

Sentinel

Solvay Union Free School District

We develop confident, continual learners who are caring community members.

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE



TUESDAY, NOV. 28, 2017 • 12 P.M. TO 9 P.M. • SOLVAY HIGH SCHOOL

What determines the scope of the Capital Project?

The Solvay UFSD and our Board of Education continue to look for ways to stretch the tax payers dollars further, while maintaining programs for students. In 2015, Solvay's Building Condition Survey identified over \$22 million of basic needs for our aging infrastructure. The survey serves as a guiding document for planning the Capital Project and can be found on our website at www.solvayschools.org.

A facilities committee, which included community members, staff members, board members and outside experts, was formed to ensure that we are using our limited resources efficiently. The committee used the Building Condition Survey as a guiding document to determine which improvements to make, how our buildings are being utilized, and strategize how to best move forward to provide the best learning experience for our students, while being fiscally responsible.

How much will the Capital Project cost the district?

All site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment, architectural fees, and all other costs incidental to the project shall not exceed \$28,242,000.

Our past three capital projects have had no tax impact. Our goal with the 2018 Capital Project was to have minimal tax impact on our community, with a projected tax rate increase of 13 cents, which equates to \$13 per \$100,000 assessment. Additional information on our capital projects can be found on our website at www.solvayschools.org/capitalproject2018.

PROPOSED PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

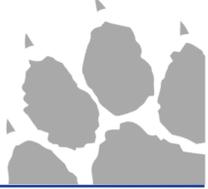
- Improve security at interior doors to facilitate lockdown of classrooms and offices
- Replace lockers throughout Solvay High School
- Renovate Solvay High School auditorium (seats, flooring, ceiling, lights, sound), including asbestos abatement and adjacent storage rooms
- Replace roof on Solvay Middle School
- Install air conditioning in Solvay Elementary School
- Demolish existing bus garage and construct new bus maintenance facility
- Construction of 1,500 sq. ft. maintenance storage facility at Solvay Middle School

For specific details and information on the scope of the Capital Project for 2018, please visit www.solvayschools.org/capitalproject2018.



PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Monday, Nov. 13, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Transportation Building
399 Beach Road, Syracuse, NY



Solvay High School Open House for Tours • Nov. 20, 2017 • 5-7 p.m.



SOLVAY Sentinel

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Capital Project Timeline

Phase 1 Schedule (tentative dates*):

- Construction Documents – Dec. 2017 through July 2018 (8 months)
- SED Submission – July 2018
- Constructability Review/Estimate – Fall 2018
- SED Approval – March 2019 (8 months)*
- Bidding – April 2019*
- Contractor Mobilization/Submittals – May 2019*
- Construction – Summer 2019 into the 2019-2020 School Year*
- Closeout – Summer 2020*

Phase 2 Schedule (tentative dates*):

- Construction Documents – Aug. 2018 to April 2019 (9 months)
- SED Submission – April 2019
- Constructability Review/Est. – Summer 2019
- SED Approval – Dec. 2019 (8 months)*
- Bidding – Jan. 2020*
- Contractor Mobilization/Submittals – Feb. 2020*
- Construction – Spring, summer, and fall of 2020*
- Closeout – Spring 2021*

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How will this work be funded?

The majority of the funding (80%) will come from New York State Building Aid. Another portion will come from the district's Capital Reserve and available district funds (6%), and from local tax dollars (14%).

What does the "Local Levy" translate to on my tax bill?

It will amount to an increase of about 13 cents per thousand of your assessment. In other words, if your home is assessed at \$100,000, then the increased cost will be \$13 per year for a period of 15 years.

Are the NYS funds our tax dollars, too?

Yes -- and to utilize that money for our schools we must develop and implement ongoing capital projects, which preserve the schools and fields that we have all worked so hard to provide for our students. It is the same pot of money from which our neighboring districts and districts across NYS are garnering funds to improve and maintain schools for their children.

Will Absentee Ballots be available?

Yes. Qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots from the office of the School District clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than Nov. 21, 2017 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or Nov. 27, 2017 if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the School District through Nov. 27, 2017. Additional information on absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the District Office, at (315) 468-1111, option 7.

Am I eligible to vote?

To vote, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be a legal resident of the Solvay UFSD for at least 30 days prior to Nov. 28, 2017.