



HUDSON FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024 CAPITAL PROJECT



CAPITAL PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

**TOTAL COST
PROPOSED
CAPITAL PROJECT**
\$54.1 million

**TAXPAYER
IMPACT*:**
\$56 per year

**\$32 per year
with ENHANCED STAR**

**\$47 per year
with BASIC STAR**

*Based on median assessment home value of \$200,000



**DON'T FORGET
TO *Vote!***

**Polls will be open on
Wednesday,
March 27**

**from Noon to 8 p.m.
at the Hudson Falls HS
Gymnasium.**

For more information:

www.hfcsd.org/capital-improvement-project-2024



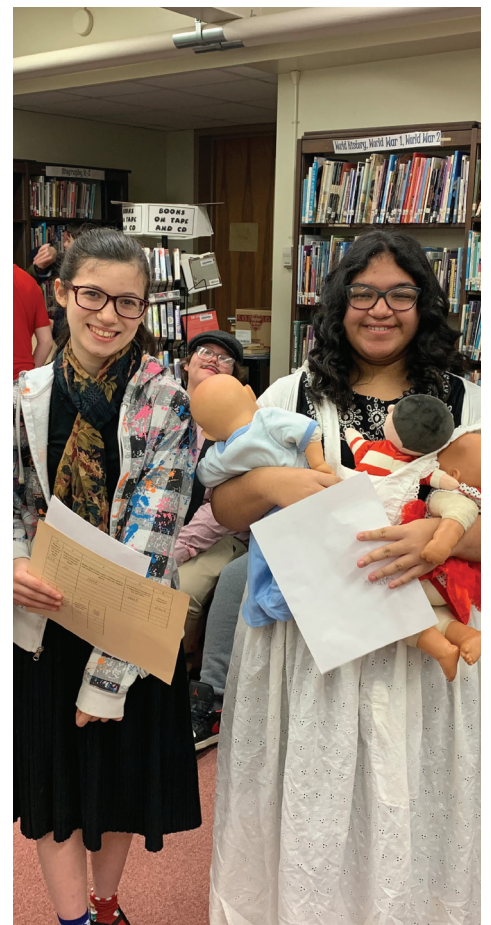


BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR SUCCESS DISTRICTWIDE

Hudson Falls takes great pride in its school community and the opportunities our district provides. As responsible stewards of the school buildings, regular maintenance is required to keep our facilities running and to make improvements for the future. **The proposed capital project focuses on four areas: safety and security, access and use, building improvements, and community use.** The proposed 2024 Capital Project will go before voters on Wednesday, March 27. The proposal includes:

- ✔ Funding to rework traffic around our middle and high schools.
- ✔ Redesigning the cafeteria in the high school.
- ✔ Library renovations in our Middle School, Intermediate School, and Primary School.
- ✔ Expanding our fitness room.
- ✔ Accessibility upgrades to classrooms and bathrooms in our Intermediate School, Primary School, and Margaret Murphy Kindergarten Center.

Investing in our infrastructure now will allow us to continue to operate without interrupting education.



CAPITAL PROJECT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Before the vote, the district will host two informational sessions to provide community members with more details on the proposed capital project. During the session, Superintendent Dan Ward and Executive Director of Business and Human Resources Kevin Polunci will talk about the needed improvements and the proposed project. Voters are encouraged to attend and ask questions.

SESSION DATES & TIMES

**Wednesday,
March 6**

at 6 PM in the
High School Library
Team Room

**Tuesday,
March 12**

at 5:30 PM in the
High School Library
Team Room





Questions & Answers

Q: Why are we voting on this now?

- There is critical work to be done to provide our students a safe, secure, and healthy learning environment. Voting now will allow for some of the construction to take place in the summer of 2025. New York State Education Department timelines and the need for work to take place outside of the school year, makes scheduling the vote now appropriate. A later vote would move all construction to the summer of 2026 or later. In addition, addressing needs such as replacing kitchen appliances, air conditioning units, and emergency generators is critical before the current units fail.

Q: What are the benefits of the Capital Project to our students and community?

