

# The Reader

Educating Everyone Takes Everyone

Fall 2018

## Continuing Our Commitment to Academic Excellence

### Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year

#### A Message from the Superintendent

By Ken Slentz, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents and Ballston Spa School Community,

How exciting it is to open yet another school year with lots of enthusiasm for the experiences and opportunities that our students will have as a result of our collective efforts! Whether entering school for the first time, learning to read for the first time, learning a new language, working on improving as a student athlete, discovering or perhaps refining skills in voice or instrumental music, the district offers a tremendous number of options for our students to help them build the critical knowledge base and the necessary skills to succeed at each progressive level of their schooling and for their post-secondary plans. As partners in the work of presenting learning and growth opportunities for our kids, we continue to be grateful for the remarkable support that we receive from the Ballston Spa community.

As we move forward with the 2018-19 school year, there are a number of issues that we will continue to look for your support with, including:

- Ensuring that our curriculum is well designed, properly rigorous, supported by contemporary research, and delivered in the most effective way possible for all students;
- Ensuring that our teachers have the ongoing training necessary to continue to deliver the most effective instruction possible;
- Ensuring that our facilities are safe and secure while also being welcoming to our students, families and constructed in line with contemporary research on effective learning spaces; and
- Ensuring that we have the best possible understanding of our students' needs including their social, emotional, and mental health needs in general so as to maximize their ability to focus on their learning.

These areas are some of the critical components of the priorities that the district's administrative council has adopted for the year. We look forward to working with you and to the collective learning that will take place as we do so. In the pages that follow, you will see that we are already off to a solid start!

*Best wishes to you all for a wonderful fall season.*

### School Resource Officers Begin in Schools

The district recently welcomed two Deputies from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office into our schools as part of the School Resource Officer program in Saratoga County. The officers are now full-time members of our staff and will focus on keeping students and staff safe and our buildings secure; teaching students healthy behaviors including respecting others, drug awareness, internet safety, and conflict resolution; and to be a positive part of our school community. Deputy Jillian Lyons will work with elementary students and staff in all four elementary schools and her office is centrally located at Milton Terrace. Deputy Jon Becker will be located at the Ballston Spa High and Middle Schools to work with students in grades 6-12.

"The district clearly made an excellent choice in the selection of Deputies Lyons and Becker for these important yet sensitive positions," said Superintendent Ken Slentz. "After meeting with the two officers and their supervisors to discuss the specific roles and responsibilities of each officer, I am confident that they will play an important part in further ensuring that our students and staff feel safe



and secure in their learning environments," he said.

Deputy Lyons has been a member of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) since 2015, most recently serving on the Community Preparedness and Youth Services team in addition to being assigned to road patrol. She is also a member of the Honor Guard Team for the SCSO. Deputy Lyons obtained her Law Enforcement Certification from the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy in Schenectady. She is

also a certified EMT, is a current resident of Malta and enjoys spending time with her dog, reading, and traveling.

Deputy Becker joined the ranks of the SCSO in 2016 after serving the City of Gloversville Police Department where he worked as a Patrolman since 2010. He was involved with community policing as well as working with the Gloversville Enlarged School District and was a member of the Emergency Response Team (SWAT).

He completed his Law Enforcement Certification at the Little Falls Police Academy and is a certified CPR and BLS instructor. He lives in the Town of Milton with his wife and two sons, who will also attend Ballston Spa schools.



*Over 4,100 students arrived back to school in early September, most on a school bus.*



*Our youngest students receive an orientation to cafeteria procedures during the beginning of school.*

### The Ballston Spa Central School District

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**Ballston Spa High School**  
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518-884-7140

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### District Partners Receive Recognition

The district presented an Extra Mile Award to two organizations for their support for innovative programs and involvement in the district at the 2018 Back-To-School opening ceremonies. The district recognized the Ballston Spa Education Foundation for their leadership and commitment to supporting enrichment programs in the schools since 1986. Leaders from the BSEF (shown in photo) were congratulated for their efforts to raise and donate over \$363,000 in the form of grants to teachers over the past 22 years. The Ballston Spa Teachers’ Association was also presented an award for their efforts to support literacy in the district and the distribution of over 40,000 free books to students during the past two years.



### Ballston Spa Rotary Club Donates Backpacks Again

The Ballston Spa Rotary Club recently donated backpacks full of school supplies for students in the district after conducting their annual school supply drive. Principals and Social Workers throughout the district accepted the donations from Rotary members (shown in photo) and distributed the supplies to students in their respective schools.

### Ballston Spa Community Spirit Week

The Ballston Spa school community celebrates school and community pride during the annual Community Spirit Week, this year from October 9-12, 2018. The High School students have planned several activities, including a Powderpuff game on Wednesday evening, a Community Spirit Parade before the annual Friday night Homecoming football game and the annual fall dance on Saturday. Ballston Spa students also volunteered to paint windows of businesses throughout the village with purple and gold spirit week themes. Organizations from throughout the area and members of various school groups participate in the annual Community Spirit parade through town. This year’s theme is “The Sound of Ballston Spa Music”. The parade is organized as a collaboration of the Mayor and Village of Ballston Spa, the Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association, the Ballston Spa High School Student Council and interested community members.

### Educators Awarded Grants from the Ballston Spa Education Foundation

The Ballston Spa Education Foundation (BSEF) presented over \$3,300 in Spring 2018 grant awards to educators in the Ballston Spa Central School District for educational enrichment projects throughout the district. The recent awards cycle included the following grants: \$560 for Solar Binoculars at the Ballston Spa High School (BSHS) for use in the Science Department, \$2,504 for a Makers Space at Gordon Creek Elementary School and \$270 for the Giving Garden at the Malta Avenue Elementary School. With these latest grant awards, the BSEF has, since its inception in 1996, funded over \$363,000 in enrichment grants to the

school district. The Ballston Spa Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with an all-volunteer board made up of community members whose mission is to raise and distribute resources for educational enrichment opportunities outside the realm of the daily operational needs of the Ballston Spa Central School District. For more information, please contact the BSEF at P.O. Box 276, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, or visit the website at <https://www.bspaedfoundation.com/>.

