



William Floyd School District of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley

“Our Rich History Builds a Promising Future!”

2017 Capital Project

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September/October 2017

William Floyd 2017 Capital Project: Zero additional cost to taxpayers!



“Benefiting Our Students & Community”

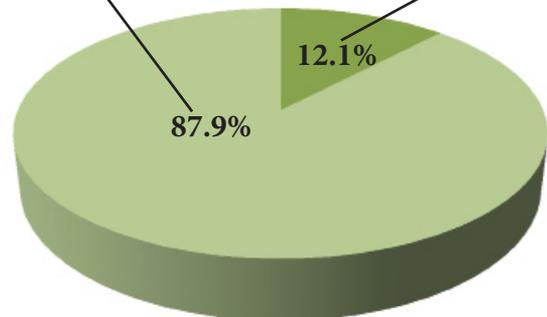
Key Points

- Repair Aging Infrastructure ✓
- State-of-the-Art Adaptive Playground ✓
- Upgrade Secondary Auditoriums ✓
- Elementary Air Conditioning ✓
- Multi-Purpose Athletic Fields & Improvements for Student & Community Use ✓
- **Zero (\$0) Additional Local Tax Impact:** (NYS Building Aid Provides nearly .88¢ on the dollar reimbursement plus the use of the voter approved Capital Reserve fund). ✓

Additional Local Cost:
0%

NYS Building Aid:
87.9%

Capital Reserve:
12.1%



Project Cost: \$39.4 million
Additional Tax Impact: \$0

Capital Project Information Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
7:15-8 pm
William Floyd High School
Library



Capital Project Vote

Monday, October 30, 2017
7 am - 9 pm
William Floyd High School
East Lobby

Please visit www.wfsd.k12.ny.us for more information!

A Message from the Board of Education

On Monday, October 30, 2017, residents of the William Floyd School District will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed facility capital improvement project that addresses infrastructure deficiencies in each of our buildings as reported in the New York State mandated five-year “Building Condition Survey;” this project also delivers much needed upgrades and improvements.

“This project will go out to voters with no additional local tax impact.”
- Board of Ed.

In addition to repairs, the scope of this project includes upgrading the three secondary school auditoriums (WFHS/WFMS/WPMS) – turning them into state-of-the-art facilities for our music and theater students;

installing air conditioning in the three elementary schools that currently do not have it - John S. Hobart, Nathaniel Woodhull and William Floyd Elementary schools; a centrally-located adaptive playground accessible to students with special needs and a public resource for the entire community; as well as improvements to our athletic fields turning them into multi-sport state-of-the-art synthetic turf facilities for our student athletes and local community groups.

Thanks to the sound financial planning of the district which includes the creation of a voter-approved Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5 million (2016), and nearly 88% (.88 cents on the dollar) in New York State building aid; **this project will go out to voters with no additional local tax impact.**



The William Floyd Board of Education.

William Floyd continues on an upward trajectory through all facets including student achievement (highest graduation rate ever for four-year cohort), financial operations (increased credit rating, responsible and sensitive budgeting) and more.

For more information and additional presentations about the proposed capital project, please visit www.wfkd.k12.ny.us.

And remember, please come out to vote on Monday, October 30, 2017, at William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, NY, 11951.

See you at the polls!



Bond Proposition

Below is the wording of the proposition that will appear on the ballot.

Please vote Yes or No:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the William Floyd Union Free School District of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley is hereby authorized to construct improvements to school buildings and sites, substantially as described in a report entitled “William Floyd Capital Improvement Plan,” dated September 12, 2017, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$39,470,000; (b) that \$5,000,000 of funds on hand and available in the District’s “Capital Reserve Fund 2016” approved by the voters of the District on May 17, 2016, are hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of said cost and such expenditure is hereby approved; (c) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$34,470,000 to finance the balance of said cost, such tax to be levied by and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by said Board of Education; and in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$34,470,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) that District funds from future operations may be available to pay a portion of the cost, and any such funds expended therefor shall offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied and the amount of bonds herein authorized to be issued.

