TAX LEVY DECREASE PROPOSED FOR 2023-24

Completed and Planned Capital Reserve Projects

The district is always working on capital and maintenance projects to improve and preserve the district’s beautiful buildings and grounds. Many of these are funded through the district’s Capital Reserve Fund and American Rescue Plan Act/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief federal grants at no additional cost to taxpayers.

Projects completed during recent years include:
• Districtwide corridor ceiling and lighting replacements.
• Window replacements at J.W. Dodd Middle School.
• Soffit work in the gymnasium and external masonry work at Columbus Avenue School.
• Classroom door replacement at Archer Street School and Leo F. Giblyn School.
• Cupola repair at Archer Street School.
• Facade repair at Freeport High School.
• HVAC renovations in the nurses’ offices.

Additional Projects in Progress and/or Planned Include:
• Security vestibules at Bayview Avenue School, Caroline G. Atkinson School, Columbus Avenue School and New Visions School.
• Classroom door replacement at Bayview Avenue School and Freeport High School.
• Auditorium HVAC replacement at Freeport High School.
• Synthetic turf field at Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Under the 2023-24 proposed budget, there is a recommendation to increase the capital projects allocation to $21,800,000, an increase of $12,950,000.

Planned projects, in addition to districtwide renovations and replacements in bathrooms, ceilings, flooring, lighting and roofing replacements include cafeteria kitchen upgrades, renovations to the Columbus Dome Room indoor playground, boiler replacements at Atkinson, Columbus and Freeport High School and playground upgrades/renovations districtwide among other maintenance and renovation projects.
• Bleachers, press box, turf field and track upgraded/renovations – Freeport High School.
• Athletic field improvements: Atkinson, Cleveland Avenue, Freeport High School and districtwide.
• Locker rooms; Cleveland Avenue, Freeport High School and districtwide.
• Public address systems; Archer, Atkinson, Columbus and districtwide.
• Science room/classroom renovation; Freeport High School.
• Security upgrades to interior and exterior doors and hardware; districtwide.
• Wellness spaces/libraries, cafeterias - floors, ceilings and lighting.
• Modular furniture - student seating cafeterias, libraries, staff development areas, teacher lounges, school lobbies, etc.
• HVAC improvements - classrooms/large spaces; Archer, Freeport High School, districtwide.
• Masonry restoration, exterior brick repointing and replacement and window replacements as needed.
• Grounds, steps, foundations, sidewalks, fields, parking lots, fence work districtwide.

NOTE: The above list of capital projects is much greater than the allocated budget. Although the district will make every effort to complete as many projects listed as possible, the total number of projects completed will depend on the market conditions and the pricing that is received following the bidding process.

BUDGET VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 16 6 A.M.-9 P.M.
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