### Ballston Spa School Nationally Recognized as a School of Excellence

The National PTA® has designated Milton Terrace Elementary School as a National PTA School of Excellence for the third time based on their achievement in building effective family-school partnerships. This past summer, applications were reviewed from PTAs and schools across the country, and Milton Terrace once again demonstrated how they stood out as nationwide leaders in developing partnerships with families in the school community. The school previously earned the designation twice, most recently in September 2016. Research shows that when families and schools work together, student achievement increases, schools improve and communities grow stronger. Being recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence demonstrates the school’s leadership and commitment to partnering to support student success and continuous school improvement.

### Scottie’s Closet Offers Clothing

The Middle School will host a Scottie’s Closet on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 9 am to 1 pm. This school community event provides free gently used clothing, books, coats, and shoes annually to about 300 students, families and individuals. It is organized by Middle School social workers Gaylen Wichrowski and Christine Jones, along with numerous parent representatives, school and community volunteers. All of the items donated by the school community are provided free to students, families and members of the community. This annual community event would not be possible without the tireless efforts of school and community volunteers who donate, sort and merchandise all of the items in the cafeteria. Please contact the Middle School for additional information at 884-7200.

### Clean Tech ECHS Hosts Information Night

The district’s Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries Early College High School program will host an information night for current 8th grade students from across the Capital Region on November 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm. School district leaders, parents and high school students interested in learning more about the program are invited to attend. The agenda for the evening includes presentations from current students and program staff and is held at HVCC’s TEC-SMART, 345 Hermes Road in Malta. For more information, please visit the Clean Tech ECHS website at <http://www.bsccd.org/cleanTech.cfm> or contact ECHS Coordinator Adrienne Snow at [asnow@bsccd.org](mailto:asnow@bsccd.org) or 321-7274.

### Ballston Spa Students Receive Scholarships from the BSTA

The Ballston Spa Teachers’ Association (BSTA) awarded three \$1,500 scholarships to graduating students Heather Aldous, Rachel Giroux and Rachel Richmond. The awards are specifically given to students who plan to pursue a career in education or a related field. In addition, the BSTA awarded a new \$500 scholarship award to Brit Douglas, recognizing the importance of serving our community as a First Responder. Since 1960, the BSTA has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships, which are funded solely by donations from BSTA active and retired members. For additional information, please email Kim Pusatere at [kpusatere@bsccd.org](mailto:kpusatere@bsccd.org).

### Ballston Spa Students Receive Morley Literacy Award

One student at each elementary school is presented annually with the Maurice “Christopher” Morley Literacy Award. This award is presented to four students moving up from the elementary schools to the Middle School who have demonstrated exceptional determination and perseverance on the road to reading. The award includes a certificate embossed with the Rotary seal along with a gift certificate to a local book store. The initiative honors the legacy of Village History Consultant Morley who was born in April of 1922 and how he struggled his entire life due to dyslexia. To his credit, Mr. Morley proudly donned a cap and gown to receive his Ballston Spa High School diploma some 60 years after his peers. The 2018 award recipients include Morgan Starr from Milton Terrace Elementary School, Aspen Caswell from Gordon Creek Elementary School, Erin Fillion from Wood Road Elementary School, and Kaleigh Capasso from Malta Avenue Elementary School. The award is supported by the Rotary Club of Ballston Spa and presented annually by each of the elementary school principals.

### Ballston Spa Students Earn Awards at the Saratoga County Fair

The district’s display of student artwork and projects received the third place award in this year’s Showcase of Schools at the Saratoga County Fair. This year’s award winners include Ryan Czimbale from Malta Avenue Elementary School; Madeline Strothers-McClelland from Milton Terrace Elementary School; Aliyah Gilmore from Wood Road Elementary School; Savannah Ingram, Anthony Astarita, and Grace O’Connor from Ballston Spa High School; Aiden Kiernan from the Clean Tech ECHS, as well as Sara Kudlack from Ballston Spa Middle School. The Middle School also received an award for a group project entitled “Embrace Diversity”.



### Students Complete Robotics Academy in Ballston Spa

Ballston Spa students had the opportunity to participate in a week long LEGO Robotics Academy at the Ballston Spa High School during late summer. Members of the school’s FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3044, OxBE4, offered the LEGO Robotics Academy as part of their efforts to get 4th, 5th and 6th grade students involved in STEM activities. The LEGO Robotics Academy, which is an annual fundraiser for Team 3044, provides an opportunity for the High School students to develop their communication and leadership skills as they work with the younger students. The week culminated with the students demonstrating what they learned for their parents and friends as they earned their EV3 Robotics License. Many of the students who attended the program will now apply the knowledge they acquired this summer as they participate on FIRST LEGO League Robotics teams in the Ballston Spa schools this fall. More information on the Robotics program is on the team website at [FRCTeam3044.team](http://FRCTeam3044.team) or follow the twitter feed @OxBE4.

# Facilities Improvement Bond Referendum

## October 16, 2018

### Phase III

**To the Ballston Spa Community:**

On Tuesday, October 16, the Board of Education is hosting a public referendum on a **Facilities Improvement Project Phase III** to address ongoing building infrastructure needs. The proposed improvements will address critical health, safety and infrastructure items in the Grove Street section of the Malta Avenue Elementary School; outdated classrooms, bathrooms and locker rooms in the Ballston Spa Middle School; the replacement of the cogeneration equipment and related control systems and upgrades to the auditorium and technology classroom access in the High School; and the rehabilitation of fields in front of and behind the Middle School, the construction of a new multipurpose field on the south end of the campus, and a new athletic storage building to support the athletic program.

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 committee started meeting in June 2009 and presented its findings to the Board of Education in January 2010.

