

## **Ballston Spa CSD Facilities Improvement Project – Phase III**

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintain and, where necessary, upgrade the district's facilities, the Board of Education is hosting a public referendum on October 16, 2018 to seek the public's approval to fund Phase III of the district's facilities master plan. The proposed improvements include:

- Malta Ave Elementary - renovations in the Grove Street section of the building, including the auditorium, that were not addressed in Phase I;
- Middle School - renovations of areas that are original to the building including science, technology (shop), art classrooms, and gym locker rooms;
- High School - renovations include:
  - replacement of the original heat and power cogeneration equipment and related control systems;
  - replacement of heat pumps for heating/cooling throughout the building;
  - upgrades to the auditorium (stage curtains and select stage lighting), and
  - a new overhead door at the technology classroom for improved access given the types of projects that our students are involved in;
- Athletic Fields – proposed actions include:
  - the rehabilitation of fields in front of and behind the Middle School,
  - the construction of a new multipurpose field, baseball field and gravel parking area on the south end of the campus; and
  - the construction of a new athletic storage building located near the football stadium.

Many of the proposed improvements are based on the recommendations of the District Wide Facilities Planning Team, which was an advisory committee assisting the district with the development of a long-range and comprehensive facilities plan. The team of over 40 community members made prioritized recommendations to the Board of Education that included significant renovations and new construction, beginning with critical health, safety and infrastructure items. The committee started meeting in June 2009, and its findings were subsequently adopted by the Board of Education in February 2010. Actions on the recommendations included:

- Phase I - was approved by public vote in October 2010 and included renovations at the Middle School, Malta Avenue Elementary School (Pine Street and Chapman Buildings), Milton Terrace North Elementary School, construction of a new elementary school building (Gordon Creek Elementary), demolition of Milton Terrace South Elementary School and creation of the Bus Loop that serves Gordon Creek and Milton Terrace Elementary Schools. This work was completed in August 2016.
- Phase II - was approved by public vote in December 2012 and included completing the remaining portions of the Wood Road Elementary School that were not part of Phase I improvements as well as renovations and improvements to athletic facilities, including the pool, the track and the tennis courts. This work was completed in August 2015.

Detailed information about the implementation of Phase I and Phase II of the district's facilities master plan, including specific work at the schools, tax impact and drawings of the work are available in the district's Fall 2010 and November 2012 newsletters, available on the district website at [www.bscsd.org](http://www.bscsd.org). Additional information is also located on the district website on the Facilities Improvement Project webpages.

During the weeks before the vote on October 16, 2018, there will be informational meetings scheduled throughout the district and community to help voters become informed about the Phase III project. For additional information or to arrange a speaker to attend a meeting or gathering in the coming weeks to provide more information, please contact the District Office at 884-7195.