

# IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT

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Dear Akron School Community,

The purpose of this mailing is to share details of a proposed capital project for our school. Our Director of Buildings and Grounds, along with our architect and construction management firm, conducted a full inspection and analysis of our facilities.

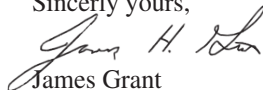
The Board of Education examined the facility needs and worked with our administration, architect and construction management firm to present a capital project for voter consideration. The items contained in the project primarily address facility preservation, health and safety, replacement of items that have met or exceeded life expectancy, and needed renovations.

By packaging all of these together in a capital project we are able to maximize NYS Aid and keep these items out of our general budget. Akron CSD qualifies for 82.9% NYS Aid for capital project items that qualify for aid. At least 95% of the items in this project are estimated to meet the qualifications for NYS Aid. The remainder will be funded through the District's Capital Reserve. We anticipate no increase to the local tax levy. Leveraging the NYS Aid is a great example of the Board working to bring our NYS tax dollars back into our community, enabling our children to learn in updated and secure educational facilities.

While this project is moving forward, other capital items have been identified that will be included in a second project to be presented to the District in the not so distant future. Discussions of a second project will begin this spring. They were not included in the current project because it was felt more time was needed for discussion, development and input from our school community.

Please review the details included in this brochure and feel free to direct any questions to any Board of Education member or the Superintendent who may be reached at 542-5006 or Kshanley@akronk12.org. The District will host a public forum to provide an overview of the project and field questions on February 27th at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room located near the auditorium. The vote will take place on Friday, March 8, 2019, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Gym 3 located adjacent to the upper High School parking lot. We appreciate and need your support to maintain our facilities. Please come out and vote.

Sincerely yours,



James Grant  
President, Board of Education

# AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# REVIEW OF PROPOSED PROJECT TASKS & JUSTIFICATION

PROPOSED PROJECT TASKS	JUSTIFICATION				
	Health/Safety/ Confidentiality	Met Life Expectancy	Preservation	Energy Management	Other
Roof repair and resurfacing	X	X	X		
Concrete sidewalk and step repairs various locations	X		X		
Add drainage to south wall of Middle School	X				
Replace exterior stone retaining walls	X				
Recondition Boilers	X	X	X		
Replace Heat Pump units and control wiring	X	X			
Renovate Health Offices	X		X		
Renovate Business Office	X				
Renovate Elementary Main Offices	X	X	X		
Door access control panel and camera upgrades	X	X	X		
Renovate Elementary classroom bathrooms	X	X			
Add A/C in Girls Locker Room Office	X				
Add Emergency Power to District & Business Offices	X				
Add A/C to ELEM and MS Kitchens	X				
Privacy curtains in locker rooms	X				
Upgrade wiring & controls to Energy Management System		X			
Renovate exterior doors and frames; Safety film applied		X			
Replace Domestic Hot Water storage tanks in pool heater room		X		X	
Recondition Domestic Hot Water heater & associated plumbing			X		
Install Emergency Power and A/C to five server closets			X		
Emergency Power to all existing A/C units in server closets			X		
Update OT/PT Room equipment					X
Gym 2 window replacement			X	X	
Add restrooms by performance Gym 1					X

## The Mission of the Akron Central School District:

A learning-centered community dedicated to the dreams of our students, is to ensure that each student realizes his or her unique human potential and contributes positively to society, through a system characterized by:

- Valuing the unique gifts and dreams of each person
- Developing all dimensions of each human being
- Advancing the knowledge, skills and wisdom of each student
- Nurturing and respecting the dignity of each human being
- Cooperatively working to continuously create new realities

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### **Q: Why do this project now?**

A: In addition to the needs described in this newsletter for our facilities, the State Aid available for the project is at a current level that makes these needed repairs affordable.

### **Q: Who guarantees that the State will pay the building aid? Couldn't they take it away at any time?**

A: New York State has a long history of support to public schools for maintenance, construction and reconstruction of school buildings. Several regulations have been enacted in the last few years to protect and stabilize the State's system of school building aid. The State has never cut building aid for a project after it has been approved by District voters.

### **Q: Since State Aid is all tax money, one way or another, aren't we paying for the whole project?**

A: State Aid is all taxpayer's money as taxes are collected to fund government programs. Capital school projects are one way to bring tax money back into the community. More than three-quarters of all state tax revenue comes from New York City and their surrounding counties. The remainder comes from Upstate. You can see that, especially in State School Aid, we receive more than we return to Albany.

### **Q: What will the impact be on my tax bill?**

A: There will be no increase to the tax bill due to this project.