Detailed information about the plan, including specific work at the schools, tax impact and drawings of the proposed work are contained within this newsletter. Additional information is also located on the district website at <https://www.bsbsd.org/domain/942>.

During the weeks prior to the vote on October 16th, there will be informational meetings throughout the district and community to help you become informed about the project. Beyond those already scheduled (see enclosed schedule), please let us know if you would like a speaker to attend a meeting or gathering to provide more information. Should you need additional information in general about the project, please contact the district office at 518-884-7195.



Sincerely,  
*Susan Filburn*  
President, Board of Education



#### THE BOTTOM LINE

Cost:  
\$23.98 Million

Tax Impact:  
As a result of utilizing \$6,325,000 from the district's Capital Reserve Fund, the net tax impact on the average home assessed at \$235,000 is estimated to be an average of \$11.60 per year, starting in 2021.

Timeline:  
Design & SED Permit Approval:  
October 2018 – December 2019  
Construction Start: Spring 2020  
Construction Completion: 2022

## COME LEARN MORE AT A COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Learn more about the proposed Phase III Facilities Improvement Bond Referendum by attending community presentations in each of the local towns during the coming weeks. School district representatives will present information and answer questions from interested residents at 6:30 pm on October 1st at the Milton Community Center, October 4th at the Ballston Town Hall and October 9th at the Malta Community Center.

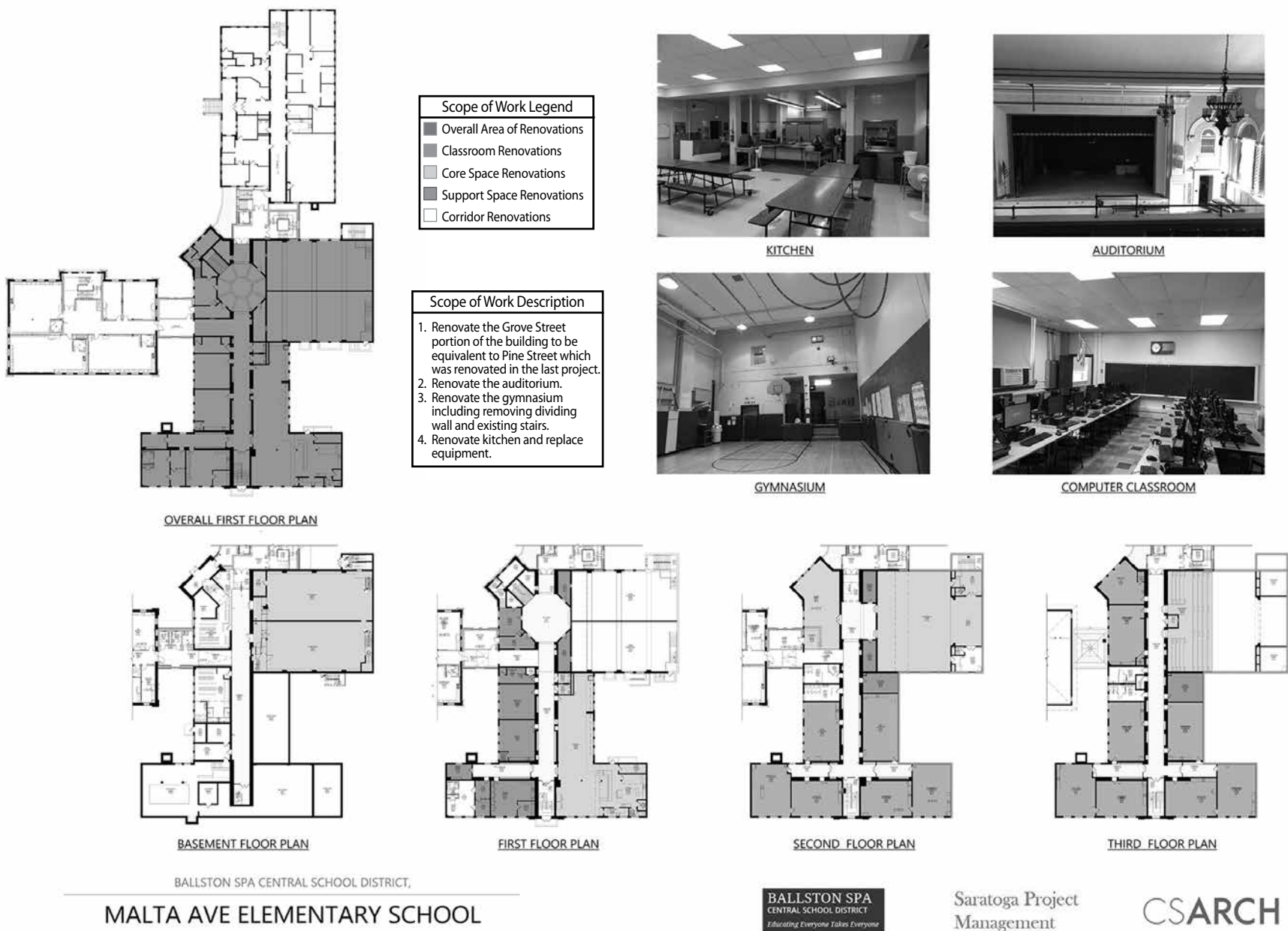
**October 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm**  
Milton Community Center

**October 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm**  
Ballston Town Hall

**October 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm**  
Malta Community Center

Information will also be presented at PTA meetings and available in the schools. Please contact the District Office at 884-7195 for additional information or check the website at [www.bsbsd.org](http://www.bsbsd.org).

# Proposed Renovations at the Malta Avenue Elementary School



## Malta Avenue Elementary School – Phase III Improvements

Improvements to the Malta Avenue Elementary School will be completed within the Grove Street section of the building (1920s). This area was not included during Phase I upgrades to the other parts of the building. The proposal includes restoration projects in the auditorium (including new seating), gymnasium (removing the center wall to allow for a full size gymnasium), and kitchen, as well as renovations to outdated classrooms, removal of old lockers, and corridor finish upgrades (floors, ceilings, painting).

