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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River School Community,

At last week's Board of Education meeting, El Associates, an Architectural and Engineering firm contracted by the district, made a presentation to the Board of proposed capital improvement plans for their consideration. This presentation was the culmination of work that began last school year with the 5-Year Building Conditions Survey, a review required by the NYS Education Department, and the Pearl River Capital Improvements Committee, a broad-based stakeholders group that made recommendations for improvements in our facilities.

The presentation outlined a scope of work that spans all school buildings and our athletic fields. These plans not only address the infrastructure needs of maintaining buildings that are over 50 years old in a safe and energy-efficient manner, but also meets the teaching and learning needs of our students and staff through improvements and upgrades to learning environments.

The presentation was posted the day after the meeting, but in order to provide a detailed explanation of the work proposed we have created a new webpage *Capital Improvement Bond Proposal* to provide you with links to detailed explanations of the projects, financial information and a Frequently Asked Questions page. Please go to our website at www.pearlriver.org to access the page or click directly on the link below.

The total cost for what is being proposed is \$32,182,000. The district currently has \$3,182,000 in a capital improvements reserve line which would reduce the bond to \$29,000,000. The district would receive 39% of the total cost of approved projects via State Building Aid funds. We have estimated that over the next 23 years district taxpayers will see an increase of \$49.05 annually for a home assessed at \$200,000 for this comprehensive capital projects bond.

Over the next six weeks, I will be attending PTA meetings in all of the schools and we will be hosting two Community Forums in Pirate Cove in order to provide our parents and school community information regarding both the 2017-18 School Budget Proposal and the Capital Improvement Bond Proposal. A link to the dates, times and locations of these presentations is included below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marco F. Pochintesta'.

[Capital Improvement Bond Proposal](#)

[2017 School Budget and Capital Improvement Bond Proposal Presentations](#)