



# PATRIOT NEWS

JANUARY 2024

# CAPITAL PROJECT

**PUBLIC MEETING**

January 30, 2024

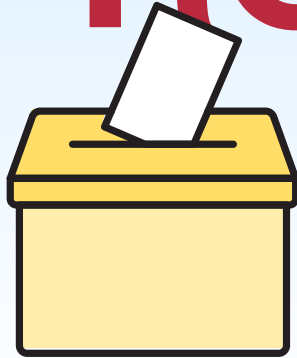
6:00 PM, Cafeteria

**VOTE**

February 13, 2024

Noon - 8:00 PM

Band Room Entrance



**PROPOSITION 1A:** Updates to our buildings and facilities

**PROPOSITION 1B:** Resurface track and replace fencing\*

\*Proposition 1B can only pass if proposition 1A passes

**PROPOSITION 2:** Use of capital equipment reserve for purchase of new tractor

## MAIN BUILDING



*Reconstruct elementary/main entrance sidewalk*



*Replace elementary entrance stairwell*



*Replace playground*



*Replace underground fuel oil tank*



*Reconstruct south parking lot*



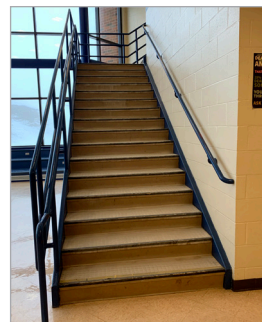
*Resurface tennis courts*



*Replace existing windows at elementary wing*



*Replace stairwell flooring*



*Replace corridor high school wing lockers*

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As we embark on the new year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. I hope that 2024 brings you joy, prosperity, and good health.

As you may be aware, our school district is entering a significant phase of a capital improvement project that will be put to vote on February 13. This project involves crucial repairs, renovations, and enhancements to our school buildings and grounds, ensuring a safe and conducive environment for our students.

The funding for this project has been carefully considered, with 81.5% covered by State Aid and \$1,200,000 allocated from our capital reserves, resulting in a minimal increase in the tax levy. The timing of the project aligns with the repayment of debt from our previous project, further minimizing the financial impact on our community.

The core of the project addresses the wear and tear on our facilities, with a focus on fixing, replacing, and reconstructing areas that have served our community since the original construction in 1989 and 1995. In addition to these essential

repairs, an emergency generator will be installed, and the tennis courts and track will undergo resurfacing. Notably, the track will be reaching its 25-year lifespan in 2025.

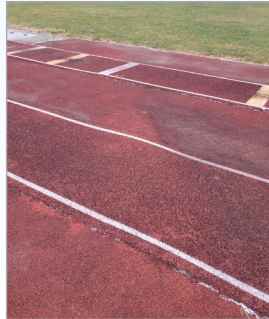
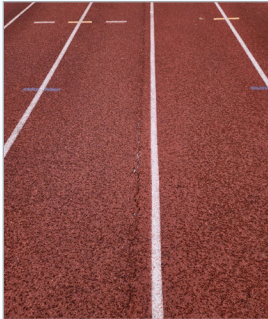
Your support is crucial in making these improvements a reality for our students. We want to provide them with a learning environment that is not only safe but also conducive to growth and success. I want to express my gratitude for the continuous support our community has shown to our school. Our youth are the future, and by investing in their education, we are shaping a brighter tomorrow.

I invite you to attend our community information meeting on January 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, where we will provide detailed insights into the capital project. Your presence and participation are vital as we work together to ensure the well-being and educational excellence of our students.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming community meeting.

Sincerely,  
*TheriJo Snyder*, Superintendent

### MAIN BUILDING



*Resurface track*

### TRANSPORTATION BUILDING



*Replace exterior overhead doors*

### TRANSPORTATION BUILDING



*Raise catch basin*

*Reconstruct asphalt pavement*

*Replace bay furnace and office furnace*

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## PROJECT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q** What Is the scope of the work being done?

**A Main Building**

Reconstruct elementary/main entrance sidewalk  
Replace elementary entrance stairwell  
Replace playground  
Replace underground fuel oil tank  
Reconstruct south parking lot  
Resurface tennis courts  
Wall at exterior walls  
Replace existing windows at elementary wing  
Replace stairwell flooring  
Replace corridor high school wing lockers  
Replace high school gym bleachers  
Provide new backup generator  
Install Blue light system at exterior of building  
Resurface track

**Transportation Building**

Raise catch basin  
Reconstruct asphalt pavement  
Replace exterior overhead doors  
Replace bay furnace  
Replace office furnace  
Install Blue light system at exterior of building

**Q** Why do this project now?

**A** CV-S is committed to being fiscally responsible and at the same time maintain the facility so that identified issues are addressed now rather than later when higher-cost emergency repairs and deterioration is not fiscally planned for.

