

EAGLE SPOTLIGHT

GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CAPITAL PROJECT 2023



GALWAY
Central School District

PROJECT COMPONENTS



Safety, Security, ADA Compliance
\$5 million



Educational Programming
\$3.9 million



Aging Infrastructure
\$6.6 million



Health, Wellness, and Community
\$21.1 million



Outdoor Athletics
\$1.5 million

VOTE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

The Galway Central School District Board of Education, BOE Facilities Committee, and administration, in collaboration with stakeholders consisting of faculty, staff, and community members, have identified priority items in the district's Building Condition Survey (BCS) that need to be addressed. These items were not included in the 2016 Capital Project for budgetary reasons and not completed in the 2021 Capital Project due to post-pandemic cost escalation.

When narrowing the scope of this Capital Improvement Project, the Facilities Committee took its responsibility to plan for all students in the community very seriously. The 2016 Capital Project addressed many infrastructure needs, but it also included improvements to the art and music programs (renovated classroom spaces and auditorium) and Joseph Henry Elementary School. The committee felt it only appropriate for the 2023 Capital Project to include improvements to the Junior/Senior High School technology, agriculture, business, and STEM programs as well as physical education and athletic programs.

"Over the past 10 years, we have worked very hard to expand opportunities for our students," said Superintendent Brita Donovan, Ed.D. "We have created four pathways to graduation in business, agriculture, art, and engineering. We have implemented Project Lead the Way at all grade levels and challenged students to pursue their areas of interest with rigor. The students are on board, and now it is time to elevate their learning environment with modern classrooms that provide real-world experiences."

A large portion of the proposed Capital Project is focused on health and wellness for both students and the community.

"As a Board, we are responsible for attending to the curricular and co-curricular needs of ALL students," said BOE President Jay Anderson. "Wellness is a core value of the school district and part of our vision for our students, and we want them to carry this through for their entire lives. Our current gym was built in 1964 and is too small in terms of safety and capacity for educational programming. Part of planning a Capital Project is envisioning something that will be here 50-60 years from now that the entire community can use and enjoy and will meet the needs of our educational goals."

The proposed 2023 Capital Project will replace aging infrastructure and improve safety, security, and accessibility. Please see inside for the full scope of work.

Residents of Galway Central School District will vote on the 2023 Capital Project on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 2-8 p.m. in the High School gymnasium. The Capital Project will be voted on as two propositions. Proposition #1 is \$34.7 million, and Proposition #2 is \$3.3 million. Proposition #1 must pass in order for Proposition #2 to pass.



PROPOSITION #1 SCOPE

Safety, Security, and ADA Compliance

- A Secure Junior/Senior High School Entrance**
 The project will create a secure entrance at the Junior/Senior High School that mimics the Joseph Henry Elementary School entrance.
- Safer Deliveries**
 The dumpsters near the loading dock that are currently in the pathway between the Junior/Senior High School and the recreation area will be relocated.
- Safer Overflow Parking and Crossing**
 The parcels of land that residents authorized the district to purchase in May 2023 will be made into two new lots for overflow parking for school events. The district will work with NYS to provide additional crosswalks on Sacandaga Road.
- Improve Accessibility**
 The project will add a handicap-accessible ramp and walkway to the tennis courts and student parking. It will also provide a ramp and ADA access to the relocated trash dumpsters.

Educational Programming

- STEM Innovative Spaces**
 Currently our Junior/Senior High School technology classroom can only accommodate the design portion of the curriculum. The project will include an addition to the back of the existing classroom, which will provide space for students to design and build their ideas and solutions. Art students would also be able to utilize the equipment.

 The Elementary building does not have a dedicated science space. The proposed project will transform an existing classroom into a STEM lab that will include interactive lab stations and robotics. This will allow for innovation, collaboration, and project-based cross-curricular learning opportunities.
- Business and Agriculture Suite**
 The business classroom will be relocated next to the agriculture room to allow for cross-curricular, real-life, business and agriculture activities. The space will include a greenhouse that will feature a storefront/farm stand that will be open to the community.

- GTV Studio**
 The Galway TV studio will be relocated from the corner of a classroom to a new location near the gym. This will allow students to gain more real-life experience in broadcasting by being closer to the performing arts, athletic spaces, and student life.

