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# DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

\$1,000,000

## Capital Improvement Project No Increase to the Local Tax Levy

Dear Dolgeville Central School District Residents,

The District is proposing to you a \$1,000,000 Capital Project for imperative work in our buildings. **This project is opportune because it will have no tax impact to our community.**

Beginning in the Summer of 2019, the Dolgeville Central School District put a call out to all residents to join our Facilities Committee. A total of 26 people volunteered their time. The committee met with our Director of Facilities, Architects and Engineers.

Every five (5) years all NYS School Districts must conduct a Building Condition Survey (BCS). The committee used the most recent survey along with a tour of the facility to determine what areas and/or equipment were beyond their useful life.

After considering the information in the survey, asking questions and touring the facility, the committee decided that classroom heaters which were installed during the 1950s and 1960s should be replaced. The cost of replacing these units will be eligible for State Aid – meaning that 87% of the \$1 million project will be paid back to the district by New York State. Other work deemed necessary by the committee is beginning the conversion from steam heat to hot water heat with the new units, upgrading how the heaters are controlled, and upgrading the fire alarm system to allow for exact location of a fire. Our current fire alarm system gives us only zone information if a fire is detected. As safety is our top priority, the committee felt these are important measures to be taken.

Please try to attend our Project Information Session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Library. If you have immediate questions, please feel free to give me a call at 315-429-3155 x 3500.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynn Rhone, Superintendent of Schools

### Major Goals:

- **Fire Alarm System Upgrades**
  - Upgrade from Zone Information to Actual Location of Fire
- **Heating System Upgrades**
  - Replace Unit Ventilators in Classrooms (current are from 1950s -1960s)
  - Convert Steam Heat to Hot Water Heat
  - New Digital Controls

### Why Capital Projects?

- ▶ Provide the best and safest learning environment for our children
- ▶ Reduce annual repair costs
- ▶ Provide for major capital expenditures that are not part of the annual operating budget
- ▶ Take advantage of state building aid

#### Qualifications for Voting:

- 18 years of age or older
- CITIZEN of the United States
- RESIDENT of the Dolgeville Central School District for at least 30 days and live at the address they declare as their legal residence

#### Absentee Ballots:

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the District Office, 38 Slawson Street, Dolgeville, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, or by calling the District Office at 429-3155 x 3000.

Please attend the  
Project Information  
Session regarding  
the project on:

**Tuesday**  
**February 11, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Dolgeville CSD**  
**Elementary**  
**School Library**

# Vote



**Tuesday**  
**February 25, 2020**  
**2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**James A. Green High School Cafeteria**



# DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Q: Why is this project needed?

A: The upgrades for the heating units covered by this project are to replace units that are currently 50 – 60 years old and well past their useful life. Replacement parts for many of these units are non-existent. Our Facilities Department has been able to use parts from broken-down units to fix those still in use. Unfortunately, we are running out of parts in-house. Without a project, it will be necessary to replace these units with money out of our school budget, which most likely will increase the tax levy.

Q: Why Now?

A: The cost of this project has no tax impact to our community. With the state assuming 87% of the funding, we will use the current payment for debt at the end of this school year to fund the remaining \$130,000. Our next opportunity to fund a project with a debt drop off will be in 2032.

Q: What happens if the project is voted down?