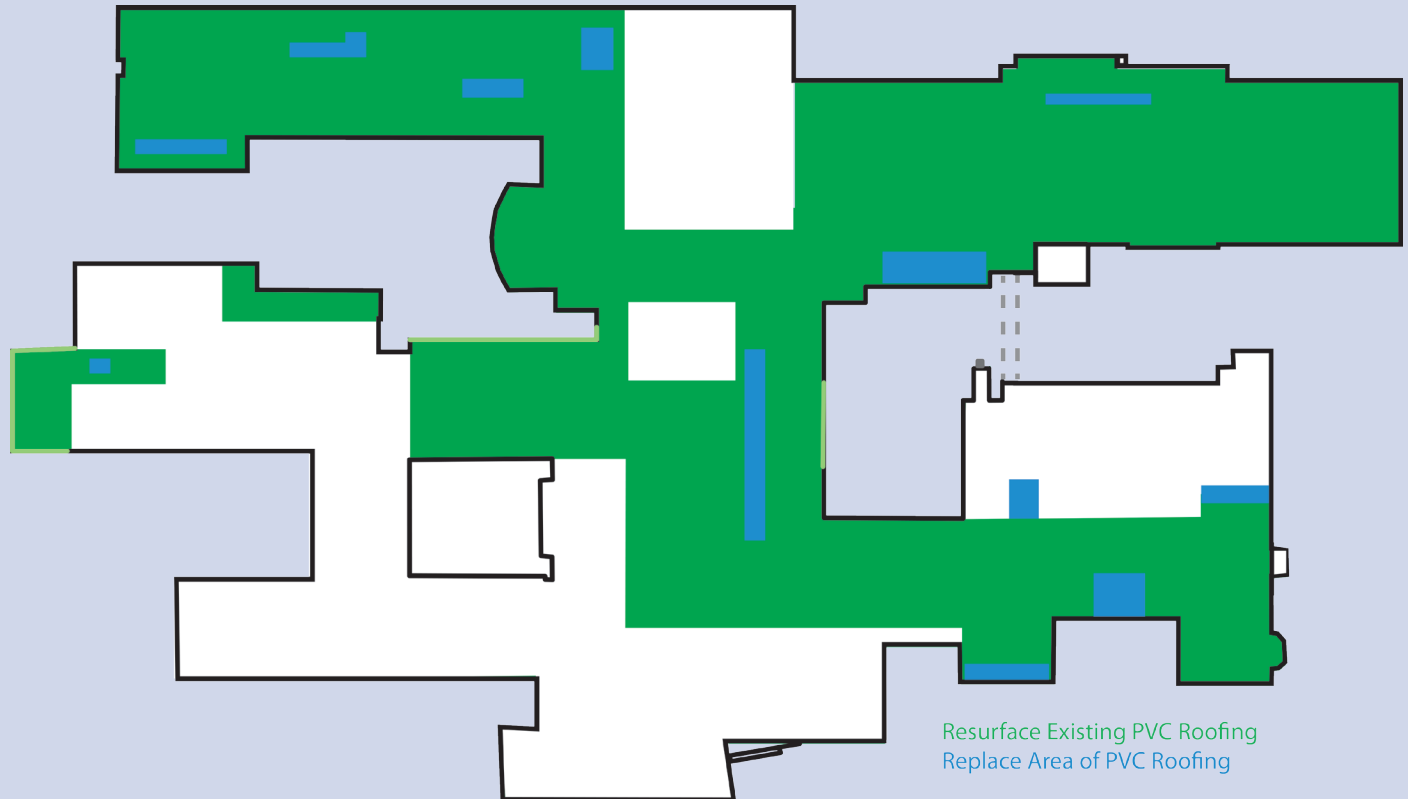
DIAGRAM & PHOTOS  
DEMONSTRATING NEEDS



# DIAGRAM & PHOTOS DEMONSTRATING NEEDS

The diagram and photographs represent just a small sample of the proposed renovations and repair work planned for the Capital Project. Many, many photos were taken during surveys conducted by the Director of Facilities and the pre-referendum inspection by the professionals at Clark Patterson Lee and Campus Construction Management, to record evidence of repairs or renovations necessary from a standpoint of health, safety and confidentiality, preservation, energy management, meeting or exceeding equipment life expectancy or other recommendations.

The building diagram is intended to show the extent of the roof repairs, the largest cost associated with the entire project. Portions of the roof where PVC roofing will need to be replaced (blue) and where the PVC roofing will be resurfaced (green) are indicated.



## Boiler Renovations



Recondition boilers and controls.

## Domestic Hot Water And Storage Tanks



Replace Domestic Hot Water storage tanks in pool heater room and recondition DHW system in elementary school.

