

## PAWLING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WHAT MATTERS PCSD CAPITAL PROJECT

The Pawling Central School District is proposing a \$47.8 million capital project designed to leverage available funding in order to address key Health and Safety issues and enhance STEAM, Athletics and Student Environment throughout the district. The project will address several high priority infrastructure updates that were identified in the State-mandated Building Condition Survey (BCS).

### FOCUS ON HEALTH & SAFETY

The District works hard to keep our students and staff safe. The proposed capital project includes several enhancements to improve health and safety, including a redesign of our school building ventilation systems to improve health, comfort and student learning.

### WILL THIS PROJECT RAISE MY TAXES?

- No, voter approval of this capital project will **not** raise your taxes.
- State Aid is anticipated to fund approximately \$19.3 million.
- The balance will be offset by the retirement of existing debt that will be dropping off. Replacing existing debt with new debt neutralizes the financial impact on local taxpayers.
- Long-term capital reserve and financial planning has allowed us to propose this capital project with no tax levy impact.
- The District also plans to use just under \$3.2 million of its funds from the Capital Reserve that voters approved in 2017.

### WHY NOW?

**Available State Aid:** A large portion of the overall cost of the project will be reimbursed through State Building Aid, allowing us to complete large projects that would not be fiscally possible to include in the annual operating budget without raising taxes.

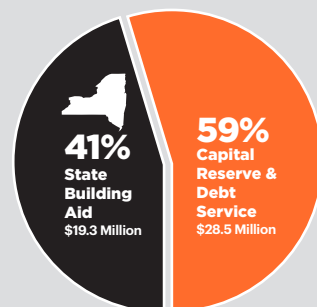
**Identified Need:** The State-mandated BCS, along with a comprehensive review of our existing programs, has identified areas in our buildings that are outdated.

**Energy Performance Contract:** The Board of Education has approved an energy performance contract (EPC) to take care of costs for energy-efficiency upgrades. These improvements will total \$1.9 million and are funded out of guaranteed energy savings.

### DOESN'T NYS BUILDING AID COME FROM MY POCKET AS WELL?

Most state revenue comes from the sales and income taxes paid by residents and businesses across New York. But these are taxes we will all be paying whether or not voters approve Pawling's capital project because it is the mechanism for funding school infrastructure in New York. The infrastructure issues and student learning needs at Pawling are just as real as the needs in New York City, Buffalo, neighboring school districts, or anywhere else in the state. Pawling residents have just as much right to use state money to meet those needs as residents of any other community in New York.

## VOTE DECEMBER 16 NOON - 9PM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



If all three propositions are approved by voters for the \$47.8 million capital project, NYS Building Aid would pay approximately \$19.3 million of the project cost. The remaining \$28.5 million would be financed by the district.

- **Proposition 1:** \$36.7 million to cover the majority of renovations, additions and improvements to the high school, middle school and elementary school as outlined on the previous page.
- **Proposition 2:** \$9.8 million to cover costs for the new multi-purpose athletic field, site improvements and additional parking.
- **Proposition 3:** \$1.3 million to cover other miscellaneous costs including new lockers, air conditioning systems, sidewalk & pavement repairs and STEAM renovation at the elementary school.

*It is important to note that Proposition 2 is contingent on the passage of Proposition 1, and Proposition 3 is contingent on the passage of Proposition 2.*

# Pawling

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### FALL 2020 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

DECEMBER 16, 2020 | NOON - 9:00PM | PAWLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Pawling CSD Residents,

The Pawling CSD team has been working to bring the capital facilities plan to the Pawling community for over a year. Beginning in June of 2019, we asked, "As we sustain, improve, and initiate our student programs and experiences over the next five years at Pawling Central School District, what matters most to you?" This envisioning process, #WhatMattersPCSD, collected data from surveys, letters, interviews, a robust online forum, and a face-to-face community conversation. The findings form the vision for the future of the PCSD and were presented to the Board of Education on December 9th, 2019.

After a rigorous RFP process during the fall of 2019, the Board appointed architecture firm CSArch in January. They immediately began surveying our buildings, observing programs, interviewing staff and completing the Building Condition Survey. In July of 2020, the Facilities and Finance team, comprising administrators, teachers, Board of Education members, students, and a parent, studied the Building Condition Survey and programmatic enhancements recommended by CSArch. The team, led by Mrs. Heslin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, also garnered the advice of our financial planning firm. After much work, the team provided recommendations to the Board across four categories: Health and Safety, Athletics, STEAM, and Student Environment. The Board of Education studied the recommendations over multiple meetings through the summer and fall.

