



Herricks Public Schools

**BOND 2016**

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## COMMUNITY BOND VOTE SET FOR DECEMBER 6TH

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 61% of projects include health and safety improvements to all buildings, and address other improvements and upgrades districtwide.
- 39% of projects modernize and upgrade the high school to provide a 21st-century learning environment.
- No additional tax impact to residents due to expiring bond debt.

### Save the Dates

**Bond Presentation  
and Board Meeting**

November 17, 2016

7:30 p.m. @ Community Center

**Community Bond Vote**

December 6, 2016

Polls Open 7 a.m.-10 p.m. @  
Community Center Gym

On Tuesday, December 6th, residents in the Herricks Public Schools will have the opportunity to vote on a plan that addresses renovations and improvements to buildings throughout the district. The proposed plan calls for renovations at each of the district's schools, Shelter Rock Academy and the Community Center. Just like houses, schools need upgrades and renovations over time. Many of our facilities are the original structures, dating as far back as the 1950s. The district has reached the point where replacements and upgrades are necessary.

Projects include renovations to select interior and exterior doors, new locks to all classroom doors, windows, curbing, masonry, bathrooms and ventilation systems. In addition, the proposal calls for upgrades and modernization to certain high school facilities in order to provide for a 21st-century learning environment. These include renovations to an outdated science lab, the cafeteria and kitchen, the athletic field, comfort station and bleachers, and the fitness center. These are just a few examples of the many upgrades and renovations that will be completed as part of the proposed project. For a complete list of projects, please refer to page 2 and to the district's website, [www.herricks.org](http://www.herricks.org) (click on "Bond 2016" and then "Plan of Projects"). "These building upgrades are inevitable – we must make them soon so that our buildings continue to function in an efficient manner," said Board of Education President Nancy Feinstein. "By bonding the project, we are able to fund it in the most cost-effective

way possible and accomplish many projects that have been outlined in our five-year building condition survey."

### FAQ's

#### **Why Is the Vote Being Held in December?**

By holding the vote on December 6th, the district is hopeful that this should allow enough time for project planning, bid process, and obtaining necessary approvals requested by the New York State Department of Education so that work can begin during the summer of 2017.

#### **What Happens if the Improvements Proposed Through the Bond Referendum are Not Addressed Now?**

The Board of Education and the district's facilities committee would reconvene to address options for the various health and safety building improvements. However, some of the projects proposed through the plan will most likely not be able to be completed.

#### **If Approved, How Long Will the Projects Take to be Completed?**

The district is hopeful that improvement work would begin during summer 2017 and be completed by approximately 2023. Ultimate phasing of the improvement projects is dependent on a variety of factors, including but not limited to the State Education Department's approval of plans, receipt of final bids, general market conditions, interest rates and the availability of contractors.

#### **What If I'm Not Able to Come to the Polls to Vote on December 6th?**

If you are not able to vote at the polling location on December 6th, you may obtain an absentee ballot to participate in the vote. Please see the bottom of page 4 for information on absentee ballots.

#### **Where Can I Find More Information?**

For more information about the proposal, visit the district's website, [www.herricks.org](http://www.herricks.org), or "Like" our Facebook page by searching "Herricks Public Schools Bond Referendum."

# What the *Project Provides...*

## Improvements to *Elementary and Middle Schools*

- Replace select site work, including asphalt, sidewalks and drainage systems, windows, and interior and exterior doors.
- Install new hardware on all interior doors for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and new locks for emergency response purposes.
- Renovate certain bathrooms, including ADA-compliant modifications.
- Upgrade ventilation systems for improved airflow.
- Upgrades to electrical and plumbing systems, interior walls and masonry.

## Improvements to *Shelter Rock Academy*

- Replace select site work, including asphalt and drainage systems, roof and building masonry.
- Replace windows as needed.
- Upgrade ventilation systems for improved airflow.
- Install new hardware on all interior doors for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and new locks for emergency response purposes.

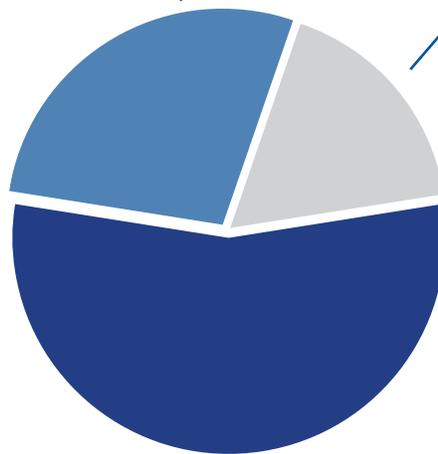
## Improvements to the *Community Center*

- Upgrade building masonry.
- Install new hardware on all interior doors for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and new locks for emergency response purposes.
- Replace select site work, including asphalt and sidewalks.