- Expanding access points to our Middle and High School to address traffic during pick-up and drop-off times.
- Library renovations in the Middle, Intermediate, and Primary Schools.
- Repairs to our community pool, resurfacing our track, and expanding the fitness rooms used by our students and community.
- Newly remodeled elementary classroom bathrooms in the Kindergarten Center, the Primary School, and the Intermediate School.
- Renovations and replacements to infrastructure nearing end of useful life.

Q: How much is it going to cost?

- For district residents owning a home or property with an assessed full value of \$200,000 (the median assessment in the Village of Hudson Falls), the estimated tax increase per year for the proposed project based on current information is \$47 with Basic STAR and \$32 with Enhanced STAR.

Q: How will this project protect our community's investment in its school buildings going forward?

- Our High School will receive fire-rated doors, a new IT backup generator, additional security cameras, new clocks, a new public address system, and an emergency generator.
- Our Middle School will receive new boilers, lockdown notification lights, upgrades to the fire alarm system, and replacements for select kitchen equipment.
- Our Intermediate School will receive new boilers, lockdown notification lights, upgrades to the fire alarm system, and replacements for select kitchen equipment.
- The Primary School will receive an HVAC unit for the gymnasium, new boilers, lockdown notification lights, and replacements for select kitchen equipment.
- The Margaret Murphy K-Center will receive a new heating plant, lockdown notification lights, and upgrades to the fire alarm system.

BY THE

NUMBERS



8 Sections of UPK, truly Universal for all

19 Career and Technical Programs to choose from

10,000

At least 10K graduates since the high school opened in 1952

20 College-level courses offered in-house

70 More than 70 clubs and intramurals for students from 1st through 12th grade

198,593

Total meals and snacks served in 2022-23

27 Teams for boys, girls, Modified, JV, Varsity, and Unified

156 Acres of property we care for

462,945

Miles traveled by our buses in 2022-23



OUR PLAN

The Hudson Falls Central School District serves more than 2,100 students each year in five unique school buildings. School districts must adhere to certain standards in order to continue operations – we are responsible for making sure all facilities are up to code for the safety and comfort of our students, staff, and the community. **The proposed \$54.1 million capital project would address needs and make improvements in four areas: safety and security, access and use, building improvements, and community use.**

“Our goal as a Board of Education is to present a project to our taxpayers that addresses much-needed updates while being aware of our ask from taxpayers. Investing in our infrastructure will ensure a solid future for the generations of Hudson Falls students to come.”

- Jeffrey Gaulin, Board President



SAFETY & SECURITY

Advancements in safety and security technology have progressed since the district's buildings were last updated, and the items below would provide district leaders with modern, up-to-date features to ensure student and staff safety.

High School

- Fire-rated doors
- An IT backup generator
- Additional security cameras
- Replacement of the clock and public address system
- An emergency generator

Middle School

- New boilers
- Lockdown notification lights

Margaret Murphy K-Center

- New boilers
- Lockdown notification lights
- Fire alarm system upgrades

Intermediate School

- New boilers
- Lockdown notification lights

Primary School

- An HVAC unit for the gymnasium
- New boilers
- Lockdown notification lights





ACCESS & USE

The way our students, families and staff use the district facilities has evolved as the buildings have aged. Once state-of-the-art spaces are now feeling cramped, dim and outdated. To modernize our learning spaces and make areas of our buildings accessible, the following items are included in the capital project.

The district seeks to create spaces that are accessible for all. Not only are the small bathrooms in the Intermediate, Primary, and K-Center classrooms outdated and worn, they are not universally accessible. The proposed project would make the bathrooms across the district ADA compliant so all individuals could access them. In addition to restroom upgrades, the project also includes making play fields accessible.

One of the most important updates to our facilities would be a redesign of our pick-up and drop-off patterns at the Middle and High schools. Having students cross multiple lanes is dangerous,

there are excessive wait times for drivers, and outdated traffic patterns cause congestion in the areas surrounding the campus.

The district has been proactive in addressing the issue by conducting traffic impact studies around these buildings. The findings have guided designers in reimagining the roads surrounding two of our campuses. The district believes the updated traffic pattern will improve the traffic flow and student safety.

“The traffic patterns at the Middle School are horrible. Most afternoons I sit four cars across and a dozen deep. The situation has become so frustrating in the parking lot that we’ve asked our son to walk a half block down Notre Dame Street just so we don’t sit in traffic.”

