

# TIGER TRIBUNE

Waterloo Central School District

ALL STUDENTS. ALL STAFF. ONE FAMILY.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



**THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE NO ADDITIONAL IMPACT ON LOCAL TAXPAYERS.**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Noon until 8 p.m.

Waterloo School District Office  
109 Washington Street,  
Waterloo, NY 13165

### Voter Eligibility

A citizen of the United States

At least eighteen (18) years of age

A resident of the District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the date of the vote

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Members of the Waterloo High School National Honor Society collected and donated more than 5,500 items and \$4,000 to the Seneca County Community Christmas Project

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE WATERLOO COMMUNITY,

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, residents in our District will have the opportunity to vote on a capital project proposal that has the best interest of our students and community in mind. This proposal comes with no additional cost to the local taxpayer as approximately eighty-three percent of the project cost will be funded with state aid. The remaining seventeen percent of the money needed to support the project will come from the District's capital reserve fund.

The Board of Education and members of our District leadership team have worked very hard to develop capital project plans that are sensitive to both the concerns of the community and the needs of the District. While these are challenging times, now is the time to move forward with these projects. New York State sets aside funding for district capital projects every year. It is up to districts to approve capital project plans in order to get access to these funds. If these projects are not approved, the tax payments collected from Waterloo District residents will be spent in other communities, and our repair and maintenance needs will cost our District residents more in the future.

This proposal, estimated at \$17 million focuses on safety and maintenance projects that are crucial to providing our learning community with the best possible school

environment. Items include reconfiguring the Skoi-Yase parking lot to make arrival and dismissal safer, and updating the playgrounds at Skoi-Yase and LaFayette. These continued improvements will help our youngest learners begin their education with a strong, balanced environment.

Plans also call for updating equipment at the Bus Garage and the HVAC units at the Middle School and High School.

While we can't be certain about what the future may bring, we do know that if we don't continually update our school buildings, these structures will continue to age. If we are mindful and continue to upgrade and repair our facilities over time, we can continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff in the Waterloo Central School District.

I encourage you to learn as much as you can about this project, to reach out with questions, and to vote on Feb. 7.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

*Terri Bavis*

Superintendent of Schools



## PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Waterloo Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of construction and reconstruction of existing school buildings and facilities, various site and athletic and play field improvements and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$17,900,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$3,000,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$14,900,000 shall be issued.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for an absentee ballot are available at the office of the District Clerk through February 7, 2023. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote (February 7, 2023) if personally delivered. Applications that are mailed must be received in the District Office no later than January 31, 2023. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk during regular business hours until the day of the vote and will be posted in a conspicuous place or places at the voting polls.

# CAPITAL PROJECT FAQs

## WHAT WILL THIS PROJECT DO FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY?

The proposed project is mainly a “nuts and bolts” project that was developed to address health and safety issues as well as building infrastructure needs. This project, which among other things, replaces items giving way to years of normal wear and tear such as the lifts at the Bus Garage, HVAC units at the Middle School and High School and playgrounds at LaFayette Intermediate School and Skoi-Yase Primary School. Other improvements include updating logos on the turf at Tom Coughlin Stadium, redesigning the Skoi-Yase parking lot, replacing the fuel management system and repaving the parking lot at the Bus Garage and improving the learning space for students in need of physical therapy and occupational therapy at LaFayette.

## HOW ARE ITEMS FOR THE PROJECT DETERMINED?

Every 5 years the district is required to do a Building Condition Survey (BCS) that identifies areas that will need to be fixed or replaced. There is a Capital Project Committee that consists of four Board members and two or more administrators. The committee works closely with the District’s Architect to prioritize and cost out the needed changes that are identified in the BCS or by the needs of the District.

## IF THIS PROJECT DOES NOT PASS, HOW WILL THE DISTRICT PAY FOR NEEDED REPAIRS?

If changes are not incorporated into a Capital Project that will be state aided, the full cost is paid by the district.

## WHY ARE WE DOING THE CAPITAL PROJECT NOW?

The mission of the Waterloo Central School District is to put kids first every day. One of the ways that the District does this is by providing a safe, modern learning environment. This project will allow the District to replace and repair items that need to be upgraded at NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE LOCAL TAXPAYER. It will also help to keep our students and staff safe by improving parent drop-off and pickup at Skoi-Yase Primary School, modernizing learning space at LaFayette Intermediate School and upgrading equipment at our Bus Garage, the Middle School and High School. If many of these issues are not addressed in the near future, they will result in costly repairs later.

## WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS PROJECT HAVE ON TAXPAYERS?

This project will have **NO ADDITIONAL COST TO LOCAL TAXPAYERS.**

## HOW WILL THIS PROJECT BE FINANCED?

Through a combination of state aid and the District’s capital reserve funds. Approximately \$13.9 million of the \$17.9 million dollar project will generate state aid (83.25 percent) and \$3 million (16.75 percent) will come from the District’s capital reserve funds. Since these funds have already been collected, there will be no new impact on local taxpayers. It is also worth noting that if the District does not apply for and use this state aid, tax dollars collected locally will be used to fund projects elsewhere across the state.

## WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE PROJECT?

If the project is approved, District architects will begin the design phase immediately and submit a plan to the State Education Department (SED) in September. The SED will take a few months to review the plan with bidding on the project expected to start in January of 2024. The construction phase of the project would start in the Summer of 2024 and continue through the Summer of 2025.



**WATERLOO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Preliminary Summary Budget 2023 Capital Project**

Construction Total \$14,900,000 • 20% Incidental \$3,000,000

**Total \$17,900,000**

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**Bus Garage**

- (2) Lift replacement
- Fuel Management System
- Pave entire area
- Electric Vehicles underground infrastructure

Bus Garage Subtotal \$1,900,000



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**VOTE**

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**Skoi-Yase Primary School**

- Reconfigure drop-off, parking, etc
- Playground equipment & surface
- Reconstruct exits to provide accessibility
- MEP (Mechanical, Engineering and Plumbing) BCS (Building Conditions Survey) items
- Building envelope improvements

Skoi-Yase Subtotal \$3,100,000



**Middle-High School**

- Turf Replacement - center logo & (1) endzone

*HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) Infrastructure & Humidity Improvements:*

- Replace cooling tower
- Replace RTU (Roof-Top Units) and AHU (Air Handling Unit) for rooms with units having reheat coil to eliminate humidity issues
- Replace RTU (Roof-Top Units) for gym and aux. gym with units with a reheat coil to eliminate humidity issues.
- Replace HS chiller(s). (1- 250 Ton and 1- 400 Ton)

*Middle School Building Envelope Improvements:*

- Exterior restoration: masonry/precast repointing, cleaning; EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finish System) removal & new finishes
- Masonry restoration of chimney
- MS North wing: Replace CMU (Concrete Masonry Unit) sills with metal, possible window replacment also

*High School Building Improvements:*

- HS Boys Lockers and Showers
- Toilet Room Modifications (Partitions)

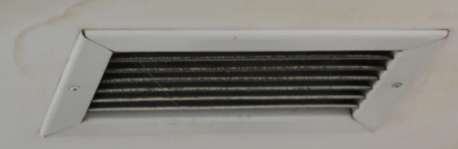
MSHS Subtotal \$7,200,000



**Lafayette Intermediate School**

- MEP (Mechanical, Engineering and Plumbing) BCS (Building Conditions Survey) items
- Building envelope improvements
- Reconstruct exits to provide accessibility
- Repurpose locker rooms: Maker Space, OT (Occupational Therapy)/PT (Physical Therapy), support spaces
- Playground equipment & surface

Lafayette Subtotal \$2,700,000



Images on pages 4-5 show the current state of infrastructure areas that are part of the improvement plan.

**TIMELINE** ••• ■ Vote: February 2023 ••••• ■ Design: February – September 2023 ••••• ■ State Education Department (SED) Submission: September 2023 ••••• ■ SED Review Time: September 2023 – December 2023 ••••• ■ Project Bids: January 2024 ••••• ■ Construction: Summer 2024 – Summer 2025



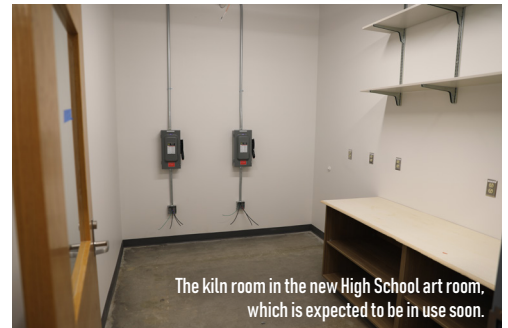
Construction: EIFS work continues on the Middle School and High School.



Instruction has begun in the new Middle School science rooms.



An overview of the High School art room.



The kiln room in the new High School art room, which is expected to be in use soon.

## 2020 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Work continues on the \$19 million capital project that was approved by voters in Dec. 2020.

Recent highlights include:

- Work has been completed on two science rooms in the Middle School.
- Two Middle School technology rooms have been revitalized and updated with new equipment.
- Demo work and updates have begun on the three remaining science rooms.
- The High School art rooms are nearing completion.
- Exterior cladding on the Middle School and High School continues to be updated.



## STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS, COLLECT DONATIONS FOR SCCCP

The Waterloo Central School District is the largest donor to the Seneca County Community Christmas Project.

Students at Waterloo Middle School raised more than \$2,200 for the SCCCP with their annual Walk-A-Thon and Students at Waterloo High School collected and donated more than

5,500 items and raised about \$4,000 for the SCCCP.

Both schools held assemblies on Dec. 21 to present their cash donations to Ellen Hughes, co-chair of the SCCCP.

National Honor Society members also packed a truck full of goods for delivery to the SCCCP on Dec. 12.

Seven team leaders and NHS Co-Advisers Kris McGuane and Kim Lucas spent the day packing and wrapping items for families.

This marks the 17th year that the Waterloo NHS chapter has teamed up with the SCCCP.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED.**

## THE WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB WILL PERFORM 'THE WIZARD OF OZ' AS ITS SPRING MUSICAL

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 17 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on March 18. Details on tickets will be announced at a later date.

The show will be directed by Joel Touranjoe.

### CAST LIST

*Dorothy*: Aryanna Mateo\*  
*Glinda*: Lily Mager  
*Scarecrow/Hunk*: Hudson Grillone  
*Tinman/Hickory*: Mason O'Connell  
*Cowardly Lion/Zeke*: Bergren Aunkst-Park  
*Wicked Witch of the West*: Noelle Gillotti  
*Almira Gulch*: Megan Hall\*  
*Marvel/The Wizard of Oz*: Knowlton Brown  
*Aunt Em*: Tarynn Tam\*  
*Emerald City Guard*: Simone Gillotti\*  
*Uncle Henry*: Jacob Griffiths  
*Winkie General*: Jonah Williams  
*Nikko*: Haylee Albro  
*Jitterbug*: Mia Arar\*  
**Citizens of Munchkin Land**  
*Mayor*: Abigail Tyler  
*Fiddler*: Nicole Harris  
*Coroner*: Kayli Welch  
*Braggart*: Carter Sindoni  
*Barrister*: Alexandria Higginbotham  
*Teachers*: Maggie Gahn, Kaydance Smith  
*City Fathers*: Zayne Sgarlata, Jonah Williams  
*Lullaby League*: Savannah Fish, Hayden Derks, Danica Wolf  
*Lollipop Guild*: Gabriella Smith, Sophia Neal, Carter Sindoni  
*Crows*: Vincenzo Grillone, Jillian Robinson, Evangelina Alvarez  
*Trees*: Mia Arar\*, Anna Corsner, Justine Fiorelli-Cruz

\*Denotes Dance Captains

### TREBLE CHORUS

Amelia Burm\*  
 Abigail Tyler  
 Nicole Harris  
 Violet VanBlake  
 Kaydance Smith  
 Izzy House  
 Evangelina Alvarez  
 Gabriella Smith  
 Jillian Robinson  
 Haylee Skinner  
 Mia Arar\*  
 Alexandria Higginbotham  
 Kayli Welch  
 Anna Corsner  
 Haylee Albro  
 Neveah Carpenter  
 Justine Fiorelli-Cruz  
 Sophia Neal  
 Fredrick Saracino  
 Makenna Huling  
 Tarynn Tam\*  
 Alyssa Hicks  
 Kristy Austin  
 Maggie Gahn  
 Simone Gillotti\*  
 Genna Salerno  
 Hayden Derks  
 Danica Wolf  
 Savannah Fish  
 Alexis Westmoreland

### BASS CHORUS

Vincenzo Grillone  
 Jacob Griffiths  
 Jonah Williams  
 Reilley O'Connor  
 Gavin Norcott  
 Zayne Sgarlata  
 Joshua Peterson  
 Carter Sindoni  
 Aiden Humphrey

### JITTERBUG DANCERS (DANCE TEAM)

Amelia Burm\* – Student Choreographer  
 Aryanna Mateo\*  
 Mia Arar\*  
 Simone Gillotti\*  
 Kaydance Smith  
 Gabriella Smith  
 Tarynn Tam\*  
 Megan Hall\*  
 Jillian Robinson  
 Fredrick Saracino  
 Justine Fiorelli-Cruz

### UNDERSTUDIES

*Dorothy/Aunt Em*: Lily Mager  
*Glinda*: Savannah Fish  
*Almira Gulch/Wicked Witch*: Anna Corsner  
*Marvel/The Wizard of Oz*: Jonah Williams

## HIGH NOTES

Several members of the Waterloo Central School Music Department have received honors this year.

