



Tuckahoe School District

2021 Capital Bond Proposal



Cottle Elementary School

- New Synthetic Playing Field with Walking Track
- Siwanoy Blvd Improvements
- Expansion & Renovation of Cafeteria
- Toilet Room Renovations
- Replacement of Corridor Ceilings

District-Wide Improvements

- Upgrades to Ventilation & Air Quality
- Upgrades to Fire Alarm Systems & Emergency Lighting
- Various Infrastructure Items



Tuckahoe High School & Middle School



- Renovation of Cafeteria
- Renovation of Library / Media Center
- Replacement of Gymnasium Flooring



- Security Upgrades to Exterior & Interior Doors
- Stone & Masonry Repairs
- Repurposed Entrance Foyer

VOTE on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 - 6AM to 9PM



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Financial Overview & Cost

Project Cost: \$9,900,000
Use of Cafeteria Fund: -100,000
Bond Amount: \$9,800,000
This is the amount that will be voted on

Expected State Aid: -\$2,376,000
Est. Cost to Tax Base: \$7,424,000

**Annual Cost to the
Median Homeowner: \$266.00**

Why Now?

- Field & cafeteria upgrades are sorely needed
- Improvements to ventilation allow for better air quality
- Interest rates are at historic lows
- Construction costs are lower than usual
- Infrastructure work will save money in maintenance and repair costs over time

Additional Project Details:

- Renovation of the Cottle cafeteria will include an approximate 10-foot expansion of the exterior wall. This will add space to the cafeteria that will allow for additional seating. Due to the increase in the student population over the years, this is very much needed.
- The Cottle play field will undergo a significant upgrade. With the integration of Siwanoy Blvd and the installation of a synthetic field, the students will have a larger and safer outdoor play area that will be usable year-round. This will result in students getting more time outdoors and will alleviate some of the space constraints of the indoor gym. The field size will meet official Little League and softball regulations, and will be a .5 regulation-size field for football and soccer. The field perimeter will feature a walking track.
- Most of the funds will be invested in the Middle School and High School, with focus on complete renovations of the cafeteria and library. The library will be modernized into a library media center designed for 21st century students, featuring access to technology, materials to help students explore postsecondary opportunities, and furniture that better facilitates collaboration. Seating will be added to the cafeteria through the consolidation of the food serving area and use of more innovative approaches to seating. Additionally, the improved flow between the library and the cafeteria through the refurbishment of the foyer area will create additional gathering options for students during lunch breaks.
- Funds that were allocated for the Cottle field in the last Capital Improvement Bond were not borrowed as originally planned. Therefore, the previous bond cost the taxpayer approximately \$300K less than anticipated.
- This bond will take about 16 years to pay off. The increased cost to the district's annual debt services for this bond will not begin until 2023. In 2028, a significant amount of existing debt will be paid off, thereby making this project essentially debt neutral from 2028 onward.

*** Note: Images provided represent conceptual project outcomes. Final design phase will commence following bond approval, at which point some changes and adjustments to design may be made.**