

From the Superintendent

Dear One Webster Community,

As a school district, we want to express our thanks to the Webster CSD community for sharing your incredible students with us all year long. We are fortunate to work alongside more than 8,100 students and 1,600 staff members every day. The Webster CSD community truly makes a difference in all that we do for our students and staff throughout the year.

Included in this edition of our community newsletter are important details about the district's proposed capital improvement project that is up for a vote on Tuesday, December 13. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Webster Schroeder High School gym, 875 Ridge Road. The proposed \$115 million project includes proposed upgrades and improvements that will touch all 11 of our school buildings. We hope you take the time to review the information found in this newsletter and also on our website, websterschools.org/capitalproject. I also hope to see you on December 13 as you exercise your right to vote.

Another highlight of this newsletter is the district's community education winter program guide. There are so many educational opportunities available to community members of all ages. We hope you take advantage of the breadth of experiences and classes that your entire family can be part of in the coming months.

We wish all of you a joyous holiday season. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you on December 13 and throughout the winter season.

All my best,

Brian Neenan

Superintendent of Schools



Superintendent **Brian Neenan** making connections with one of our youngest learners at Klem Road North Elementary School.

New Facilities Scheduling Process

Webster CSD has altered its scheduling system for in-house and community facility requests. As of October 31 we have discontinued the use of the Google facility scheduling system and converted to Master Library. Please use the following link to set up an account and request space in Master Library:
<https://ny166.mlschedules.com/Login.aspx>.



Webster Central School District - Winter 2022-23

Proposed Capital Improvement Project Highlights

At the heart of all we do in the Webster Central School District is a simple promise: to provide our students, faculty, and community with the best possible environment to foster learning and development. Every decision made, every action taken -- it's all for the benefit of our students.

In our ongoing efforts to provide our students with high-quality learning environments, the district is proposing a series of changes across its 11-school footprint. Whether it be an expansion or renovation, every update will deliver on three promises: protecting the well-being of students, encouraging their academic engagement, and ensuring accessibility for all.

Key Improvements

Although the updates differ from school to school, the most notable changes include:

- Revamped and modernized heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in all Webster schools
- Building improvements to provide the same learning opportunities where needed across the district
- Reconstructing bus loops and parking lots where needed across the district
- Upgrading emergency generators where needed for seamless learning
- Replacing outdated roofs where needed across the district
- One Webster Learning (OWL) Program Expansions to the elementary, middle, and high school levels

Proposed Improvements by the Numbers

To bring these updates to life, the district has proposed a comprehensive \$115 million plan that addresses district-wide issues and necessary renovations unique to each school. Based on this budget, the funds will be dispersed within the following categories:

Additions (OWL programs)	\$31,145,538
HVAC	\$29,713,705
Roofing	\$11,358,687
Fire & Life Support Systems	\$10,675,433
Interior Spaces	\$8,813,800
Parking Lots/Driveways	\$6,001,517
Bathrooms/Plumbing	\$5,702,527
Building Envelope*	\$5,454,588
Field Improvements	\$4,583,390
Entrance Recondition	\$1,550,815
Total	\$115,000,000

To fund this project, the district estimates 23 years of borrowing on these improvements and maximizing state aid through thoughtful phasing of construction timelines. Additionally, the district is estimating three years of short-term borrowing to support the capital budget while construction is ongoing. Also, the district will apply \$10 million from its capital reserve fund. The impact on Webster taxpayers is a 1.1 percent estimated increase on the tax levy, or \$40 per year on the average homeowner's annual tax bill.

A community vote will be held Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Webster Schroeder High School gym. For more information on the capital improvement project, please visit websterschools.org/capitalproject.

**Includes proposed repairs to exteriors of existing buildings.*

Families of Young Children Asked to Take Census

Webster CSD is surveying our One Webster community to forecast student enrollment for the foreseeable future. The annual young child census launched on the district website December 1. If you have children residing in your household who are birth to 5 years old, please visit websterschools.org to complete this brief census. Don't delay! The census closes January 6, 2023. Families who do not have access to a computer or phone may participate by calling Student Registration at (585) 216-0029.



Completing the census is a young families' first connection with the school district. It enables us to keep in contact with families as their children approach school age.

Kindergarten Registration Opens January 30

The start of the 2023-24 school year may seem far away, but for families of incoming kindergartners, registration is right around the corner!

Families with a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2023, that child is eligible for kindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year. Kindergarten registration will open Monday, January 30, 2023.* As the date approaches, please check the district website, websterschools.org/registration, for complete details.

*If a building reaches capacity, families who register during the week of January 30 will be given first priority. Once capacity is met, students will be enrolled in an alternate Webster elementary school.

