

## *Buildings & Grounds Committee – February 17, 2022*

*The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on February 17, 2022, with the District's architect and engineering firm, Tetra Tech, to finalize scoping for a proposed capital project. On the March 16<sup>th</sup> Board agenda there will be two resolutions for approval, one is a SEQRA resolution and the second one is to put a second proposition for a Capital Project on the May Annual Election and Budget Vote. The District is proposing a \$43.8 million project that will encompass work in all buildings without increasing the local share (debt payment – building aid) toward our debt payments. This is possible through a strategic financial approach that leverages state aid, funds saved in the voter-approved capital reserve, and the timing of retiring debt to pay for the project. Here's how:*

- 1. The District will be applying \$10.5 million of reserve money to offset the amount we have to borrow for the project.*
- 2. The State is paying for 80% of the total aidable cost of the project.*
- 3. In 2023-2024 the District has retiring debt resulting in a decrease to the current local share of our debt payments.*

*The District did an audit of our facilities and determined the scope of work that needs to be done to update aged infrastructure and enhance safety. The work includes, but is not limited to:*

- Constructing security vestibules at all buildings (double tier system)*
- Replacing classroom door hardware at all buildings with a model that includes enhanced security features*
- Reconstructing end-of-life roofs at all buildings (the roof warranties have expired, and they are beginning to leak)*
- Adding air conditioning in the gymnasium and cafeteria at all buildings*
- Adding air conditioning in the middle school auditorium as well as updating the auditorium seats*
- Reconstructing the parking lot at the high school (there will be additional parking along with a dedicated bus loop and student drop off area to increase safety as well as gates to control the flow of traffic)*
- Reconstructing outdated locker rooms at the high school and middle school*
- Replacing antiquated roof top units (which provide heat to classrooms) that are beyond life expectancy (1973 and 1990) at all applicable buildings*
- Replacing worn and deteriorating spline ceilings at all buildings*
- Repointing of brick at Plattekill Elementary School and the middle school to seal exterior walls and prevent water from leaking into the building*