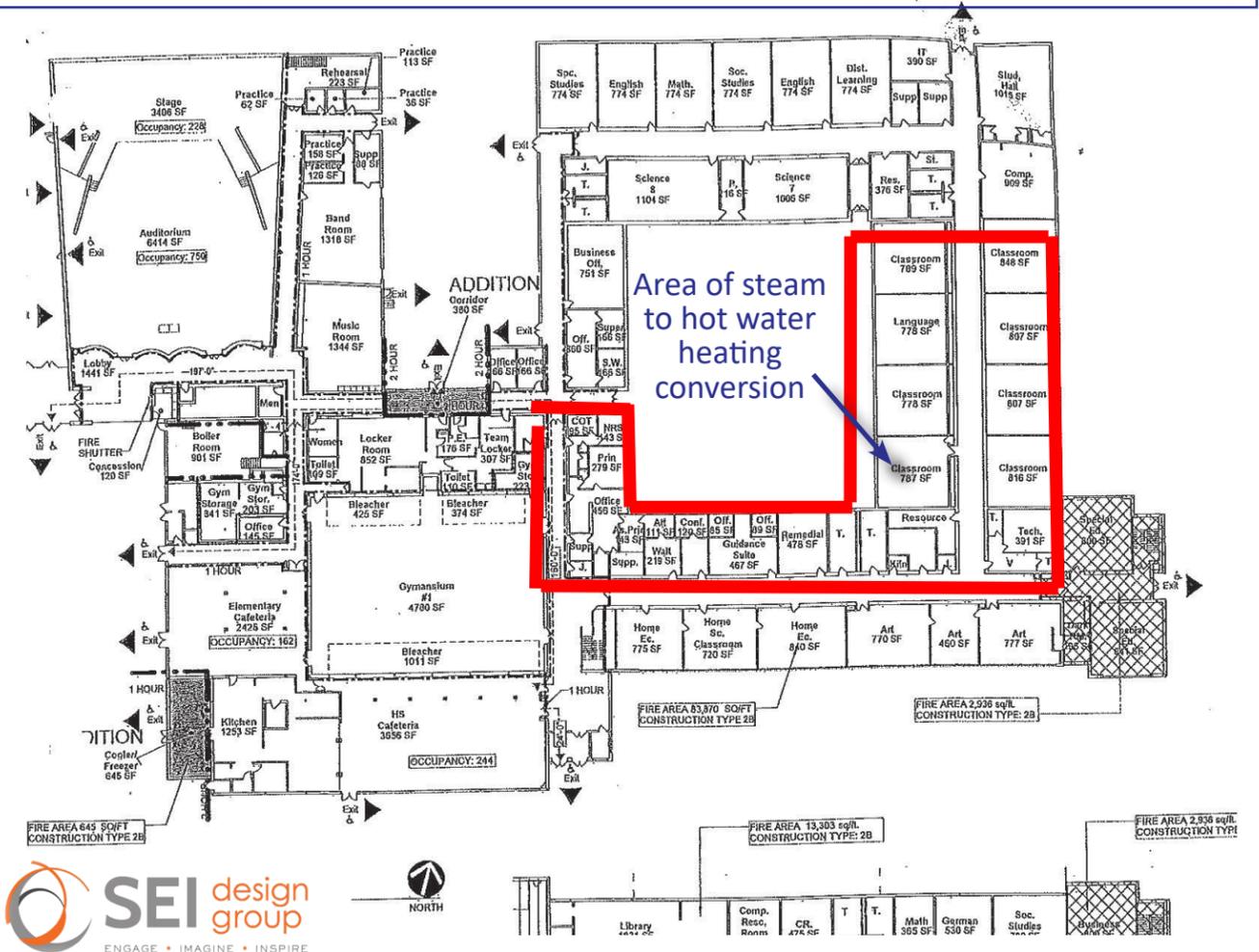
A: If the project is voted down, costs would increase. The financing for this project will allow the Dolgeville Central School District to spread payments for the work over several years to correspond with the building aid that we receive from the State. If voted down, several of the items will need to be addressed in the annual operating budget- thus taking funds away from our academic programs and overall operations.

## What benefits are there to undertaking this work?

- Fire alarms become point addressable instead of zoned
  - This means it's easier to locate potential issues
- Older heating units get replaced with new ones
  - This decreases the maintenance costs required on the heating system
  - Replacement parts become available again
- Steam units are replaced with hot water units
  - This decreases the amount of energy required to run the system. Water is heated, as opposed to boiled to create steam, less energy is required to do this

- Controls will be upgraded from mechanically controlled pneumatics to computer controlled digital
  - Greater occupant comforts comes from the increased speed of digital controls over pneumatic and the ability to tailor controls on a space by space basis
  - Greater energy savings comes from the ability to better control more of the heating system and the ability to more easily program system functions.
    - ✓ Optimum start/stop modes
    - ✓ More efficient economizer mode
    - ✓ Easily add sensors to monitor and control more of the system

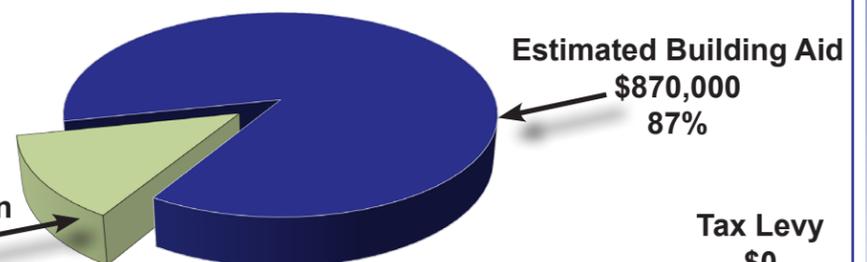
Existing Conditions



## Funding Sources

Total Project Cost  
\$1,000,000

Continuing Payments on Previous Debt  
\$130,000  
13%



**NO TAX IMPACT TO OUR COMMUNITY**