## Initiatives for Health and Safety Improvements, Modernization and Other Necessary Upgrades

Modernizes and Upgrades the High School to Provide a 21st-Century Learning Environment  
**39%**

Other Necessary Upgrades  
**20%**



Health & Safety Improvements  
**41%**

**61%** of the entire proposal is devoted to health and safety, as well as other necessary upgrades. Of this amount, the breakdown by school is as follows:

Middle School =	11%
Center Street =	9%
Denton Avenue =	8%
Searingtown =	12%
Shelter Rock =	4%
Community Center =	5%
High School =	51%
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## Improvements to *Herricks High School*

- Renovate cafeteria and an outdated science lab.
- Replace building generator.
- Replace multipurpose field with synthetic turf field with Coolfill, new bleachers and comfort station.
- Addition of new fitness center for student health and wellness curriculum.
- Upgrade necessary asphalt, sidewalks, masonry, drainage systems, electrical and plumbing systems, and interior walls.
- Replace windows and curtain wall.
- Replace certain interior and exterior doors.
- Install new hardware on all interior doors for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and new locks for emergency response purposes.
- Renovate certain bathrooms, including ADA-compliant modifications.
- Upgrade ventilation systems for improved airflow.

# *A Look at Our Facilities*



*Sidewalks throughout the district are cracked and in need of replacement.*



*Select window systems would be replaced for safety purposes. Some windows, like this one, do not allow for natural light to pass through.*



*Some bathrooms throughout the district are in disrepair and not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.*



*Select interior and exterior doors throughout the district are in need of replacement.*



*An existing outdated science lab at Herricks High School.*



*A modern, 21st-century science lab.*



*The cafeteria at Herricks High School is original to the building, constructed in 1958.*



*This is a rendering of what the new cafeteria at Herricks High School could look like.*

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[www.herricks.org](http://www.herricks.org)

# SMART FINANCING

The capital projects that have been discussed with the community total \$29.5 million. On December 6th, voters will be asked to consider a \$25 million bond referendum and approval to expend \$3.3 million from an existing capital reserve to fund projects totaling \$28.3 million. The district expects to fund the balance of the \$29.5 million (\$1.2 million) from the same capital reserve if additional funds are set aside in the future. Additional voter authorization for such expenditure would then be required.

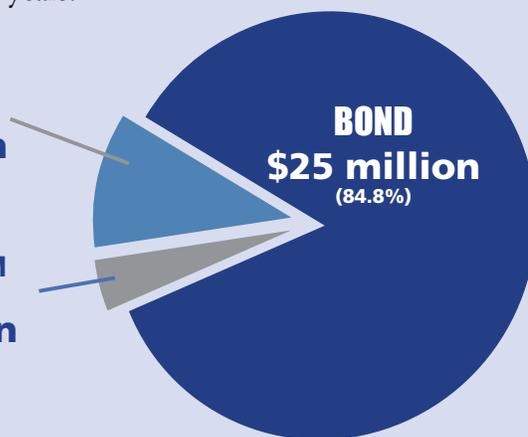
There will be no additional tax impact (increase or decrease) if the project is approved, as the debt associated with the new bond

will essentially replace expiring debt. For this project, the district has also factored in building aid ratio from New York State, meaning approximately 36 percent of the project's total cost will be reimbursed to the district through state aid over a period of 15 years.



**EXISTING CAPITAL  
RESERVE FUND**  
**\$3.3 million**  
(11.2%)

**FUTURE FUNDS FROM  
CAPITAL RESERVE**  
**\$1.2 million**  
(4.0%)



# VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Qualifications:**

To vote on December 6th, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older.
- A citizen of the United States.
- A resident of the Herricks School District for 30 days prior to December 6th.
- Registered to vote.

**How do I register?**

If you are registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections, you are automatically registered for the bond referendum vote. You may also register any school day between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. through December 1st, 2016 at the District Clerk's office or on November 22nd in room 208 of the Community Center from 4-8 p.m.

**New voters must register by December 1st, 2016.**

**Absentee Ballots:**

Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained at the District Clerk's Office, Room 205, located at 999 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, or on the district's website, at least seven days prior to the day of the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day prior to the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. All absentee ballots must be received in the office of the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the date of the vote. For more information or to obtain an absentee ballot application, visit the district's website, [www.herricks.org](http://www.herricks.org), or call the district clerk's office at 516-305-8903.