**Q** How was the proposed capital project developed?

**A** The District utilized the Building Condition Survey (BCS), which is mandated by New York State, to be conducted every five years. The District considered work that was identified in the previous BCS and also work that has come about over the last few years that are safety concerns.

**Q** Is proposition 2 part of the Capital Project?

**A** Proposition 2 is separate from the Capital Project. We are in need of a new tractor to maintain the grounds (snow removal, brush hog, etc.). We will be using funds from the established Capital Equipment Reserve to fund the purchase. A public vote is required to use these funds. The cost of the tractor after trade-in of the old tractor is \$63,252.91.

### CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING

**Q** How much is the project? Will my taxes go up?

**A** The total cost of the project will not exceed \$8,620,693. We will receive 81.5% building aid, and will use allocations of \$1,200,000 from the district's approved capital reserve funds to offset a minimal increase in the tax levy. Proposition 1A \$7,199,014 (average annual taxes to be raised: \$3.41 per \$100,000 of a home's market value). Proposition 1B \$1,421,679 (average annual taxes to be raised: \$5.08 per \$100,000 of a home's market value).

**Q** Will my taxes go down if this project just isn't approved?

**A** There would be no savings from losing the state aid allocation- in fact, the state will simply allocate it to another qualifying district. A capital project provides an opportunity to invest tax dollars from the state back into our local school facilities. However, the long-term impact of not taking advantage of state aid could potentially be significant. The amount of future projects and repairs that would have been covered by state aid would need to come from the general fund, potentially diverting fiscal resources from personnel, academic and extracurricular resources, or be carried entirely by our taxpayers. Maintaining a cycle of capital improvement projects avoids this scenario altogether. It keeps our debt schedule consistent with no peaks and valleys.



For more information and additional photos please visit our Website at [www.cvsos.org](http://www.cvsos.org) under the District tab: Capital Project

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<b>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>		
<b>PROPOSITION 1A</b>	<b>\$7,199,014</b>	Local share— Annual Impact after retiring debt
Average Annual Tax Impact:	<b>\$39,839</b>	<b>\$18,681</b>
Average Annual Impact Per \$1,000 Full Value:	<b>\$0.073</b>	<b>\$0.034</b>
Average Annual Impact \$100,000 Full Value Home with NO STAR:	<b>\$7.28</b>	<b>\$3.41</b>
Average Annual Impact \$100,000 Full Value with BASIC STAR:	<b>\$5.09</b>	<b>\$2.39</b>
Average Annual Impact \$100,000 with ENHANCED STAR:	<b>\$2.13</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
% Impact on Tax Levy:	<b>0.72%</b>	<b>0.34%</b>
Prop 1A the net annual impact is \$3.41 per \$100,000 Full Value/Market Value home		
<b>PROPOSITION 1B</b>	<b>\$1,421,679</b>	<b>MISSION STATEMENT</b> By Working Together, the Cherry Valley-Springfield School Community will Provide the Foundation for Success that Every Individual Needs for a Lifetime.
Average Annual Tax Impact:	<b>\$27,818</b>	
Average Annual Impact Per \$1,000 Full Value:	<b>\$0.051</b>	
Average Annual Impact \$100,000 Full Value Home with NO STAR:	<b>\$5.08</b>	
Average Annual Impact \$100,000 Full Value with BASIC STAR:	<b>\$3.56</b>	
Average Annual Impact \$100,000 with ENHANCED STAR:	<b>\$1.49</b>	
% Impact on Tax Levy:	<b>0.50%</b>	
Prop 1B does not change since we are not applying the tax levy from retired debt to this Proposition. The net annual impact is \$5.08 per \$100,000 Full Value/Market Value home		
<b>PROPOSITION 2</b>	<b>\$63,252.91</b> Use of Capital Equipment Reserve	

*In the event that the District schools are closed on February 13, 2024 due to emergency or inclement weather (or for any other reason), the date of the Special Meeting and Vote will be changed, without further notice, to the date on which the District's schools are next open.*