

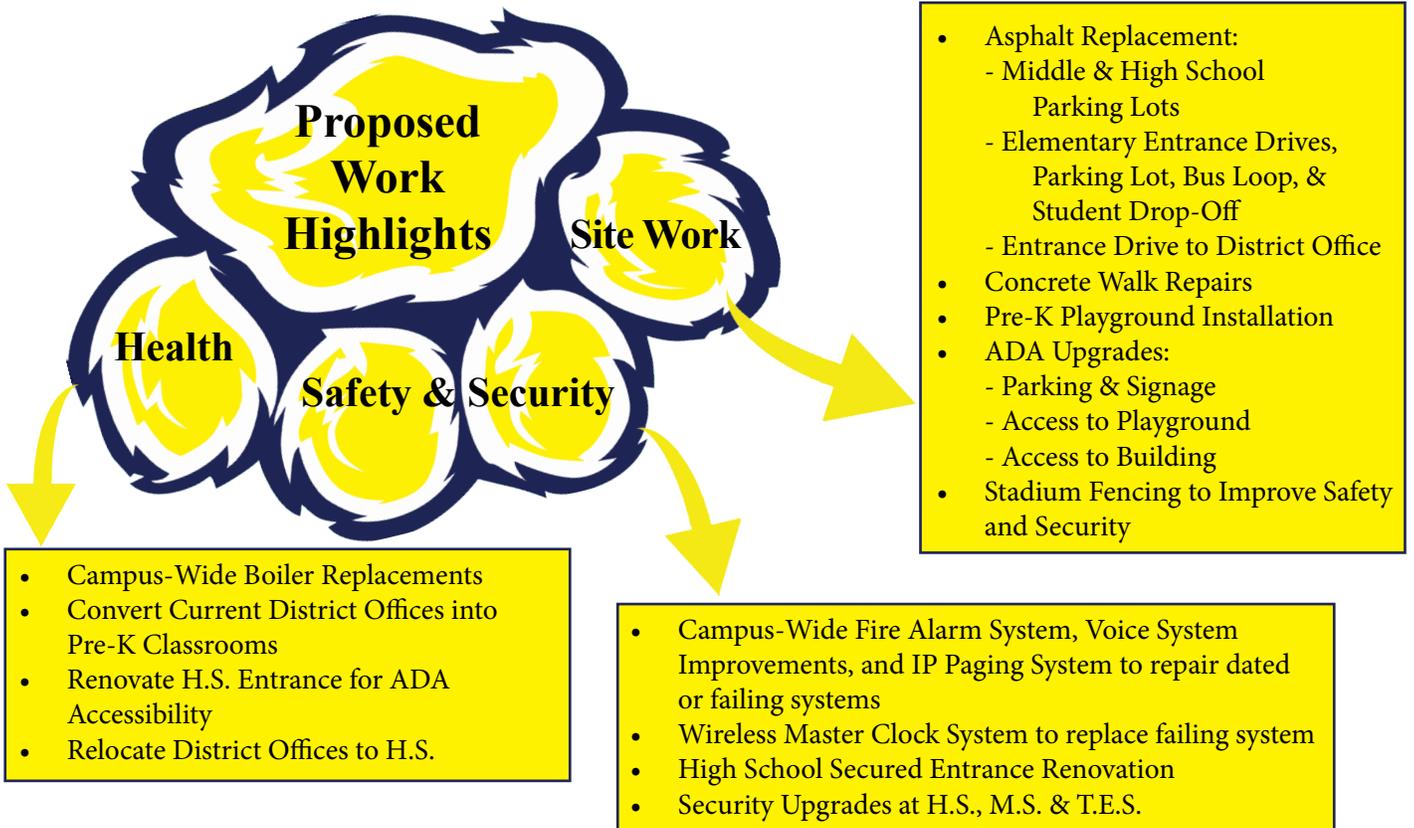


Tioga Central School District

CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Keeping Our Students Healthy, Safe & Secure

On February 21, 2017, Tioga Central School District residents will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed facility capital improvement project that addresses infrastructure deficiencies reported in a recent NYS mandated Building Condition Survey. The scope of the work has been prioritized to improve the safety, security, and health of everyone who uses this important public facility, especially our students. Projects will preserve prior investments, but also make necessary site repairs as well as address outdated systems too costly to maintain. Careful financial planning allows the prioritized project list to be realized with little impact to taxpayers. Examples of specific major projects are outlined in the Proposed Work Highlights section below.



