

CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY UPDATE...

"An Investment In Our Schools Is An Investment In Our Community"

Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 17 is **VOTING DAY** for our



Longwood Central School System
Capital Improvements Proposed Bond



Polling Locations

11727 Coram, 11763 Medford,
and 11766 Mt. Sinai
**CORAM ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**
Intermediate Building
Multi-Purpose Room
61 Coram Mt. Sinai Rd.
Coram, NY
Election District 1

11953 Middle Island and
11764 Miller Place
**WEST MIDDLE ISLAND
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**
Intermediate Building
Multi-Purpose Room
30 Swezey Lane
Middle Island, NY
Election District 2

11961 Ridge and
11786 Shoreham
**RIDGE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**
Intermediate Building
Multi-Purpose Room
105 Ridge Rd.
Ridge, NY
Election District 3

11980 Yaphank, 11973 Upton
and 11967 Shirley/E. Yaphank
**CHARLES E. WALTERS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Primary Building
Cafeteria
15 Everett Dr.
Yaphank, NY
Election District 4



Polls are open from 7:00 AM through 9:00 PM



On Thursday evening, September 28, a community informational meeting was held at the Longwood High School. The purpose was to present to the community all of the elements of the proposed Capital Improvement Bond Proposal and to address any and all questions that the community had. This was a highly informative meeting and the community presented some great questions. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the community members in attendance. What follows is the PowerPoint presentation slides from that meeting. You can also click on a link which will bring you to the full presentation (1.5hrs.)...or fast forward to sections of particular interest to you.

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Capital Improvement Bond Project-Community Presentation-October 17, 2017

Longwood Central School District Capital Improvement Project

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Repair/Replace:

- Sidewalks, Curbs and Parking Lots
- Junior High School Roof and Solar
- Heating/Ventilation and Cooling Systems
- Boiler Repairs

Repair/Replace:

- 200 Windows at the High School
- 8 Windows at CEW
- Carpeting at the Middle School
- Electrical to Transformers Middle School
- Operation and Maintenance Garage Siding
- High School Auditorium Curtains

Physical Education/ Athletics:

- Replace Junior High Track
- Replace Junior High Bleachers
- Replace High School Tennis Courts
- Repair High School Track
- Additional JHS PE Space
- Additional Multipurpose/PE HS Space
- High School Multipurpose Turf Field, 2 Turf Infields

Health and Safety:

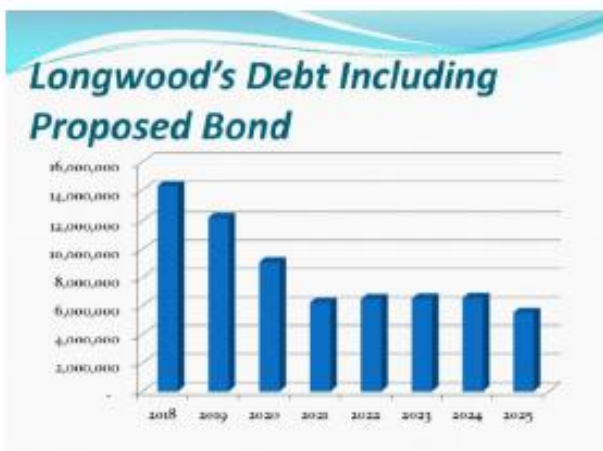
- Replace All Elementary Playgrounds
- Replace Fire Alarms
- Replace Public Address System (PA)
- Districtwide Security Vestibules
- Districtwide Security Cameras and Visitor Management System

New Capital Projects:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) Lab at the Middle School
- Digital Signage Elementary and High Schools
- Administrative Building
- New Video Streaming Technology
- New Parking Lot at Ridge

Capital Improvement Project Cost Analysis:

Total Cost of Project	\$39,140,000
Apply Capital Reserve	\$7,950,000
Estimated Building Aid	<u>\$18,787,380</u>
Remaining Cost	\$12,402,620



- ### Project Timeline:
- Community Information Night
 - Bond Vote October 17, 2017
 - Completion of Drawings: 6-9 Months
 - State Education Department Review: 6 Months
 - Bidding and Award: 2 Months
 - Construction Starts: Spring/Summer 2019

