

Berlin

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

Tuesday, March 6 • Noon – 9 p.m.
Berlin Elementary School • 53 School Street

On Tuesday, March 6th the Berlin community will vote on a \$9,358,000 capital building project proposition that would include renovations and security improvements to both schools and build a new modern transportation facility with four additional bus bays. There will also be a second proposition totalling \$3,667,000 to construct a new running track and improve our athletic facilities for our school programs and community.

Why do this Project Now?

The District completed a building condition survey that identified areas in need of maintenance or repair. A planning committee spent many months seeking input from school administration and staff, as well as from other segments of the school community and students.

At the Middle/High School, updates would be made to classroom areas and science labs to bring 21st century technology to students. Two outdoor education areas would be created and classroom renovations to create a sixth-grade wing. Throughout both buildings lockers, windows and doors would be replaced and repairs would be made to sidewalks.

What are the Financial Details?

PROPOSITION #1 – \$9,358,000 capital improvements to the elementary and middle school/high school and a new modern transportation facility will have NO additional tax impact. New York State would provide reimbursement of approximately 75.4% of expenses. To minimize borrowing, the district plans to utilize \$2,700,000 from the Capital Reserve and District's general fund.

PROPOSITION #2 – \$3,667,000 would fund the construction of a new running track, a new soccer field and a new baseball field at the Berlin Middle School/High School. Some of the work associated with proposition 2 is eligible for New York State building aid, which would reduce the local taxpayers' share of the cost. The district would finance the remaining cost over a period of 15 years. If approved by voters, the average annual tax impact will be \$172,000 per year. This equals approximately \$30.48 per year per \$100,000 of a full market value on a home.

The preferred work schedule, pending public approval, planning, and New York State Education Department approval would begin in the summer of 2019.



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WORK ITEMS BY BUILDINGS



BERLIN ELEMENTARY

- Replace finishes and lighting
- Replace lockers
- Renovate restrooms on first and second floor
- Reconstruct main office/reception to create a secure entry
- Reconstruct masonry and repair interior finishes at third grade windows
- Restore cupola – deteriorated wood replaced
- Communications systems – replace speakers in corridors
- Install missing emergency fixtures in interior rooms
- Install emergency exit lights to exterior exits
- Construction of a secure walkway from the school to the playground
- Improve safety at exits from third grade classrooms

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL

- Renovate main offices
- Construct secure entry
- Create a sixth grade wing by renovating rooms 110, 111, 112 and 113
- Renovate rooms 114 and 115 for grades 7/8 grade English
- Renovate room 119 (FACS) for district offices and provide a secure entry
- Convert current district offices back into classrooms
- Renovate science classrooms to provide flexible instructional area
- Renovate rooms 107, 108 and 109
- Renovate rooms 128 and 130 for living environment/marine biology and construct outdoor instructional space
- Renovate science labs in rooms 125, 126 and 127 and update lab and support spaces
- Replace lockers
- Repair caps and cracks in masonry exterior
- Replace exterior hollow metal doors and frames
- Replace single-glazed windows in 1960 building
- Recoat and refurbish exterior insulation finish system
- Replace aluminum entry doors
- Install emergency exit lights to meet current building code
- Replace variable speed drives on building hot water heating circulation
- Ventilate boiler room
- Repair and replace sidewalk
- Fuel storage replacement



BUS GARAGE

- Build a new 4 bay modern transportation facility which would include 1 bay for washing buses
- New transportation facility will also include transportation offices, a staff/training room, and mechanic and DOT inspection station
- Add a water reclamation and filtration system
- Construct new fuel storage and distribution system
- Demolish existing modular office and garage storage wing
- Reconstruct site including septic, storm drainage, block heating stations, staff parking and security fencing
- Renovate existing garage

TRACK AND FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

- Clear and level track area
- Construct retaining wall
- Construct community track with bleachers
- Construct natural turf soccer field within the track
- Clear level and prep clearing for baseball field
- Construct baseball field in east clearing
- Construct accessible walkway from parking area to baseball area
- Construct track drainage and storm-water management



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



PLAN KEY

1. New Garage/Facility Addition
2. Fueling Station
3. SUV Parking
4. Bus Parking with Block Heaters
(Accommodates 66 Passenger Vehicle)
5. Smaller Bus Parking
6. Staff Parking
7. Visitor Parking

PROPOSED PARKING TOTALS

Staff Parking	46
Visitor Parking	7
Formal Bus Parking	18
Small Bus Parking	8
SUV Parking	8

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW BUS GARAGE?

A new modern transportation facility will meet a growing need for the school district. Currently, the district does not have a wash bay. Adding a wash bay will allow the district to remove salt from the buses which will extend their useful life. Further, the new facilities will allow for the removal of snow and ice from the buses which will increase safety for fellow motorists.

The new garage will also allow for safe bus storage with the addition of security fencing. Securing the buses will ensure the safety of our students while also protecting the financial investment of community taxpayers. We will also see the relocation of the buildings and grounds department and transportation offices into the new and renovated structures.



NOTES: This project proposes that a track and soccer field be constructed in the location of the existing soccer and baseball field.

- Displaced baseball field to be reconstructed in location of the clearing east of the school
- This option avoids all work associated with the existing softball field and existing septic fields
- This option results in the district gaining a field that is not limited due to a shared schedule with another sport

WHY CONSTRUCT A NEW TRACK?

Currently our students run on the grass surfaces around the soccer field. While the grass is well maintained by our buildings and grounds staff, it does not properly reflect the distance and surface of a traditional track putting our athletes at a disadvantage in regional competitions. The district is also unable to host track and field events. With the construction of the new track Berlin MS/HS will have a resource that can be used by our cross country team, our track team and the wider community.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE 1ST PROPOSITION DOESN'T PASS, CAN THE 2nd PROPOSITION PASS?

NO, Proposition 2 is contingent on Proposition 1 passing.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE 2ND PROPOSITION DOESN'T PASS, CAN THE 1st PROPOSITION PASS?

YES, If Proposition 2 doesn't pass and Proposition 1 passes, the work for Proposition 1 can be completed.

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WHAT YOU WILL SEE ON THE BALLOT

Proposition #1

Shall Proposition #1, set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of site and building rehabilitation and an addition at the bus garage and site reconstruction and renovation at the elementary school and the middle/high school all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$9,358,000 with \$2,025,000 to be appropriated from the District's Capital Reserve Fund and \$675,000 to be appropriated from the District's general fund, with the remaining amount being raised by the issuance of debt obligations of the District and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor, with such tax to be offset by available state aid, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

PROPOSITION #2

Shall Proposition #2, set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of a new running track and soccer field and a new baseball field along with ancillary facilities and associated stormwater works at the Berlin Middle/High School all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$3,667,000, to be raised by the issuance of debt obligations of the District and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor, with such tax to be offset by available state aid, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

VOTING INFORMATION

What am I voting on?

PROPOSITION 1:

\$9,358,000 Renovations to Berlin Elementary and Middle School/High School and addition at bus garage

PROPOSITION 2:

\$3,667,000 Construction of new track, soccer field and new baseball field

When and where is the Vote?

Tuesday, March 6 from noon to 9 p.m. in the Berlin Elementary School, 53 School Street, Berlin, New York.

Who is Eligible to Vote?

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years old or older and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for Absentee Ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing time. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Monday, March 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing time. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time on March 6, 2018.