Aging Infrastructure

- The project will replace boilers at the bus garage and elementary school that have reached the end of their useful lives. There are also several items that were included in past projects that have not been completed due to cost escalation:
- Bus Garage**
 - Reconstruct pavement
 - Relocate and replace underground fuel tanks with aboveground tanks
 - Replace oil/water separator
 - Relocate and replace underground fuel tanks

Health, Wellness, and Community

- The proposed Capital Project will enhance health and wellness opportunities for students and the community by reconfiguring and expanding the High School gymnasium, locker room, and adjacent spaces. This portion of the project will include:
- One main court basketball/volleyball and two full-size side court basketball/volleyball, which will increase capacity for practices, tournaments, and youth sports
 - Bleacher seating for approximately 800 spectators, more than double the current seating capacity of 315
 - Elevated walking track that can be used by the community when school is not in session
 - Renovated locker rooms
 - Renovated coaches offices that are accessible from the hallway instead of the locker room
 - Renovated and enlarged lobby for Arts and Athletic spaces, including a concession stand
 - Fitness Center for school and community use when school is not in session
 - Seminar Room for school and community use



The current court, although regulation size, is too small. The playing surface between the boundary line of the basketball court and bleachers is only 15 inches, which results in most spectators' feet touching the line. Athletes are running into bleachers and spectators.

High School Court guidelines recommend 10-feet of unobstructed space outside a basketball court for safety; 3-feet is minimum.



During games, the chairs are pushed against the bleachers, which eliminates seating. We have had to ask JV parents to leave to accommodate varsity parents. There is little room for our cheerleaders and no room for pep band. The current seating capacity is approximately 315. The capacity of the new gym would be 800. Seating capacity of gyms in districts of comparable size range from 300 at Berne-Knox-Westerlo to 1,260 at Cobleskill-Richmondville.



The clear height to the underside of the existing structure is too low for volleyball and basketball and interferes with plays. The ceiling requires a 3-foot minimum increase in height to be compliant with volleyball court minimum standards.



Team Rooms will give coaches and athletes a place to meet before games and in between periods to strategize and hydrate. Currently, home and away teams meet in crowded, noisy hallways.

PROPOSITION #2 SCOPE

Safety, Security, and ADA Compliance

- Pave the parking lot near the track to organize parking and provide ADA compliant spaces

Aging Infrastructure

- Restroom renovations (deferred from 2021 Capital Outlay due to cost escalation)

Health, Wellness, and Community

- Relocate wrestling room from the basement upstairs to join the rest of the physical education and athletic facilities and locker rooms

Outdoor Athletics

- Reconstruct the outdoor track
- Replace scoreboards for soccer and softball

TIMELINE IF PROJECT IS APPROVED

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| Public Vote | December 12, 2023 |
| Design and Construction Document | January-December 2024 |
| Submission to NYS Education Dept. | October-December 2024 |
| Bidding Process | February-March 2025 |
| Construction Begins | Summer 2025 |
| Construction Completion | December 2026 |

To see more pictures of the facilities we hope to improve and renderings of what is planned, please go to:
galwaycsd.org/community/capital_improvement_projects



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PROPOSITION #1:

Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) construct additions to, reconstruct and improve School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$34,734,934; (2) expend such sum for such purpose, including the expenditure of \$1,710,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account State aid and the amount to be expended from the Capital Reserve Fund, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$33,024,934, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #2:

If proposition #1 is approved by the voters, shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) reconstruct and improve School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$3,303,480; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account State aid, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,303,480, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROJECT COST

When estimating the project cost, the district's architects built in a projected figure of 6% inflation. The district's fiscal advisors also planned conservatively when presenting the numbers below. Alternatively, some items in the project may not be completed due to cost escalation and supply chain issues.

Proposition 1:

Proposition Cost:\$34,734,934
Less: Capital Reserve Fund:(\$1,710,000)
NET TOTAL:.....\$33,024,934

Proposition 2:

Proposition Cost:\$3,303,480
NET TOTAL:.....\$3,303,480

Financial Assumptions:

Building Aid Ratio:..... 78.7%
State Assumed Interest Reimbursement Rate:3%
Bond Amortization Period:..... 15 years
Estimated Composite Bond Percentage: 72%
Bond Rating (Standard & Poor's):..... AA-
Estimated Bond Interest Rate:..... 3.5%

Building Aid Estimate:\$27,800,000

Estimated Tax Rate Per Town Per \$1,000 Assessed Value:

| Municipality | Proposition #1 | Proposition #2 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Amsterdam | \$16.43 | \$2.34 |
| Broadalbin | \$2.07 | \$0.30 |
| Charlton | \$2.09 | \$0.30 |
| Galway | \$1.46 | \$0.21 |
| Glenville | \$1.75 | \$0.25 |
| Milton | \$1.72 | \$0.25 |
| Perth | \$3.19 | \$0.45 |
| Providence | \$1.70 | \$0.24 |