The full Community Presentation is 1-1/2 hours long which includes the questions and answer portion. It is available for viewing by clicking on: [2017 Capital Improvement Bond Presentation](#)

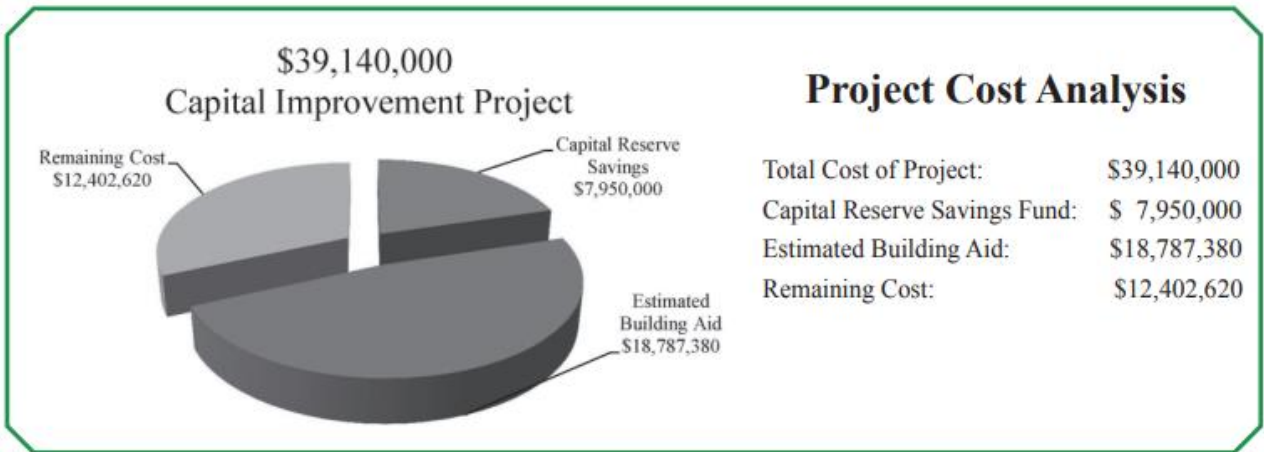
The reasons supporting the need for the **Physical Education/Athletics** portion of the bond were eloquently and concisely addressed *within three minutes* by Mr. Paul Infranco, Board of Education Vice President. They can be viewed by clicking on the above link and forwarding to 1:16:47 mark.

Another area of concern was the need for an **administration building**. Currently, many of our administrators are housed in the Central Administration offices located on Yaphank Middle Island Road in Middle Island. This consist of three small, antiquated buildings that are in need of major and costly repairs; one of those buildings is actually a construction trailer. Additionally, because of the size limitations of the buildings, many of our Director level administrators are located throughout our elementary school buildings. By replacing one of the buildings along with the construction trailer and consolidating our administrator staff into the new building, our district will be able to avoid the costly repairs to the antiquated buildings and, more importantly, free up over 5000 square feet of much needed and expensive classroom space for our students.

Here is a further cost breakdown:

- The total cost of all of these much-needed capital improvements is **\$39,140,000**.
- New York State Building Aid reimburse us an expected 68% of the \$27.7M in building aid eligible items in this bond proposal which will result in NYS covering **\$18,787,380** (48%) of the \$39,140,000 total cost. The reimbursement goes as a payment on the bond.

- Longwood has a Capital Reserve Savings Fund which is a savings account that was established a number of years ago to begin to address the needs identified in this project. Applying those funds will further reduce the project bond debt by **\$7,950,000**.
- The final debt impact to the school district taxpayers is **\$12,402,620** which translates into a tax increase of **\$43 annually** for the average taxpayer.
- There are currently two prior bonds that will be paid off by 2021. As is illustrated in the Longwood Debt slide above, the Longwood taxpayer total debt being financed—including *this proposed capital improvement bond*—will be declining in 2019, again in 2020, and again in 2021. **Total debt will NOT INCREASE but in fact, WILL DECREASE**. The district’s excellent credit rating and record low-interest rates will have a profound impact on reducing the cost of borrowing.



For more answers to bond questions, click on [Q&A](#).