

# CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

## ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### *Protecting our Investment - Preparing for our Future*

Coming off a historical decision to maintain our current status as the Elmira Heights Central School District, it is time to move forward. The Capital Project we present to the voters for consideration on March 1, 2016 has been developed with two goals in mind; protecting the investment our community already has made in our facilities and preparing our facilities to meet future educational needs.

Every five years school districts across the State are required to complete a comprehensive building condition survey (BCS). Our architects and engineers scrutinize our facilities in several major areas to include the conditions of site, architectural, mechanical and electrical. They also assess our technology, security and food service areas. Based on this thorough inspection, they work closely with our Board of Education and Facilities Planning Committee to ensure that we have the appropriate facilities to deliver a quality education program in a safe, efficient, and secure environment.

Through much preparation there is already a plan set in place to pay for this project. The result is that this project will require **NO ADDITIONAL TAXES** to the taxpayers in our district. The district's architect and construction management firm will work closely with the School Board and District administrators during the bidding and construction to keep costs in line with the budget.

The scope of the work provides an opportunity to attend to health and safety issues, make necessary repairs, complete preventative maintenance, upgrade handicapped accessibility, enhance campus security, update classroom technology and increase the building capacity at Cohen Elementary school to accommodate full day Universal Pre-Kindergarten in the future. Specific items to be attended to are outlined in the project overview section of this brochure. These items are subject to State Education Department approval and may need adjustments accordingly, but adjustments must stay within the defined budget.

We encourage all district residents to attend the informational presentation to learn the specifics of this proposed capital project and what it can do for our community as we protect our investment and prepare for our future.

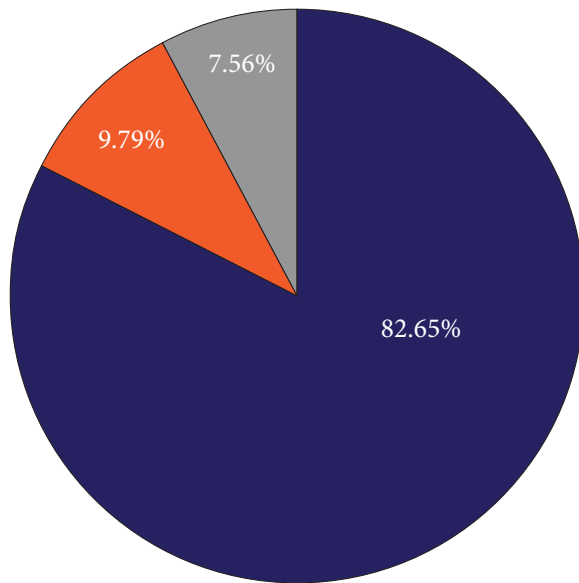
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## PROPOSED WORK HIGHLIGHTS

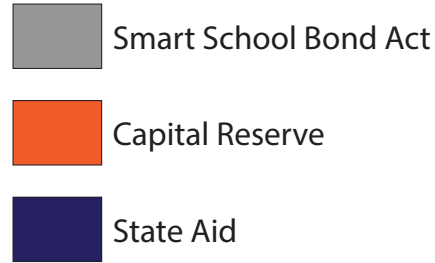
- Classroom technology upgrades
- Health & safety upgrades
- Improved accessible services
- Security upgrades
- Pre-K program enhancements
- Middle School gymnasium bleacher
- Tennis court improvements
- Cafeteria & kitchen improvement in appearance, function & acoustics
- Provide elementary computer lab
- Light board & dimming rack replacement in auditorium/stage
- Masonry restoration
- Safety upgrades to athletic turf
- Mechanical system upgrades
- Paging system installation
- Emergency generators
- Roof rehabilitation
- Building HVAC controls replacement
- Asphalt replacements

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total cost of this project is \$12,381,641 of which there will be **ZERO increase in local taxes** to the Elmira Heights Central School District community.



Pie chart illustrates project pre-financing



Use of the project funds will come from the following areas:

State Aid	\$10,233,967
Capital Reserve	\$1,211,033
Smart School Bond Act	\$936,641
Total Cost of Project	\$12,381,641
<b>ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT</b>	<b>\$ZERO</b>

## NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT!

### VOTER INFORMATION

**Vote Date:** March 1, 2016

**Vote Time:** 7am-8pm

**Vote Place:** Thomas A. Edison HS  
2083 College Avenue  
Elmira Heights, NY 14903

#### Voter Eligibility

- Citizen of U.S.
- At least 18 years of age
- Legal resident at least 30 days prior to vote
- Registered voter with Chemung County
- Proof of residency is required

#### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot applications and ballots may be obtained from District Clerk Colleen Dengler. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up in person by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on March 1, 2016. Questions regarding absentee ballots should be directed to Colleen Dengler 607.734.7114.

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The school district will host a public information meeting planned for the date and time listed below. This meeting will include a presentation of the details of the proposed project followed by a question and answer session.

**DATE:** Thursday, February 25, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30pm

**LOCATION:** In the Community Room  
Thomas A. Edison HS  
2083 College Avenue  
Elmira Heights, NY 14903

For questions related to the capital project please contact the Elmira Heights Central School District Office at (607)-734-7114.