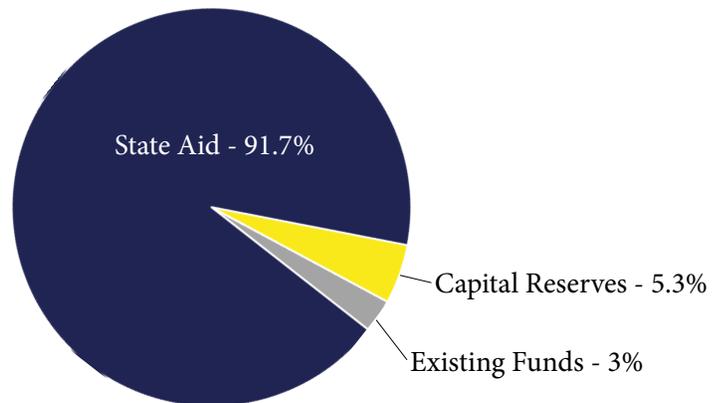
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The proposed capital project will cost an estimated \$8.3 million, \$7.55 million to be voted on by the community. \$750,000 was approved through the Smart Schools Bond Act in November 2015.

Project funds will come from:

State Aid	\$6,923,350
Capital Reserves	\$400,000
Existing Funds	\$226,650
Total Cost	\$7,550,000

Smart Schools Bond Act	\$750,000
Total Project Cost	\$8,300,000



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Why are we proposing a capital project at this time?

A. The New York State Education Department mandates school districts to do a 5-year Building Condition Survey (BCS). The 2015 BCS identified \$20 million in needed upgrades to the infrastructure of the district. The project being proposed to the community will address \$7.55 million of safety, security and infrastructure improvements. By completing the work now, the district will see the benefit of a 91.7% Building Aid Ratio and will utilize existing funds to minimize the local tax impact. We also want to take advantage of current low interest rates.

Q. What is the scope of the proposed project and how was the project developed?

A. The scope of work is based on the recommendations of the 5 year BCS and the Board of Education and State Education Department approved Smart School Bond Act (SSBA) plan. A committee including Board of Education members, the Facility Manager, and Administrators met to review the BCS. The priority was to develop a capital project that addressed safety, security and failing or outdated infrastructure items. It also took into consideration how to use SSBA funds in this project. SSBA funds were approved by the voters of the State of NY in November 2015. Each district had to develop a Board and State Education Department Plan. Tioga has \$750,000 available that was approved for development of two Universal Pre-Kindergarten classrooms. These priorities are reflected in the scope while also meeting the committee goal of maximizing state building aid and existing local funds to minimize the impact on local taxes in paying the District's share. The overall project cost is \$8.3 million with \$7.55 million being voted on for approval. For a complete listing of the project scope items, go to the District's website: www.tiogacentral.org

Q. How are we paying for the project?

A. The total project cost is \$8.3 million. Of that amount, \$750,000 is approved Smart School Bond Act funding. The remaining

amount, \$7.55 million, is the proposition to go before the voters for approval. The district will take advantage of its 91.7% Building Aid Ratio to cover \$6,923,350 of the project. The remaining cost will be the district's share. The district's share will be covered through \$400,000 from a capital reserve and remaining \$226,650 from existing funds.

Q. What happens if the capital project does not pass?

A. Performing this work through a capital project maximizes state aid and minimizes the impact to the local school taxpayer. If the proposal does not pass the District will be required to address the immediate and emergency based needs through the annual operating budget. That process does not take advantage of the 91.7% building aid ratio from the state we will receive through a capital project. The District and the Project Committee would also reconvene to develop a phased approach to get all the work completed through community supported projects.

Q. If I have no children in the district, why should I approve this proposition?

A. We believe the children of our community deserve an up to date education facility. However, they are not the only users of our school buildings and grounds. The Tioga Central School District is the center of our community. Many community organizations use the school facilities for emergency support services, fund raising, meetings, community athletic programs, and recreation. It is important to have safe, more secure, more efficient, and current technologies in our facility for educational and community use.

Q. How will taxes be affected?

A. The object of this project is to address infrastructure, safety, and security needs while minimizing the impact to the local taxpayers. This will be accomplished by covering the district's anticipated share of \$625,650, by using \$400,000 from a capital reserve and \$225,650 from existing funds.

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting #1

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

Place: High School Cafeteria

Meeting #2

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

Place: High School Cafeteria

High School: 27 Fifth Avenue Tioga Center, NY 13845

The school district will host information meetings planned for the dates listed above. These meetings will include a presentation of the details of the proposed project followed by a question and answer session.

VOTER INFORMATION

Date: February 21, 2017

Time: 11:00am - 8:00pm

Location: Middle School Gym

27 Fifth Avenue

Tioga Center, NY 13845

Voter Eligibility

- Citizen of U.S.
- At least 18 years of age
- Legal resident of the Tioga Central School District at least 30 days prior to vote
- You do not need to be a registered voter

For questions related to the capital project please contact the Tioga Central School District Office at **(607)-687-8000**.