## Why invest in Malta Avenue Elementary School?

Malta Avenue Elementary School is a historically significant and valuable asset to the school district. It is important to the school district and school community and provides a cornerstone link between the district, the community and our collective roots. The school is made of good building stock (built to last more than 100 years), can be updated with reasonable renovation costs which qualify for significant state building aid reimbursement (approximately 75%).

**REMEMBER TO VOTE!**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**  
**7:00 am to 9:00 pm**

Ballston Spa High School (residents of the towns of Ballston, Milton and Charlton)  
and Malta Town Hall (Malta residents)

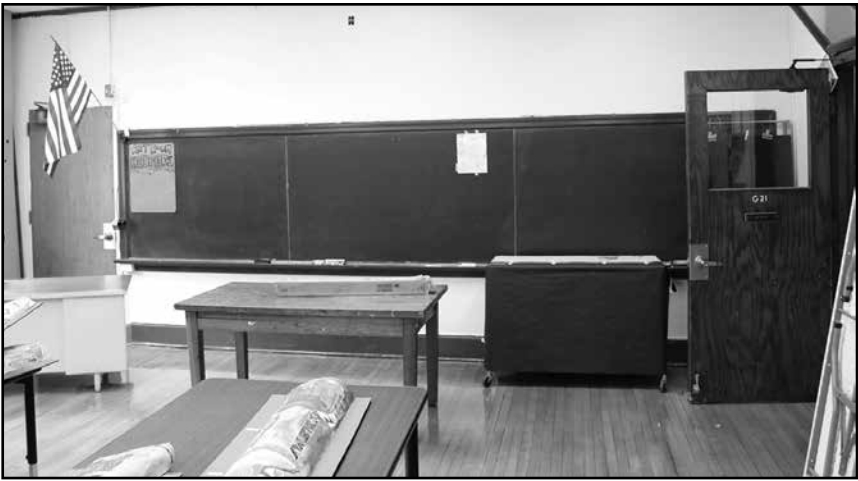


### Tax Impact

Average home\* = \$11.60 month,  
starting in 2021

*\*assessed at \$235,000*

## Malta Avenue Classrooms

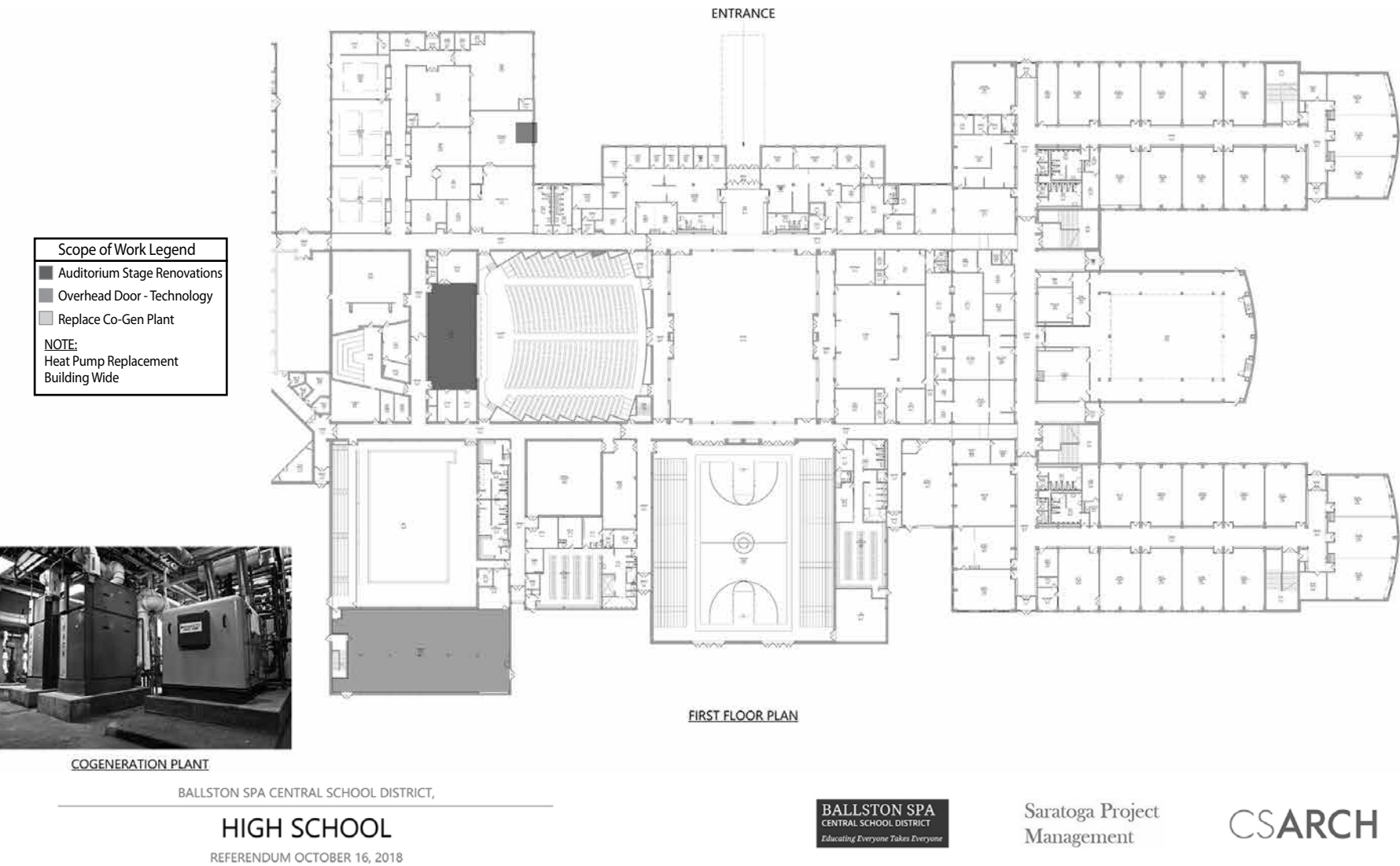


Current Grove Street Classroom



Current Pine Street Classroom (new in 2014)