They include:

### Area All State

Miles Gray participated in Area All-State Band and Lily Mager participated in Area All-State Chorus in November. Both were selected based on strong solo performances at the New York State School Music Association Solo Festival last spring.

### All-County

The following students were selected to participate in All-County music festivals. The Junior and Senior High Festival was Jan. 27 and 28 in Seneca Falls and the Elementary Festival is March 3 and 4, also in Seneca Falls.

**High School:** Marina Lyon, Brigit Bowman, Miles Gray, Bergren Aunkst-Park, Olivia Lyon, Jae Wu, Savannah Fish, Violet Enslow, Simone Gilotti.

**Middle School:** Emily Howard, Anna Corsner, Hayden Derks, Margaret Gahn, Celin Pinkard, Olivia Rooks, Nicholas DeMillo, Hudson Grillone, Carter Sindoni, Mason O'Connell, Kole Wheeler-Acton, Addison Keebler.

**Elementary:** Orion Henning, Deontay Watkins, Josh Corsner, Annaleigh DeWaele, Anna Gray, Jason Leisenring, Alex Handfield, Clay Tellier, Giovanni Davoli, Bella Baker, Violet VanBlake, Iris Enslow, Corrine Gillotti, Reagan Hilimire, Jaymeson Doyle, Kelcey Scott, Ava Panek, Danica Wolf, Gavin Norcott, Jana Welch, Sierra Mumford, Samuel Tyler, Alexander Myles, Henley Guy, Paige VanNostrand

### Musicians of the Month

**August:** Miles Gray (Band), Marina Lyon (Chorus).

**September:** Jae Wu (Band), Ryan King (Chorus).

**October:** Christopher Hayden (Band), Nicole Harris (Chorus).

**November:** Olivia Lyon (Band), Jacob Griffiths (Chorus).

**December:** Kaleb Stanzak-Aunkst (Band), Bergren Park (Chorus).

## HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

December was a busy month for the Waterloo Music Department as holiday sounds filled the air.

Dec. 8: LaFayette Holiday Concert

Dec. 14: High School Band and Chorus Concert

Dec. 19: Middle School Concert

Dec. 22: Holiday Tour to Skoi-Yase and LaFayette

Thank you to all of our musicians for sharing your talents with the entire Waterloo community!



# KEY DATES

## FEBRUARY

3	Snow Ball
7	Capital Project Vote
14	Valentine's Day
15	Waterloo Wednesday
20	Presidents Day
21-24	Presidents Week Recess
27	Board of Education Meeting

## MARCH

2	Read Across America Day
11	SAT
13	Varsity/JV Spring Sports Begin
17	Superintendent's Conference Day
17	Middle School/High School Musical
18	Middle School/High School Musical
20	Board of Education Meeting
20	Modified Baseball, Softball and Track & Field Begin
23	5-12 Band Music In Our Schools Concert
25	Junior Prom
27	Modified Girls/Boys Lacrosse Begins
29	Waterloo Wednesday
29	6-12 Chorus Music in Our Schools Concert

## APRIL

3-7	Spring Recess
9	Easter
17	Board of Education Meeting

## SEVEN FALL SPORTS TEAMS RECEIVE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE STATUS FROM NYSPHSAA

Seven of Waterloo's varsity sports teams were recognized as Scholar-Athlete Teams by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association during the fall season.

Girls soccer, golf, boys cross country, girls tennis, boys soccer and girls cross country were all honored for having more than 75 percent of their roster carry an academic average of 90 or above.

Waterloo also had many individual athletes recognized for maintaining an average of 90 or better.

Congratulations to all!

Other sports highlights include:

### Bowling

Senior Sabrina Palmer signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and athletic careers at Daemen University on Dec. 7.

### All-Greater Rochester

Addison Bree was named first-team All-Greater Rochester for girls cross country and Christina Ross earned second-team honors for girls volleyball.

### Girls basketball

Members of the program from the youth level through varsity donated many items to Bailey's Boutique.

### Wrestling

Sophomore Madison Westerberg, who is currently ranked sixth in the nation in her weight class, won the 138-pound girls division at the Eastern Classic Invitational at Sullivan County Community College on Jan. 14.

Westerberg and Natalie Barrios were also invited to participate in the NYSPHSAA All Girls Wrestling Championship on Jan. 27.

Junior Deakyn Hughes won the 160-pound class at the Robert Bradshaw Tournament in Canandaigua on Jan. 14.

### Student-Athletes of the Month

**November:** Addison Bree, Nathan Robson, Kaleb Swartley (all cross country).

**December:** Hunter Worden (wrestling), Nolan Slywka (boys basketball).

*The Student-Athlete of the Month Awards are sponsored by Ciccino's Restaurant.*



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