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# OWEGO APALACHIN

**PROPOSED \$24,475,785 CAPITAL PROJECT**



## Message from the Superintendent

### Happy New Year!

*The Owego Apalachin Central School District, together with the Board of Education are pleased to unveil our 2019 capital project for voter consideration.*



With the completion of the Owego Elementary School construction and other FEMA funded projects, we immediately turned our focus to our other buildings and facilities. Throughout the last year, we have worked with teachers, staff, parents, students and various community partners to formulate a plan that reaches our goal of offering top educational programs and facilities, so we can rightfully prepare our students for the 21st century.

With input from various shareholders, we went to work at putting together a proposal that will make significant improvements to Apalachin Elementary, Owego Middle School and Owego Free Academy.

This proposal focuses on updating our facilities, expanding student opportunities and improving the overall efficiency, health, and safety of our buildings.

Through careful financial planning this project is being proposed with **NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT** on our local community. This project will be funded entirely through the combined use of capital reserves, Smart School Funds and New York State building Aid and has been strategically designed to maximize resources to enhance student learning space, update existing facilities and strengthen security.

To learn more about the proposal, I invite you to review this newsletter, visit our website and attend one of our upcoming public hearings. As always, if you have additional questions, please contact me directly at 607-687-6224 or greenc@oacsd.org.

Best Regards,

*Corey A. Green*

**PLEASE VOTE  
01.22 - NOON-8PM**

## Project Goals

- Improve Health and Safety
- Create 21st century learning spaces
- Maintenance of our district buildings
- Invest in our arts/music and athletic facilities
- Enhance programming opportunities for students

**NO  
ADDITIONAL  
TAX  
IMPACT!**

## VOTE TUESDAY JAN. 22, 2019

**NOON – 8PM • AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

- 1 APALACHIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
405 Pennsylvania Ave, Apalachin**
- 2 OWEGO FREE ACADEMY  
1 Sheldon Guile Boulevard, Owego**

**NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT!**

## VOTING INFORMATION:

### Eligibility

- To be eligible to vote, you must be:
- A U.S. Citizen
- At least 18 years of age
- A district resident for at least 30 days

### Absentee Ballot

Registered district voters may apply for an absentee ballot by completing an application at the District Office. Applications must be received at least seven days before the vote by January 15, 2019. The district will automatically mail absentee ballots to voters listed as "permanently disabled" on registration lists provided by the Tioga County Board of Election.

## FUNDING QUESTIONS:

### Q: What Impact will this project have on the local share:

A: Over several years, the District has responsibly funded its Capital Reserve. As a result, based on the current conditions, the District can complete this project with no further impact on the tax levy.

### Q: What is building aid?

A: New York State Building Aid is available for expenditures incurred in voter-approved construction of new buildings, additions, alterations, or modernization of District-owned buildings. Currently, the District's State aid ratio for approved capital improvements is 84.3%.

### Q: How can a \$24.4 million capital project referendum have no impact on the tax levy?

A: The project will be funded by \$2,000,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund and \$1,362,955 from retiring debt. These funds have been strategically set aside to offset the local share of capital projects.

The remaining \$19,359,352 from the local tax levy will be bonded and offset by state aid over 15 years. In the event of a change in the District's financial factors (i.e., State aid ratio), the District may also use money from its debt service reserve and appropriated fund balance to ensure that the project does NOT impact the tax levy.

NOTE: An additional \$1,753,478 will be allocated and funded through the New York State's Smart School Bond Act. These funds are in addition to the \$22,722,207 referendum and will have NO additional tax impact in the tax levy.

### Q: How does the proposed capital project affect the District's 2019-2020 budget?

A: The proposed capital project and the District's operating budget for the 2019-2020 school year are separate.



# Apalachin Elementary

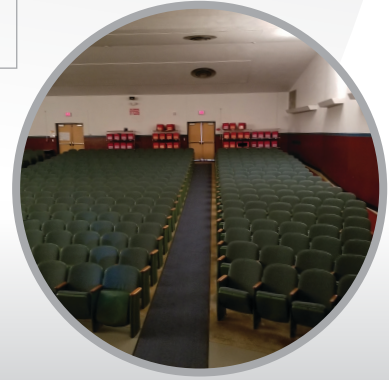


## AES Highlights of Work

A major overhaul of the existing building will occur to bring the space up to date, introduce new technology, and create new spaces for student learning.

- Updated secure entrance
- Classroom upgrades
- Storage will be improved throughout the building
- Creation of STEAM learning spaces
- Toilet room updates
- Air quality upgrades

Several major updates will occur to modernize the facility and bring it up-to-date to better serve our students.



## List of Projects to be Completed

- Main Office Security Improvements
- Main Canopy Replacement
- Classroom Technology Upgrades
- STEAM Learning Space
- Loading Dock Repairs
- Small & Large Gymnasium Improvements
- Boiler Room Improvements
- New Lighting and HVAC Units
- Auditorium Converted into Cafetorium
- Large Gymnasium Storage
- Music Room Upgrades and Conversion
- Locker Room Upgrades
- Library/Media Center Renovation
- Toilet Room Renovations
- Classroom Upgrades



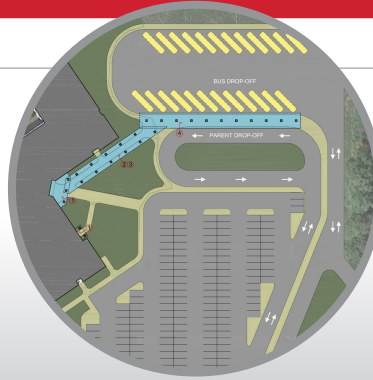
# Owego Free Academy



## Highlights of Work

- The STEAM space concept will be implemented within the High School and focus on teamwork and collaboration between students as well as engaging local industries and the creation of a student pathways program. Spaces would include a Fabrication Lab, Design Lab, Engineering Lab, Robotics program and several areas designed specifically for student collaboration, research and study.
- An Entrepreneurship program would also contain a school store, student run café, as well as a recruitment center to be transformed by local industry.
- Existing science labs, containing original 1972 casework, will be revamped into state-of-the-art spaces.

Comprehensive updates will be wide reaching including updating the facility entrance to increase security and improve traffic flow, and the revamp of antiquated classrooms including creating new STEAM learning spaces!



## List of Projects to be Completed

- Creation of STEAM Learning Space
- Classroom Renovations
- Egress Staircase Upgrades
- Cafeteria and Kitchen Upgrades
- Creation of Entrepreneurship Program and Space
- Window and Door Hardening
- Classroom Technology Upgrades
- Main Entrance Upgrades
- Creation of STEAM Outdoor Classroom Space
- Gymnasium Updates
- Locker Room Renovations
- Baseball/Softball Field Upgrades
- Creation of Outdoor Cafeteria Seating
- New Concession Stands
- Improved Trophy Displays
- Clock and PA Systems Replacement
- Traffic Pattern Reconfiguration

## PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

**Total Project:**  
**\$24,475,785**

**NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT**



## Funding Sources:

- Building Aid: \$19,359,352
- Capital Reserve: \$2,000,000
- Smart Schools Bond: \$1,753,478
- Retiring Debt: \$1,362,855

## PUBLIC HEARINGS INFORMATION:

**January 8, 2019: Apalachin Elementary – 6PM**

**January 10, 2019: Owego Free Academy – 6PM**

To learn more details about the proposed project and review answers to frequently asked questions, visit our website at [www.OACSD.org](http://www.OACSD.org)

**NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT**



Proposed Capital Project • January 2019