# Proposed Renovations at the Ballston Spa High School

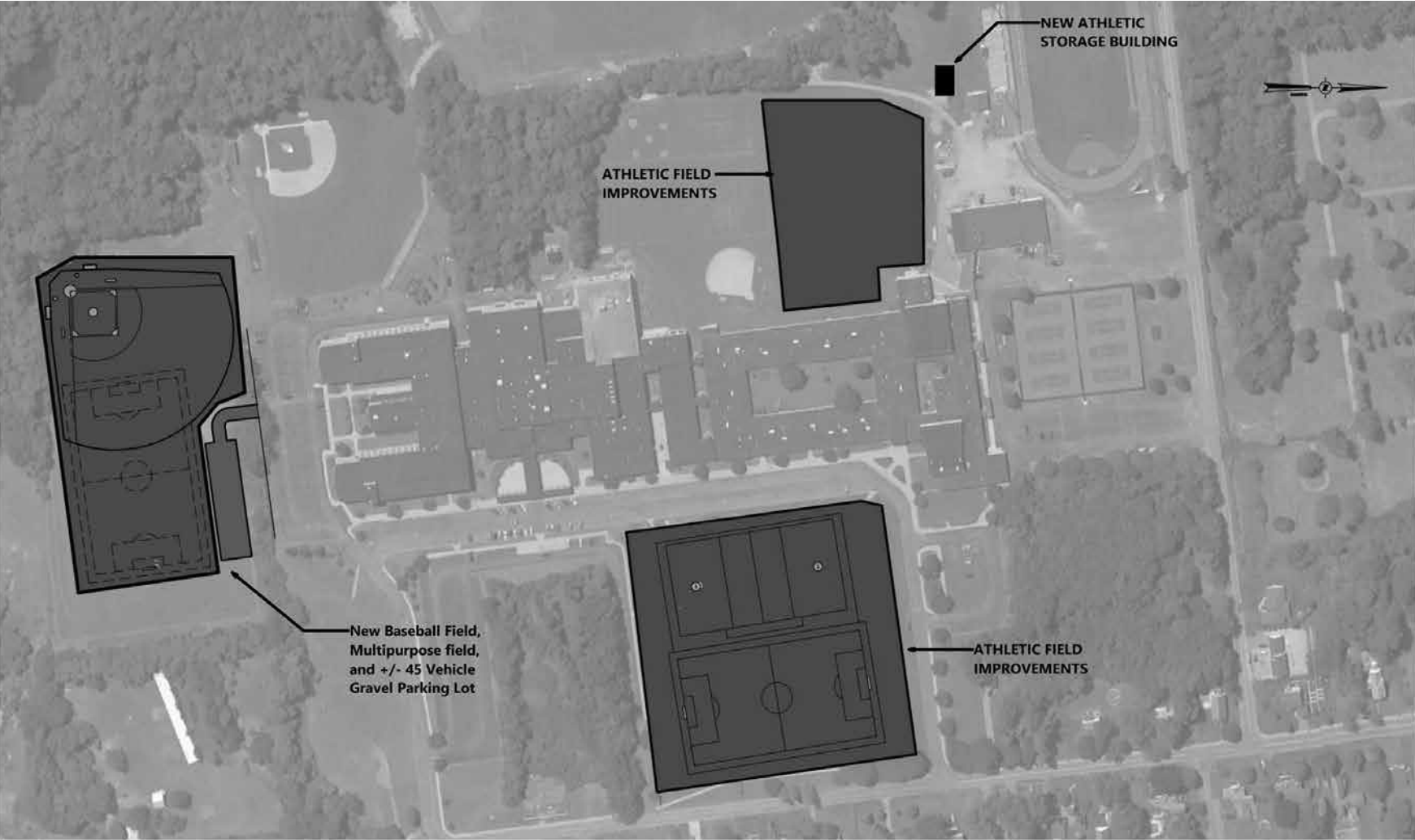


## High School – Phase III Improvements


Proposed renovations include the replacement of the cogeneration heating system for both the High and Middle Schools that was original to the building when it opened in 1998. The by-product heat from power production provides hot water for both buildings, along with High School air conditioning, pool temperature control, and dehumidification control. Aging heat pumps that control the heating and cooling of classrooms and offices will also be replaced. In the auditorium we will replace the stage curtains, select lighting and controls, as well as updating portions of the rigging system. Finally, a second overhead door will be added to the Technology/Shop area to allow better access to the classrooms.

## Proposed Athletic Field/Facility Improvements


To accomodate our growing athletic program and community use, athletic fields in front of the schools on Ballston Avenue and the practice field on the west side of the Middle School will be refurbished. An additional multipurpose field will be added to the south side of the complex with access from the High School Staff parking area. A new athletic storage building, complete with a uniform drying area, will be constructed near the current football stadium.




