

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 18th, 2016, a resolution was adopted approving a new Capital Improvement Project Bond Vote for the St. Regis Falls Central School District to take place on December 6, 2016. The \$7,926,344 proposition would be at NO COST to the local tax payer. The project would be funded by the District's State Building Aid ratio, which is currently 80.8% of approved expenses. The remaining portion of the cost would be covered by SMART Schools Grant aid from New York State, and EXCEL Grant funding for which the District is eligible, and the existing Capital Reserve Fund of \$2,175,000.

The project has been developed through input from staff, community, and students, as well as information obtained from the 2015 Building Condition Survey required by the New York State Education Department Office of Facilities Planning. The Board believes this project will address a variety of needs and enhancements to the District that will vastly improve the safety, energy efficiency and the educational experience that our students receive.

Of the \$7,926,344 total project budget \$5,517,555 is work identified in the 2015 Building Condition Survey (BCS) as needing to be done in order to maintain the building. Some of the BCS work to be completed with the project would be Roofing, Fire Security Annunciators, Visual Alarms at all Classrooms, Electrical Upgrades, Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Generator Replacement, Heating Upgrades, Plumbing Upgrades, Building Envelope Upgrades, Communications and Technology Upgrades.

The remaining \$2,408,789 will be applied to renovations and additions. Many NY State Educational mandates have been implemented since our school building was built, including testing and special education requirements that impact the delivery of education to our students. The renovations and additions in this project are designed to update our building to meet those needs and the needs of the future. The major scope of this work will include the renovation of existing space to create a Large Group Instruction (LGI) room. This flexible space will function as a large testing facility when needed, and can be divided into smaller teaching spaces or used for physical education and play space. Because the LGI space will impact existing classrooms a 5 classroom addition will house Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, Special Education, and ancillary spaces to support a new primary wing. Renovations to the administration, nurse's office, vocal music classroom, reading, special education, and math classrooms will be made to align the delivery of education in the building to current standards.

We encourage you to attend the public information meeting held on November 15th at 6:00 pm, in the Auditorium. We will also be holding presentations at upcoming town board meetings, these will be scheduled soon. If you have specific questions or comments, you may also contact the district office at 518-856-9421. As always, your continued support for the St. Regis Falls Central School programs and facilities is greatly appreciated.