Capital Improvement Summary

Elementary School Summary

- **William Floyd Elementary:** Roof, windows, water piping, upgraded fire alarm, clock system, electrical panels & additional repairs
- **John S. Hobart Elementary:** Roof, upgraded fire alarm and exhaust systems
- **Moriches Elementary:** Roof, upgraded fire alarm, electrical panels & additional repairs
- **Tangier Smith Elementary:** Roof, upgraded fire alarm, electrical panels & additional repairs
- **Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary:** Roof, upgraded fire alarm, clock system, electrical panels & additional repairs
- **Air conditioning** at three buildings that currently do not have it: **William Floyd Elementary, Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary and John S. Hobart Elementary schools**



Secondary School Summary

- **State-of-the-art auditoriums:** New lighting, sound systems and media systems at all three secondary schools (William Floyd High School, William Floyd Middle School & William Paca Middle School) for music/theater students & community (and additional repairs)
- **William Floyd High School:** Upgraded fire alarm system, classroom unit ventilators, electrical panels & additional repairs
- **William Paca Middle School:** Upgraded fire alarm/boiler room floor, electrical panels & additional repairs
- **William Floyd Middle School:** Air handling, ventilation, electrical panels & additional repairs



Districtwide Summary



Fully adaptive playground centrally located at Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School for students and the community.

Two new tennis courts includes netting, posts and chain link perimeter fence, re-coat eight existing tennis courts – two-color system with new line striping/minor surface repair.



New courts



Reconstruction of Main Sports Field to Multi-Purpose Sports Fields with new synthetic turf, new track, new pre-fabricated press box and lighting upgrades.



Reconstruct original sports area (near Woodhull) into a larger field (200x380), multi-sport, synthetic turf, new six-lane rubberized track to fit on larger field and new scoreboard.



Softball/baseball field upgrades, two new synthetic turf infields, new backstop, foul poles, 6 ft. sideline, outfield restorations and outfield chain link fence.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the district pursuing a capital project at this time?

The William Floyd School District is committed to providing a safe learning environment and well-maintained facilities for students and public use. Just as one's home ages and needs upkeep and repairs to keep it in good shape, so do our schools. Many routine repairs and projects are funded within the annual district budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost. Larger work items and safety concerns would have a greater impact on everyone's taxes if they were to be included in the annual district budget. However, a capital project bond issue results in a much lower tax impact and is a fiscally responsible alternative because the State reimburses a large percentage of the cost.

What is the scope of this project?

This project will cover all aspects of infrastructure repairs and upgrades, including various building repairs, air conditioning in three elementary school buildings to provide more comfortable buildings during the late months of spring and early months of fall, upgraded secondary school auditoriums for music and theater students, a centrally-located fully adaptive playground, as well as upgrades to our athletic fields and facilities for all of our student athletes and community. Please see page three of this brochure for additional details.

How much is it going to cost for local taxpayers?

There is no additional tax impact. State aid will cover this project at a rate of almost 88% (87.9 cents per one dollar) coupled with the voter approved Capital Reserve fund of \$5 million (2016) covering the rest; this proposed capital project will go out to voters at a zero additional tax impact.

Isn't State Building Aid just my tax dollars too?

Yes, it is. The New York State Legislature has given all districts in the state an opportunity to use tax dollars to enhance their communities through school building improvements and renovations. This is an opportunity to keep some of those tax dollars in our own community, working to improve the educational setting for our children and the public.

How will contractors be selected to build the project?

The project must be contracted utilizing State of New York competitive bidding laws. Essentially, this requires that each project: 1) be divided into at least four prime contracts (general construction, mechanical, electrical and plumbing); 2) utilize the NYS Department of Labor prevailing wage rate; and, 3) be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Why is a synthetic turf field being considered?

The benefits of synthetic turf include significantly increased use by all boys and girls sports teams, gym classes and by the community; less maintenance time and water usage, and; increased playability even in the most extreme weather conditions. More and more school districts throughout the State are providing synthetic turf fields for student and community use.

If approved, how long will the project take to complete?

If the capital project is approved, design documents will be sent to the New York State Education Department, which would provide approvals in anywhere from 40-60 weeks. The first project could begin at some point in the summer or fall of 2018, with final completion taking anywhere from 36-48 months.

Will there be an informational meeting?

Yes, there is an informational meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 from 7:15-8 pm in the William Floyd High School library.

Who is eligible to vote?

Any United States citizen that is 18 years old and who has lived within the William Floyd School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote is eligible. The last day to register for the Capital Project vote in District Office will be Wednesday, October 25 by 5 pm, but will continue throughout the day of the vote at the Suffolk County Board of Elections. Absentee applications are available on the district website or by calling the district clerk. For further information or to verify voter eligibility, log onto www.wfsd.k12.ny.us or contact Jennifer Schildkraut, District Clerk, at (631)874-1696.

What will it take to pass the vote?

A simple majority of the total votes is needed.

When will the vote take place?

Monday, October 30, 2017 from 7 am - 9 pm in the William Floyd High School east lobby.



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Questions or grievances concerning this matter should be directed to: Howard Miller and Jessica Moller, District Compliance Officers, (516) 267-6300.