# Proposed Renovations at the Ballston Spa Middle School



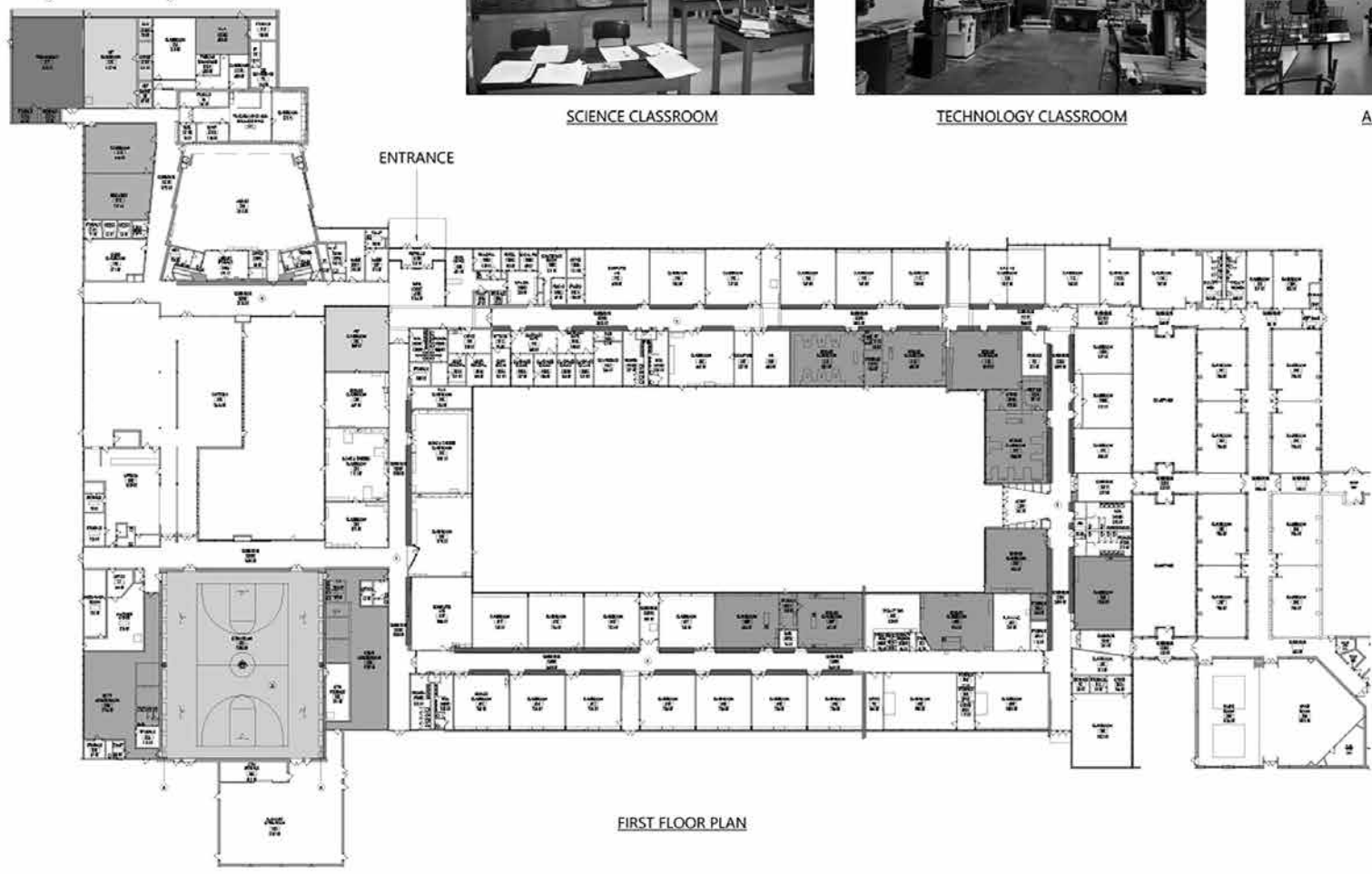
SCIENCE CLASSROOM



TECHNOLOGY CLASSROOM



ART CLASSROOM



ENTRANCE

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Scope of Work Legend

- Science Room Renovations
- Art Room Renovations
- Toilet Room Renovations
- Classroom Renovations
- Locker Room Renovations
- Technology Shop Renovations
- Locker Replacement
- Gymnasium Ventilation
- Window Replacement
- Display Wall

BALLSTON SPA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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## Middle School – Phase III Improvements

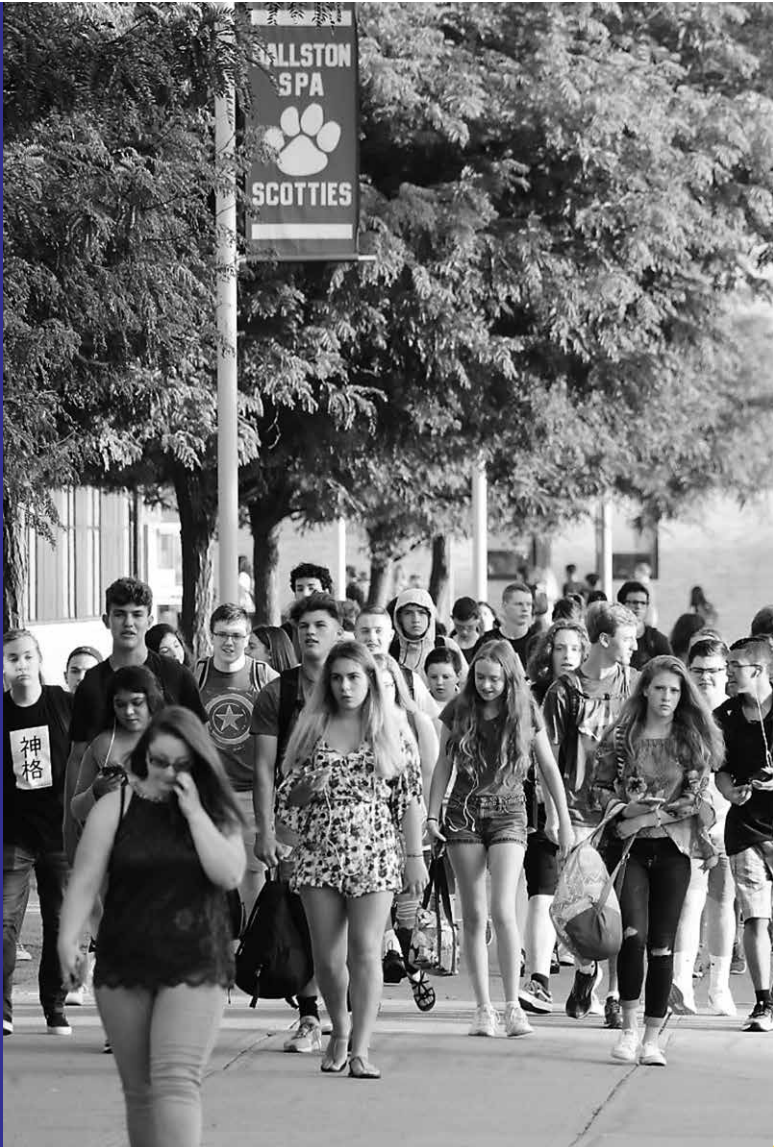
The 1950s classrooms at the Ballston Spa Middle School will be updated, including the renovation of old science labs. The Technology and Art classrooms will be reconfigured to serve current curriculum needs and bathrooms original to the building will be renovated in several wings. Improvements will be made in the gymnasium including window replacement, lighting and ventilation upgrades, and the rehabilitation of the locker rooms. The proposal also includes the replacement of student lockers in the hallways and related renovations to common areas.



