

# 2018 Bond Q&A

## Why is a bond project needed?

The project will continue to ensure that the students of the Comsewogue School District are provided with a well-rounded education in a safe and secure learning environment. The improvements proposed through this capital project bond referendum will preserve the integrity of the school buildings, address repairs, improve instructional resources for all, and upgrade arts and athletic facilities.

## What does the project entail?

The proposed project will provide all six schools in the district, as well as the administration office, with considerable building improvements, including replacing outdated casework, bathroom renovations; repairs to building masonry, sidewalks and curbing; and upgrades to HVAC and electrical systems. In addition, certain instructional spaces such as Art and Family & Consumer Science classrooms are outdated

and can no longer accommodate an evolving 21st-century curriculum.

## How was the plan developed?

The Board of Education established a Facilities Committee to review the state-mandated five-year building condition survey, tour district buildings, review financial and enrollment data, and, ultimately, present their recommendations and findings to the board. The committee prioritized initiatives and presented their recommendations to the Board in a special public meeting on February 12, 2018. At their March meeting, the Board finalized the scope of work to present to the community for a vote.

## How were projects prioritized?

Projects have been categorized by importance and urgency, and broken into two groups – A-list items and B-list items. If approved by residents on May 15, items on the A-list, which have

been categorized as high-priority, will be completed first. Following the completion of the A-list items, B-list items will be reprioritized based on available funds and need.

## If the project is approved, what will be the average tax impact to community residents?

The total anticipated cost of the bond proposal is \$32 million. It is estimated that 95 percent of the projects included in the proposed plan are eligible for New

York State Building Aid at a rate of 74 percent; this reduces the cost impact to local residents. For an average home in the district assessed at 2,800, the annual cost impact would be approximately \$120 per year.

## Where may I find more information about the proposal?

A full list of the proposed projects is on the district website, [www.comsewogue.k12.ny.us](http://www.comsewogue.k12.ny.us).



# COMSEWOGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018 Bond *Fact Sheet*



The Comsewogue School District Board of Education has voted to place a \$32 million bond on the May 15, 2018 ballot. The bond would prioritize safety and security, update and repair aging school buildings, and provide modern educational facilities for students.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

*The proposed bond will help create and maintain a safe and secure learning environment at all schools.*

*Projects include:*

- Creating security vestibules
- Replacing exterior lighting
- Renovating bathrooms for ADA compliance
- Upgrading the carbon monoxide system to tie into the fire alarm system
- Repairing parking lots, sidewalks and curbs
- Updating door hardware for ADA compliance and upgraded security

## INFRASTRUCTURE

*The proposed bond will invest in aged schools to help ensure every child has a school that provides a safe and challenging learning environment. Projects include:*

- Replacing casework in instructional classrooms districtwide
- Updating casework in the art, Family & Consumer Science and band classrooms
- Upgrading HVAC and electrical to accommodate increased needs
- Repairing building brickwork, windows and pointing
- Replacing select classroom, kitchen and hallway ceilings districtwide
- Install new roof and solar panels at Terryville

## THE THREE A'S (ACADEMICS, ARTS, ATHLETICS)

*The proposed bond will provide students and teachers with the best possible environments for teaching and learning. Projects include:*

- Renovating auditorium seating, lighting and carpeting and updating the sound system and rigging at John F. Kennedy Middle School
- Replacing the press box and bathroom/concession stand at the high school main athletic field
- Renovating storage within the high school band room
- Updating original Art and Family & Consumer Science classrooms
- Expanding Project Adventure at the high school
- Creating a batting cage within the high school gymnasium

## BY THE NUMBERS

- Total cost of project: \$32 million
- State building aid: 74%
- Average cost to homeowner (for a home assessed at 2,800): \$120 per year
- Anticipated savings from solar: \$90,000

**VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018** : 9 A.M.-9 P.M.  
COMSEWOGUE HIGH SCHOOL