UPK Lottery Opens February 14

Interested in Webster CSD's Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program? Families with a child who will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2023, but who are not eligible for kindergarten, that child is eligible for UPK enrollment for the upcoming school year. Lottery applications for the 2023-24 school year will be available February 14-March 14. Learn more at websterschools.org/upk.

Communications for School Closing, Early Dismissal Due to Inclement Weather

As we enter the winter months, Webster CSD would like to remind our One Webster families that closing, cancellation, and early dismissal information is available through a variety of sources:

- Online at websterschools.org
- Social media at Facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools and Twitter @WCSDProud
- Parent/guardian notification through ParentSquare
- Local media



District Seeks to Help Ukrainian Families

As the war between Ukraine and Russia rages on, like many towns across the country, Webster has seen an influx of Ukrainian families move to our One Webster community.

"We have close to 60 new Ukrainian students since May who have come into Webster," said Terry McCarthy, Webster CSD Director of Humanities.

McCarthy said the transition for these families has been difficult, but Webster CSD staff and students have been welcoming. "Our message has been, we're saddened that they had to leave their country, but we're glad they came to Webster."

Part of that welcome has come in the form of community outreach. Over the summer district staff took part in a program organized by Catholic Family Services that provided basic information for parents of host families. That was followed up on October 19, with the district-sponsored Parents Night for new One Webster Ukrainian families.

"We wanted to provide support for families navigating mostly technology and systems that are different than what they had in Ukraine," McCarthy said of Parents Night.

District staff shared information on programs such as ParentSquare, Infinite Campus, and English as a New Language (ENL). A translator was on hand to help with explanations and the question and answer period followed.

"We also handed out information, written in Ukrainian, about job openings in the district. We had child watch, so families could attend," McCarthy added.

And it's not ending there.

"We will continue outreach to the community. We are working with Rochester City School District (RCS D) to offer a language class," McCarthy shared. "We're going to monitor the needs of the families. We'll follow up this winter, and as special needs arise we will follow up."

Names in the News



Congratulations to (l-r) **Charlotte Stringer, Max Bowers, Maya Blair, Zachary Suen, and Carter Chase**. These Willink and Spry middle school students represented One Webster in the Hochstein Junior Wind Symphony concert performed October 15 in the newly renovated Hochstein Performance Hall. Students were selected for this honor from 15 area school districts based on their Monroe County School Music Association and New York State School Music Association scores and teacher recommendations.



Webster Schroeder High School senior **Sean Bascoe** (pictured at left) has been selected as a College Board National Recognition Program awardee! He earned a National African American Recognition Award because of his academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT10, and/or AP exams. Sean is one of 62,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs.

School-by-School Overview of the Proposed Capital Improvement Project

In Webster CSD's ongoing efforts to provide students with high-quality learning environments, the district is proposing a \$115 million capital improvement project that will include a series of changes across its 11-school footprint. A school-by-school breakdown of those costs is provided below. Whether it be an expansion or renovation, every update will deliver on three promises: protecting the well-being of students, encouraging their academic engagement, and ensuring accessibility for all.

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DeWitt Road

Upgrading heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, including air conditioning (AC) for the remainder of the building