The Ballston Spa Central School District will hold a referendum for registered voters of the district to consider the following proposition on a ballot at the polls on October 16, 2018. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm in the Ballston Spa High School (residents of the towns of Ballston, Milton and Charlton) and the Malta Town Hall (Malta residents). Voters will cast a vote on the following proposition:

### Proposition on the Ballot: Facilities Improvement Bond

That the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to construct improvements and alterations to various District buildings and sites (the “Project”), and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$23,980,000; (b) that the amount of \$6,325,000 from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund, approved by the voters of the District on May 18, 2010, is hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved; and (c) that a tax in the amount of not to exceed \$17,655,000 is hereby voted to pay the balance of cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, the Board of Education is authorized to issue bonds of the District in the principal amount of not to exceed \$17,655,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.



**New Superintendent Assumes Role as District Leader**

The district welcomed Kenneth Slentz as the new Superintendent of Schools in August. Mr. Slentz most recently served as the Superintendent of the Skaneateles Central School District.



“Mr. Slentz impressed the Board with his years of experience in many different educational capacities, including the time he spent at the State Education Department,” indicated Kevin Schaefer, then President of the Board of Education. “The Board was in complete agreement that Mr. Slentz would lead the district forward so that our students will continue to be exposed to many great opportunities. We welcome him and his wife to our community.”

Prior to joining the Skaneateles district, Mr. Slentz served for five years as the Deputy Commissioner for PK-12 Education for the New York State Education Department. Over his 24 years in public education, Mr. Slentz has also served as a teaching assistant, as a middle school social studies teacher, Curriculum Coordinator, and Principal as well as a Superintendent at both Long Lake and West Canada Valley Central School Districts.

Mr. Slentz holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from SUNY Geneseo, a Master’s Degree in Education from SUNY Oswego and received Administrative Certification from SUNY Plattsburgh. Mr. Slentz was chosen through a confidential search conducted by the Board of Education and included a small group of stakeholders who represented central and building level administration, teaching and support staff, operations staff and community members. Mr. Slentz and his wife Katie have one daughter, Keller, and have relocated to the area.

**New Wood Road Elementary School Principal**

Mr. Anders Rasmussen was appointed as the new Wood Road Elementary School (WRES) Principal in July. Mr. Rasmussen, who has been with the district since 2012, was most recently serving as Assistant Principal at the High School. Prior to his service in Ballston Spa, he held administrative positions at the Greenville School District and he was an English teacher and coach at Ichabod Crane Middle School. Mr. Rasmussen holds a Bachelor’s Degree in English from University at Albany, and both a Master’s Degree in Education and Administrative Certification from The College of St. Rose. He holds New York State Certification as a School Building Leader. Mr. Rasmussen currently resides in Clifton Park with his wife, Cheryl, and their four children.



**New High School Principal**

Mr. Gianleo Duca was selected as the new High School Principal in June 2018. Mr. Duca served as Interim Principal in June after then Principal Jensen moved to serve as Director of Special Education. He served as Assistant Principal since 2015 with his prior educational experience including Social Studies teaching positions at South Colonie High School and Medford High School. Mr. Duca holds a Bachelor’s Degree in History/ Education from Western New England University, a Master’s Degree in Education from Salem State University and received Administrative Certification from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. He holds New York State Certification as a School District and a School Building Leader. Mr. Duca currently resides in Waterford, NY.



**Two New Assistant Principals Begin at BSHS**

The High School welcomed Don Brandt (Right in photo) and Kathryn McTiernan (Left) as the two new Assistant Principals this fall after the promotion of Principals Duca and Rasmussen. They joined Principal Mr. Gianleo Duca and Assistant Principal Daina Sisk (Center) as they welcomed back students and staff for the new school year.

Don Brandt joined the team after serving most recently as Assistant Principal at Queensbury Middle School. His prior leadership roles include Principal in The Albany Academies Middle and Elementary Schools for two years and serving in the classroom for nine years in The Albany Academies and Schalmont Central School District. His teaching experience includes biology, science, and civil engineering and architecture (a Project Lead the Way course). He has also coached soccer, basketball, and track. Mr. Brandt completed his school building and district leadership coursework and certification through SUNY Plattsburgh, in addition to a Master’s Degree in teaching from Union Graduate College. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Rochester. Don and his wife Michelle live in Ballston Lake with their children, Ava (3) and Carter (7 months).

Kathryn McTiernan is coming to Ballston Spa from three years at Mohonasen CSD in Rotterdam, NY, where she was the Academic Administrator for Humanities 6-12, K-12 Librarian Supervisor, and Media Arts-MoTech Program Facilitator. Prior to that she spent 11 years teaching English at the Shenendehowa CSD, as well as four years as Summer School Assistant Principal 6-12. She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in English and 7-12 teaching certificate from Siena College, her Master’s Degree in Curriculum Development and Instructional Technology from SUNY Albany, and her Administrative Certification from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She has two daughters, ages 10 and 14, who attend school in Clifton Park.



**New Staff Members Welcomed to District**

The district held the annual new staff orientation in late August and welcomed over 25 new staff members to the district. They participated in several informative sessions with various key district offices and also went on a bus ride around the school district as they learned more about our school community.