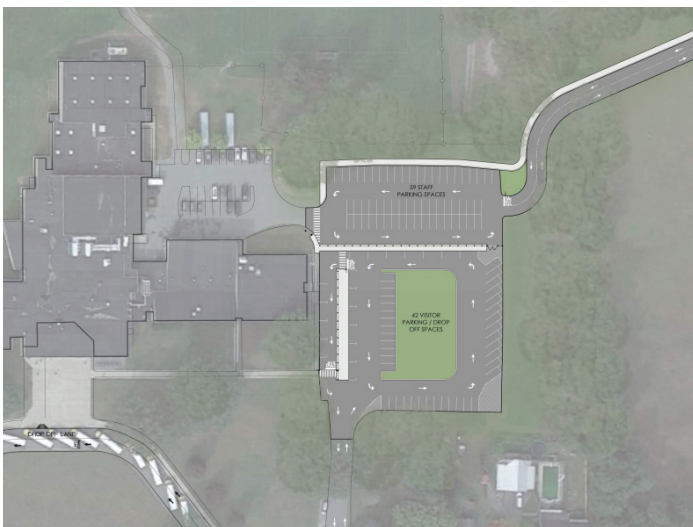
- Middle School Parent



The current Middle School pickup area is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. A reimagined traffic pattern would improve safety and traffic flow.



Select Primary School bathrooms will be renovated.





BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Just like our homes, school district buildings need regular upkeep. The proposed project would improve aspects of the buildings' design, functionality, and structure.

"The overall look and feel of our buildings contributes to a positive learning environment for our students," said Superintendent of Schools Dan Ward. "By updating our learning and gathering spaces, we hope to continue to inspire pride and excitement in our school."

In 2021, our community approved a project that modernized our High School library. The proposed project, which the community will vote on in March, expands on the vision of modern research spaces for learning with proposed renovations for libraries in the Middle School, Intermediate School, and Primary School.

In addition to library spaces, the proposed project includes renovating the High School cafeteria eating and food preparation spaces. In the cafeteria itself, the floors and walls would be redone and repainted, brightening and modernizing the space. The cafeteria is used by the student population multiple times each day. The district would replace outdated equipment in the kitchens in the High School, Intermediate School, and Primary School as well.

Our youngest learners at the Kindergarten Center will also have freshly painted hallways and other spaces across the building.

"I'd love our library to have a book return with a bigger checkout area and comfy chairs to read in."

- Middle School Student



The Middle School library would be renovated to be bright, welcoming, and better organized.



Rendering of renovated High School cafeteria.



Current High School cafeteria.



Rendering of renovated Middle School library.



COMMUNITY USE

Our district prides itself on offering quality facilities to students, staff, and our community at large.

One of the most popular spaces, the district's fitness room, is in dire need of updating. The room, which is in the High School, is open to both students and community members.

Since it was built the equipment in our fitness room has seen considerable wear and tear, including broken equipment, rips in padding, and damage to the walls.

The capital project would repair these issues. In addition, the community pool is in need of restoration so we can continue to keep it open for both students and residents.

"The weight room is my second home but a lot of the equipment is broken and space can be tight."

- Colton Bryant, Class of 2024



Inspiration for the new fitness center.



Locker room benches are extremely worn.



Machines like this treadmill are falling apart.



Weight machines are torn from years of use.



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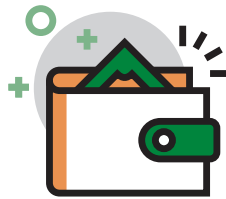
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Hudson Falls Capital Improvement Project

REDUCING the Financial Impact



Leveraging state aid

State aid reduces the cost for local taxpayers.

Principal and interest costs for eligible capital improvement projects are reimbursed by the state at state-calculated rates. The construction of the Champlain Hudson Power Express project in our county and the Community Host Agreement will make it possible for the district to offset the cost of the project that is placed on residents.

VOTING INFORMATION

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Total project cost	\$54.1 million
Estimated New York State Building Aid	90%
Estimated average tax impact on a Hudson Falls CSD home with an assessed value of \$200,000	\$56 per year
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