

Holland Patent Central School 2023 Capital Improvement Project Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Q: What is the difference between the Capital Improvement Project and the School Budget?

A: School facilities need regular attention and upkeep to continue to operate year after year. Capital improvement projects are a way for school districts to complete facilities work in a more cost-effective manner due to the associated state aid. The general fund budget includes allocations for routine repairs and maintenance. However, the proposed capital project looks beyond basic repairs and maintenance to address major infrastructure needs that protect the community's long term investment in our school facilities. The vote for the school budget and capital improvement project are separate votes from each other. The school budget is a culmination of day to day school operations, with the current 2023-24 proposed school budget totaling \$39,270,823. The standalone capital improvement project vote would authorize capital project expenditures of \$18,850,000.

Q: How can the Capital Improvement Project result in a no anticipated tax increase?

A: Expenditures in Capital Improvement Projects are eligible for reimbursement from New York State. The estimated state building aid for the current proposed Capital Improvement Project is approximately \$17,653,932. A capital project with state building aid allows the district to be fiscally responsible while protecting the community's investment in our schools. The remainder of the project costs will be funded utilizing a portion of the Capital Reserve funds, which will result in NO ANTICIPATED TAX INCREASE associated with the capital project. This means the capital improvement project is not anticipated to increase school taxes.

Q. What is included in the new Multi-Purpose Turf Field behind the Pole Barn?

A. The new field includes lights, scoreboard, portable bleachers and a sidewalk to the high school with an additional parking spot area. This new field is not the same as the current football field, nor the previous project that was proposed in the past. It will be located across the street from the High School behind the pole barns. The Multi-Purpose field can be utilized by many groups, as it allows for more use and flexibility with a diversity of sports such as field hockey, soccer, lacrosse games and practices, physical education classes, and evening/weekend events.

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