**Based on a thorough process to understand the physical and programmatic needs of our facilities, the desires of the community, and a careful analysis of our fiscal position, we present three propositions to the community, *without any increased cost to taxpayers*, for its consideration. Please be sure to make your voice heard by voting on December 16, 2020 from noon-9:00 p.m. at Pawling Elementary School.**

Sincerely,

*Karen Burka*  
Karen Burka, President  
Pawling Board of Education

*Kim Fontana*  
Kim Fontana  
Superintendent of Schools



**"THE PURPOSE OF A SCHOOL  
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM  
MUST BE TO IMPROVE THE  
EDUCATION OF CHILDREN."**

**VOTE  
DEC 16  
2020**





WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED  
AT THE **HIGH SCHOOL?**

**Health & Safety (\$6.7 Million)**

- Site/Drainage/Concrete Walk Improvements
- Exterior and Interior Doors
- Ceiling and Hallway Locker Replacement
- Elevator/Lift Improvements
- HVAC System Upgrades
- Mechanical Cooling Upgrades
- Water System Upgrades
- Hot Water Heater Replacement
- Plumbing Fixture Replacements
- Electrical Power Distribution Upgrades
- Lighting Fixture Replacement

**STEAM / Student Environment (\$4.4 Million)**

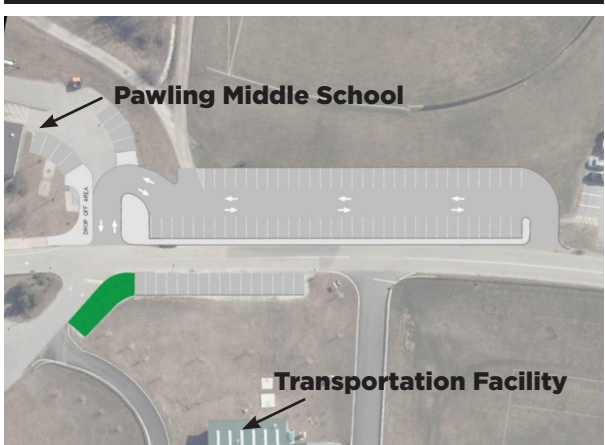
- Expansion of Band Room
- Cafeteria Renovation
- New Integrated Woodshop and Computer Design Lab

**Athletics (\$11.7 Million)**

- Locker Room Renovation
- Gym Floor Replacement
- Multi-Purpose Athletic Field and Track
- Additional Parking

**TOTAL COST - \$22.8 Million**

NEW MULTI-PURPOSE  
**ATHLETIC FIELD**



**EXPANDED PARKING**  
To accommodate larger crowds expected with the new multi-purpose athletic field and track, 80 new parking spots will be added between the middle school and high school buildings.



**INTEGRATED WOODSHOP AND COMPUTER DESIGN LAB**  
A technology addition will feature new spaces for STEAM learning including a design lab and woodshop. A new material storage space will simplify material delivery.



**HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM**  
The cafeteria at the high school will be renovated to create a new band room, instrument storage, general storage, office space and practice rooms. The existing music room will be expanded to accommodate the choral and general music students.



**MULTI-PURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD AND TRACK**  
A new multi-purpose athletic field and track with bleachers and press box will provide modernized facilities for programs including cross country, track, field hockey, football, soccer and lacrosse. The field will feature synthetic turf for easy maintenance and extended use.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED  
AT THE **MIDDLE SCHOOL?**

**Health & Safety (\$9.9 Million)**

- Security Doors at Rotunda
- Site/Concrete Walk and Curb Improvements
- Site Pavement Improvements
- Rear/North Side Emergency Road Improvements
- Roof Replacement
- HVAC System Upgrades
- Interior Door Replacements
- Electrical Power Distribution Upgrades
- Lighting Fixture Replacement

**STEAM (\$1.3 Million)**

- Agriculture Program Renovations
- Band Room Expansion

**Student Environment (\$473,000)**

- Toilet Room Upgrades
- New Restrooms Near Cafeteria
- New Furniture for Cafeteria

**TOTAL COST - \$11.7 Million**

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED  
AT THE **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?**

**Health & Safety (\$12.2 Million)**

- Relocation of Main Office/Nurse for Secured Entry/Relocation of Library/ENL Expansion
- Exterior Steps, Stair and Ramp Upgrades
- Window and Door Replacement
- Interior Stair Improvements
- Boiler Replacement
- HVAC System Upgrades
- Plumbing System Upgrades
- Sanitary System Upgrades
- Hot Water Heater Replacement
- Electrical Power Distribution Upgrades
- Lighting Fixture Replacement

**STEAM (\$247,000)**

- Renovation for Music/Makerspace

**Student Environment (\$818,000)**

- Relocation of Cafeteria & Kitchen to First Floor/Indoor Recess/Central Conferencing

**TOTAL COST - \$13.3 Million**



**FOOD SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE**  
The existing spaces will be renovated to expand and integrate student opportunities with a working greenhouse and proper plant growth systems. The new space will also provide direct access between agriculture and food science programs.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM**  
The existing band room will be expanded to accommodate more students. The new space will feature instrument storage, a new sound/recording studio space and a new office area for the band instructors.



**SECURED ENTRANCE AND MAIN OFFICE**  
The existing library will be renovated to create a new main office and nurse's suite. The new office will feature a secured vestibule with transaction window to a security office. The nurse's suite will include an office, daybed, exam room, waiting area, toilet room and storage.



**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
The library will be relocated into renovated classroom areas, allowing access to a new outdoor courtyard to expand learning opportunities. An expanded English as a New Language (ENL) classroom will be located next to the library.