### Sidewalk Repairs



Replace damaged concrete walkways.

### Step Repairs



Repair / Replace damaged concrete steps

### Stone Wall Replacement



Replace exterior stone retaining walls.

### Playground Surface Replacement



Replace surface of large playground area.

### Door Replacement



Renovate exterior doors and frames; apply safety film.

### Window Replacement



Replace windows in High School Gym 2.

FINANCING THE PROJECT



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The maintenance of Public Schools in New York State has always had a high priority both locally and in Albany. Districts the size of Akron would find it very difficult to maintain facilities necessary to meet the demands of the State by simply raising taxes. State building aid fills the gap.

The Board of Education is committed to keeping our facilities in good repair. As a result, the District secured voter approval in 2017 to establish and fund a Capital Reserve Fund to be used to offset the local cost portion of future projects. In the proposed capital project, the District plans to utilize \$2,600,000 of funds already set aside in the Capital Reserve, which will offset the local cost portion of the project in full. The remaining cost of the proposed project will be financed over 15 years with municipals bonds and the principal and interest payments on those bonds will be fully paid by New York State Building Aid that will match those amounts over the same 15 years. As a result, this project will result in **NO TAX INCREASE** to our community.



### *A Look at the Numbers:*

Project Cost	\$	11,973,108	
Capital Reserve	-	<u>\$ 2,600,000</u>	
	\$	9,373,108	Financed through the sale of Municipal Bonds over 15 years
Total Principal and Interest Payments	\$	12,670,177	
Projected NYS Building Aid	-	<u>\$ 12,670,177</u>	
Net Cost of Project	\$	0	

Projected Impact on Tax Rate **NO TAX IMPACT**

Due to the District's Capital Reserve contribution, which offsets the local cost portion in full, the proposed project will result in **NO TAX INCREASES**.

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Construction project planning for school districts is a complex process that requires careful consideration — especially when the buildings and grounds being remodeled are in frequent use by students, staff, and the community throughout the school year. Initial planning for this proposed project took place throughout 2018 to define the project’s scope. Planning was led by the District Facilities Department with input from the District’s architect and construction manager. The information gathered during this process was reviewed and prioritized to identify specific needs and develop accurate costing. The results were presented to the Board for approval, enabling them to make informed decisions on the project’s final scope and budget.

- If the referendum is approved in March, the District and our architects will commence with the project’s design phase and preparation of the construction documents.
- Once the construction documents are complete, they will be submitted to the State Education Department for review. We expect to be able to submit documents to SED in the fall of 2019.
- Based on SED’s expected review schedule, we anticipate that approval for the project will be received in the spring of 2020. In this scenario, we would be able to bid the work that spring and begin a portion of the work that summer.
- The balance of the construction work would take place during the summer of 2021. We anticipate that the project would reach substantial completion in the fall.

	2019	2020	2021
Design			
SED Review			
Bidding			
Construction			

A PUBLIC FORUM TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND FIELD QUESTIONS WILL BE HELD

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 • 7:00PM

Multi-Purpose Room near the Auditorium

THE REFERENDUM FOR THE PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECT WILL BE ON A BALLOT AND PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS ON

Friday, March 8, 2019 • 2:00PM – 8:00PM

Voting will take place at Akron Schools in GYM 3 located adjacent to the upper High School parking lot.

REFERENDUM & VOTING

# AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL

## *Voting for the Proposed Project*

### PROPOSITION #1

#### Capital Improvements Project, 2019

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Akron Central School District, Erie, Genesee and Niagara Counties, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to undertake a Capital Improvements Project, 2019 (the "Project") consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof), to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures and various other measures that are included and generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$11,973,108; (b) the District is authorized to expend or apply toward the Project (during the current fiscal year of the District) the amount of \$2,600,000 from the District's Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2017; (c) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$9,373,108 to finance the balance of the estimated maximum 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 the Board; (d) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,373,108, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (e) New York State Building Aid funds (including Native American Building Aid funds) expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

YES  NO

**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE  
IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BETWEEN THE  
HOURS OF 7:30A.M. and 3:30P.M.**

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#### *District Phone Numbers*

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Business Office - 542-5020  
High School - 542-5030  
HS Guidance Office - 542-5035  
HS/MS Nurse - 542-5036  
Middle School - 542-5040  
Elementary School - 542-5050  
Elementary Nurse - 542-5056  
Central Registrar - 542-5039  
Educational Services - 542-5060  
Special Education - 542-5077  
Athletic Office - 542-5088  
Instructional Technology - 542-5045  
Building & Grounds - 542-5025  
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