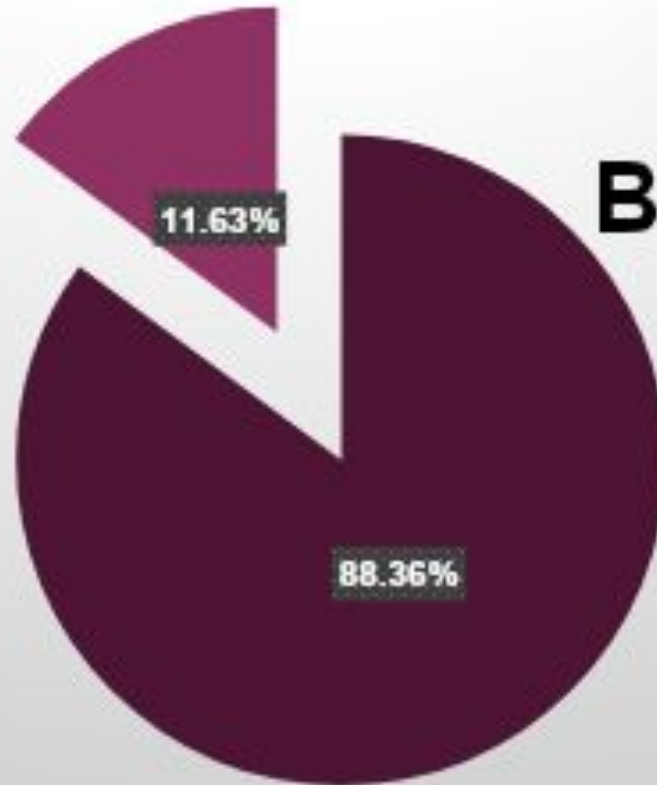


- \$8,960,000 of the project is supported through bonds that are aligned to state aid reimbursements. Our current building aide reimbursement is 92.4%
- The local share of the project will be supported in its entirety with funds from our Capital Reserve totaling \$1,180,000. Approving the use of that fund will be part of the October 3 proposition. Projections assume a zero-levy impact as we leverage our high building aide ratio, along with our existing Capital Reserve fund balance.

FUNDING SOURCES

\$10,140,000 CAPITAL PROJECT

Capital Reserves:
\$1,180,000



Bond Proceeds:
\$8,960,000

LOCAL SHARE EQUATION

Bond Payments - Building Aid = **Local Share**

- Bond Payments - School districts finance construction projects by securing bonds and paying these bonds over a set time period through their Debt Service fund
- Building Aid - Project costs on bond debt are offset by state building aid from NYSED annually
- Local Share - The difference between the bond payments made and the building aid received is the local share. This is the amount that will be added to the local tax levy to finance project. **We project a zero impact tax levy.**

INFORMATION REGARDING AID ON SALE OR TRANSFER OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

- Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2011, Education Law 3602 subdivision 6.e.8 requires school districts to provide information to SED if a school building is sold or ownership is otherwise transferred to an entity other than the school district and such transfer results in the building no longer being operated by the school district.
- Within sixty days of the transfer of ownership, the school district is required to notify the SED State Aid Office in writing of such sale or transfer. In addition, districts will also be required to provide additional information via SAMS and submit documentation to the State Aid Office pertaining to the sale or transfer as outlined below.
- SED shall re-compute the building aid payable for capital projects currently generating aid for these buildings. SED will deduct the revenues received by the school district as a result of such sale or transfer from the remaining project balance and based on such adjusted project cost, establish a new assumed amortization for the remaining useful life of the project.

(Information taken from nysed.gov)

With merger discussions ongoing, one consolidation category is the use of facilities. Unfortunately, inaccurate and premature opinions have mentioned a potential sale of our Harry Hoag building. It is presumptuous to speculate on scenarios which would have an effect on aid. In the event of a closure, an analysis would need to be conducted first to determine the impact of the closure or sale of the building. The sale price would factor into this calculation. Currently, we have previous debt and associated revenue on this facility through the year 2040. We, therefore, must continue to maintain the facilities, regardless.



Communications

Printed materials for distribution:

The 2-page newsletter/print publication is set to be delivered Sept. 6 and mailed soon after.

The postcard is now set to be delivered Sept. 16 and mailed within the required public notification time.

Community Events:

Public Hearing is scheduled for September 12 at 6:00 pm in the District Office Conference Room.

A **Capital Improvement Project Walk Through** (open to the public) is scheduled for September 24th 3 - 4pm. Tour will begin at Harry Hoag Main Entry.

QUESTIONS



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