**Staff Members Honored for Contributions**

The district recently recognized staff and school community members who are making a significant positive contribution to the school community. Announced annually at the beginning of the school year, the Extra Mile awards program formally honors those staff members who exemplify the district’s core values of commitment and involvement. People are acknowledged based on several criteria, including those who act as a positive change agent, demonstrate leadership, motivate others in the pursuit of excellence, and/or develop creative and innovative solutions that have benefited members of the school

community. Additional criteria include recognizing those who attain significant achievements that are recognized by the community and the people who create and demonstrate a belief and commitment to the district’s motto that *Educating Everyone Takes Everyone*.

Staff members recognized this year include:  
Ballston Spa High School: *Kim Anatriello and Dan Hornick*  
Ballston Spa Middle School: *Alison Paley*  
Wood Road Elementary School: *Nicole Busch*  
Malta Avenue Elementary School: *Mindy Cooper and Michelle Miner*  
Gordon Creek & Milton Terrace Elementary Schools: *Jolene Hansen, Kim Turney, Stephanie Morcone and Sherry Demers*

For more information on the Extra Mile awards please visit [www.bsbsd.org](http://www.bsbsd.org) or call the District Office at 884-7195.



**Faculty and Staff Members Recognized for Earning Tenure**

Nine staff members in the Ballston Spa Central School District received their tenure appointment from the Board of Education during the annual tenure appointment in May. Teachers receiving tenure included Milton Terrace Elementary School teachers Jamie O’Brien and Amanda Thouin, Wood Road Elementary School teacher Hilary Soulia, as well as teachers Jered Marcantonio, Erin Poole and Denise Rochette at the Ballston Spa High School. High School counselor William McAleese and Coordinator of the Clean Tech ECHS program Adrienne Snow and High School teaching assistant Barbara Prehoda also received tenure.



**Board of Education Congratulates Retirees**

The Ballston Spa Central School District Board of Education congratulated and recognized the retirement of staff members upon completion of their service during the past school year. The dedication and service that they brought to the district during their collective 320 years of service will definitely be missed. The Board asked the school community to join them in expressing appreciation for their commitment to the students of Ballston Spa. Retirees this past year included Susan Andi, Edgar Carter, Cheryl Forgea, Linda Gawrys, Jill Greening, Susan Janes, Margaret Lance, Janice McPhee, Arleen Parks, Marie Rossi, Patricia Schaefer, Rose Sgambati, Shari Thomas, Regina Vanasdale, and James Wilson.

*Join us for the annual*  
**Fall Family Festival**  
**October 16, 2018**  
**Ballston Spa High School**

Ballston Spa Central School District

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School District News & Facilities Bond  
Referendum Information – Fall 2018

The Board of Education has scheduled a Facilities Improvement Bond 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 renovations that address critical building infrastructure needs, health and safety issues and aging facilities. Learn more about the Phase III proposal in this newsletter, on the website or by attending one of the upcoming community presentations in each of the local towns. The district will hold the referendum on October 16, 2018 from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm. Please note the date and plan to vote on October 16th.

Community Fitness Opportunities

The district currently offers two adult sports opportunities with Co-ed Indoor Soccer held on Mondays and Men’s Basketball on Wednesdays. A 10-week session begins the week of September 24, 2018 and requires a \$30 fee for district residents. The popular Walk About program starts October 9, 2018 and provides a safe, indoor walking course for those interested in a low impact fitness activity. A \$15 registration fee is required for this program. Walkers may join the program at any time throughout the session. Pre-registration is required and fees are due at the beginning of each course. Those interested may register for courses by mail or in-person at the District Office. Additional information is available online or by calling 884-7195 ext. 1329.

The Aquatics Program offers opportunities for public use of the pool during adult lap swimming sessions and a family/open swim on Saturday afternoons. Additional opportunities are offered throughout the year, including Aqua Cardio classes and a Learn-To-Swim program. Information is available on the website or by contacting the pool office directly at 884-7150 ext. 2324.



Welcome to the  
2018-19 School Year

Join Us at Our Upcoming  
School Community Events

OCTOBER

- 9 Walk About Program Begins, Middle School Lobby, 6:00-7:30 pm
- 12 Community Spirit Parade, 6:00 pm
- 12 Homecoming Football Game vs. South Glens Falls, High School, 7:00 pm
- 13 Homecoming Dance, High School, 8:00 pm
- 16 District Facilities Referendum & Fall Family Festival
- 24 Mr. Ballstonian, High School Auditorium, 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER

- 3 Robot Rumble, High School, 8:30 am-5:30 pm
- 10 Scottie’s Closet, Middle School Cafeteria, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- 14 Clean Tech ECHS Grades 9-10 Student Project Expo, TEC-SMART, 9:00 am
- 15 Clean Tech ECHS Information Night, TEC-SMART, 6:30 pm
- 15 Fall Production of “Almost, Maine”, High School Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 16 Fall Production of “Almost, Maine”, High School Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 17 Fall Production of “Almost, Maine”, High School Auditorium, 1:00 & 7:00 pm
- 17 Code-A-Thon, Milton Terrace Cafeteria, 9:30-11:30 am
- 29 High School Foreign Language Lip Sync Night, High School Auditorium, 7:00 pm

DECEMBER

- 1 LEGO Qualifying Tournament, Middle School, 8:00 am-4:30 pm
- 3 High School Winter Concert, Part I, High School Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- 4 Middle School Winter Concert, Part I, High School Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- 6 College Athletics Information Night, High School Library, 6:30 pm
- 6 High School Winter Concert, Part II, High School Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- 7 Ballston Spa Holiday Parade, Village, 6:30 pm
- 10 High School Winter Concert, Part III, High School Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- 11 Middle School Winter Concert, Part II, High School Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 13 Milton Terrace Winter Concert, 7:00 pm
- 17 Middle School Winter Concert, Part III, High School Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 18 Gordon Creek Winter Concert, 7:00 pm

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