Proposition:
District voters will consider the following proposition on the ballot at the polls on October 16:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 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.

MORE INFORMATION:
Several information presentations are scheduled before the vote, including in each of the towns in the district (see below list). Additional information, including site plans, and the history of the Phase I and II projects, is located on the district website.

FIND OUT MORE
Community Presentations:
October 1 at 6:30 pm
Milton Community Center
October 4 at 6:30 pm
Ballston Town Hall
October 9 at 6:30 pm
Malta Community Center

Information will also be presented at Meet the Teacher Nights, PTA meetings and civic organizations.

Please visit the Ballston Spa Central School District website at: www.bscsd.org for additional information or call (518) 884-7195

Malta Avenue auditorium and classrooms will be updated in the Grove Street section of the school.
Athletic Facilities
The proposed athletic improvements include 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.

Ballston Spa Middle School
Originally constructed in the 1950s, a number of areas including the science labs, technology (shop) and art classrooms, bathrooms, and hallway lockers will be renovated and reconfigured. Improvements will also be made in the gymnasium including window replacement, lighting and ventilation upgrades, and the rehabilitation of the locker rooms.

Phase III Renovations include:

Malta Avenue Elementary School
Improvements to the Malta Avenue Elementary School are located within the Grove Street section of the building (1920s). This area was not included in the 2013-14 improvement project which addressed the Pine Street and Chapman Street sections of the building.

The proposal includes restoration projects in the auditorium (including new seating), gymnasium, and kitchen, as well as renovations to outdated classrooms, removal of old lockers and corridor finish upgrades (floors, ceilings, painting).

Ballston Spa High School
Proposed renovations include the replacement of the cogeneration heating system for both the High and Middle Schools that was original to the 1998 building. The by-product heat from power production provides hot water for both buildings, along with High School air conditioning, pool temperature and dehumidification control. Aging heat pumps that control the heating and cooling of High School classrooms and offices will also be replaced.

The auditorium will receive replacement of the stage curtains, select lighting and controls, as well as updating of portions of the rigging system. A second overhead door will be added to the Technology/Shop area to allow better access to the classrooms.

The Bottom Line:
The bond referendum to fund $23,980,000 for Phase III facilities improvements will be on the ballot as Proposition I. As a result of utilizing $6,325,000 from the district's Capital Reserve Fund, the projected 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.

Additional building specific drawings of the proposed plans, complete lists of proposed renovations, detailed information about the plan, including tax impact, and construction timeline, are located on the facilities page of the district website at www.bscsd.org.