The Marlboro Central School District is proposing a $19.49 million Capital Project designed to leverage available funding in order to address key health and safety issues and enhance student programs throughout the District.

The project would also address several high priority infrastructure updates that were identified in the State-mandated Building Condition Survey (BCS), an extensive facilities review conducted every five years by professional architects and engineers.

HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE FUNDED?

• State Aid is anticipated to fund approximately $11.6 million.
• The District also plans to use $3 million of its reserve funds, including $1.5 from the Capital Reserve that voters approved in 2016 to save money for keeping our buildings up to date.
• The balance would be offset by the retirement of existing unaided debt that will be paid off by the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Replacing existing unaided debt with new aided debt neutralizes the financial impact on local taxpayers and ultimately reduces the District’s overall debt payments by more than $800,000 per year.

WHY NOW?

No Anticipated Tax Increase: The Capital Project is not anticipated to cause a tax increase. This is possible because the District has existing unaided debt that will soon be paid off. The local cost of the project will replace a portion of the already budgeted retiring debt with Building Aid-eligible debt.

Available State Aid: A large portion of the overall cost of the project will be reimbursed through State Building Aid, allowing us to complete large projects that would not be fiscally possible to include in the annual operating budget.

Identified Need: The State-mandated BCS, along with a comprehensive review of our existing programs, has identified areas in our buildings that are outdated.

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Informational meetings about the Capital Project will be scheduled for the coming weeks. Details about the proposed work are also available on the District’s website, and a newsletter will be mailed to residents in May. If you have any questions, please call (845) 236-5802 or email michael.brooks@marlboroschools.org.

FOCUS ON SAFETY

The District takes pride in keeping our students safe. The proposed Capital Project includes several enhancements to improve safety and security, including a redesign of all main entrances to provide a secure area for visitors to be screened before being granted access to each school.

VOTE

Tuesday, May 21
6 AM to 9 PM
Town of Marlborough Community Meeting Room at the former Milton Elementary School
WHAT’S INCLUDED

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- Redesigned secured entryway for safer building access.
- Resurfacing of synthetic recess play areas.
- Improvements to Music Room acoustics.
- Other improvements identified in 2015 BCS, including the replacement of original wood soffit material and select classroom doors/frames.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
- Relocated, secured entryway for safer and more efficient building access.
- Relocated Main Office to accommodate new student/visitor traffic patterns.
- New consolidated Student Support Services area to allow school counselors to better meet student needs.
- Relocated and expanded Innovation Lab and Technology Room to support 21st Century STEM learning.
- Renovations to Boys and Girls lockers rooms, including the replacement of timeworn lockers.
- Gymnasium improvements including new painting and wall padding.
- Auditorium improvements including new sound system, stage curtains, and stage rigging.
- Cafeteria renovations to expand existing serving line and provide new student bathrooms.
- Addition of new Band/Chorus Room with staging area to provide larger practice space and improved acoustics.
- Renovation of outdated second floor bathrooms.
- Site improvements to provide safer busing and vehicular traffic movements.
- Other improvements identified in 2015 BCS, including replacement of antiquated 1970 fire alarm system, non-compliant handrails, and end-of-life wood ramp/concrete stairs at emergency exits.

HIGH SCHOOL
- Redesigned secured entryway for safer building access.
- Renovated Main Office to provide easier access for students/visitors and improve visibility for staff.
- New consolidated Student/Family Support Services area to allow school counselors to better meet student and family needs.
- Expanded Nursing Suite to accommodate programs.
- Expanded Fitness Center to better support athletes and physical education programs.
- Relocation of Athletic Director’s Office from second floor to Athletic wing.
- Athletic site improvements including refurbishment of outdoor track and turf and relocation of high jump/pole vault area.
- Expansion of 2D and 3D Art Studios and Computer Graphics Lab to better support student learning.
- Renovated Music Room to improve acoustics and provide more storage and practice space.
- Cafeteria improvements including renovations to provide easier access to existing serving line and the creation of a Grab & Go station for faster service option.
- Other improvements identified in 2015 BCS, including replacement of select interior and exterior doors/hardware that have reached the end of their useful life.