Replacing the roof

Upgrading the emergency generator

Reconstructing the bus loop, sidewalk, and parking lots

Total school cost: \$5,073,650

Klem Road North

Upgrading HVAC system, including AC for the full building

Replacing the roof

Upgrading the emergency generator

Improving entrance landscaping

Total school cost: \$7,082,745

Klem Road South

Upgrading HVAC system, including AC for the gym

Upgrading the emergency generator

Improving entrance landscaping

Total school cost: \$1,483,613

Plank Road North

Upgrading HVAC system, including AC for the full building

Replacing the roof

Upgrading the emergency generator

Constructing a secondary entrance onto Plank Road

Interior renovations

Improving entrance landscaping

Total school cost: \$9,924,356

Plank Road South

Upgrading HVAC system, including AC for the gym

Upgrading the emergency generator

Replacing the sidewalk

Improving entrance landscaping

Total school cost: \$2,410,863

Schlegel Road

Upgrading HVAC system, including AC for the gym

Expansions to the One Webster Learning (OWL) program

Upgrading the emergency generator

Improving entrance landscaping

Total school cost: \$11,055,589

State Road

Upgrading HVAC system, including AC for the full building

Replacing the roof

Upgrading the emergency generator

Replacing the northeast parking lot

Updating sidewalks in the bus loop

Improving entrance landscaping

Total school cost: \$7,807,369

Spry Middle School

Upgrading HVAC system, including AC for the full building

Upgrading the emergency generator

Conducting necessary updates to the fire safety system

Interior renovations

Reconstructing restrooms across the campus

Improving drainage to school fields

Total school cost: \$14,488,446

Willink Middle School

Upgrading the emergency generator

Expansions to the OWL program

Reconstructing all parking lots

Expanding the school's front loop

Total school cost: \$9,464,246

Webster Schroeder High School

Improving the HVAC and plumbing systems

Upgrading the emergency generator

Conducting necessary updates to the fire safety system

Interior renovations

Continued exterior brickwork around the main building

Replacing the turf in the existing stadium

Total school cost: \$13,489,016

Webster Thomas High School

Upgrading the HVAC system, including installation of AC for the full school

Interior renovations

Expansions to the OWL program

Replacing track surface and scoreboard

Conducting necessary updates to the fire safety system

Replacing the turf in the existing stadium

Upgrading the emergency generator

Refinishing the gym floor

Total school cost: \$32,720,107

Musical Season Kicks Off in February

The house lights go down, the stage lights go up. Webster CSD musical season is upon us! Once again our secondary schools are honing music, choreography, and dialogue as they prepare to bring four new musicals to the stage. For ticket information, as the performance nears, check the district website at websterschools.org.

Willink Drama Club: *Newsies Jr.*

Friday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Webster Schroeder Musicals: *Mamma Mia!*

Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Spry Drama Club: *Footloose the Musical, Youth Edition*

Friday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Webster Thomas Players: *Freaky Friday*

Thursday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



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Six Things Taxpayers Need to Know About the Proposed Capital Project

1. Where and when will the vote be held?

Voting will take place at the Webster Schroeder High School gymnasium, located at 875 Ridge Road, on Tuesday, December 13. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2. What is the total of the proposed capital project?

The total proposition is \$115 million with the district utilizing \$10 million from the capital reserve. That total covers all work completed across Webster’s 11-school footprint, including HVAC modernizations and OWL program expansions.

3. Will Webster CSD receive state aid to support these updates?

Yes. The state will be providing 76.6% in aid for the project.

4. How will this impact Webster taxpayers?

The impact on the average Webster homeowner (based on average home value of \$220,520) is estimated at a 1.1% increase on the current tax levy (estimated \$40 per year on your annual tax bill).

5. Why are both high school stadiums receiving new turf fields?

Both stadiums* still have their original turf fields from 2011. The average life expectancy for these fields is 10 years, putting the district beyond the designated time frame. By updating the fields now and with proper ongoing maintenance, we expect above-average lifespans for both fields.

*Please note that the turfs in this proposal are the original stadium turfs and not the newer baseball turfs.

6. Why is the vote in mid-December?

To clarify, the upcoming vote on Tuesday, December 13, is regarding Webster CSD’s proposed capital improvement project. Under New York State law, school districts’ annual budget votes and board of education elections are held on the third Tuesday in May.

The community-wide vote on Webster CSD’s proposed capital improvement project is held in December because it takes a total of approximately 4-6 months to complete architectural/engineering renderings for the project and then another 8-12 months for the New York State Education Department to complete the approval process for this project. Next, an additional one-two months is needed for our district to process through the public work-bidding process, with the goal to be ready to go for a late-June 2024 construction season.

For more information, visit websterschools.org/capitalproject.



Lakers Boys Volleyball West Regional Champs!

Fall Sports Roundup

One Webster student athletes excelled this fall season, taking a number of titles along the way:

- Lakers Boys Volleyball (Schroeder & Thomas combined) Section V Class A Champs, Regional Champs, playing in states as this newsletter went to press
- Webster Schroeder Football - Division Champs Class A1
- Webster Lakers Girls Golf (combined Schroeder and Thomas) - Haley Kucewicz, State Team
- Webster Schroeder Girls Soccer - Section V Class AA Champs
- Webster Schroeder Girls Volleyball - Division Champs
- Lakers Girls Swimming & Diving (Schroeder & Thomas combined) - Claire Gorton Sectional Champ 50 M freestyle and 100 M freestyle; Gorton, Vivian Nguyen, Marin Bedford, and Nakisha Dinh medley relay Section V Champs (Kylie Willis to join them at states); Dinh, Willis, Gorton, and Melissa Robinson competing in 200 free relay at states as this newsletter went to press
- Gymnastics (combined with Penfield) - Kailey McMahan and Stephanie Gulvin made the State Team
- Webster Thomas Cross Country - Evan Lacey top 10 finish at States



Schroeder Girls Soccer Section V Class AA Champs!