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# Spencer - Van Etten Central School District

*Together We Achieve Excellence Beyond Expectations*


## Capital Project Newsletter

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**Spencer-Van Etten Central School District**  
*Together We Achieve Excellence Beyond Expectations*

### Capital Project & Transportation Vote



**Reminder!**  
**March 16, 2021**  
**Noon-8:00PM**  
 S-VE High School  
 Auditorium Lobby  
*In Person with Safety Protocols*

### Stay Informed!

- Go to: [www.svecsd.org/capitalproject.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/capitalproject.cfm) to access:
- Virtual Tour of the Capital Project
  - Frequently Asked Questions Document
  - Project Highlights
  - Project Scope

Go to: [www.svecsd.org/financials.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/financials.cfm) to access the Transportation Proposal Presentation.

### Qualifications of Voters

In order to vote in any School District Meeting, a person must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 18 years of age
- Be a resident of the School District for a period of 30 days or more, prior to the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.
- And not otherwise prohibited from voting (i.e. mentally incompetent or a convicted felon)

Residents offering to vote will be asked for identification upon registration.

### S-VE Board of Education 2020-2021

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Don Johnson, President       | Student Liaisons: |
| Sean Vallely, Vice-President | Alex Decker       |
| Matt Connor                  | Olivia Devlen     |
| Peter Johanns                | Superintendent:   |
| Karen Johnson                | Diahann Hesler    |
| Donna Mistler                | District Clerk:   |
| Rick Rogers                  | Laurie Cooper     |

### Get informed!

**Capital Project Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document** go to: [www.svecsd.org/capitalproject.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/capitalproject.cfm)

**Do you have a Capital Project question?** Email: [sveinfo@svecsd.org](mailto:sveinfo@svecsd.org)

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**Vision Boards** located at:  
 → S-VE Schools  
 → Fun City Service  
 → Dandy Mini-Mart

### Upcoming Events:

3/2/21: Budget Advisory Committee Meeting: Virtual

3/9/21: Mental Health Task Force Meeting: Virtual

3/11/21: BOE Meeting: Livestreamed

3/16/21: Capital Project Vote Transportation Vote: In person

3/25/21: BOE Meeting: Livestreamed

S-VE Families and Community,

On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, the community will have the opportunity to vote on a Capital Project designed to address the Safety, Security and Infrastructure of our District. The Capital Project items come directly from our Building Condition Survey that is mandated to occur by New York State every 5 years to ensure we are planning for and maintaining the District's assets. As mentioned in our January Newsletter, the proposed Capital Project will include adding secure vestibules, addressing necessary infrastructure updates and replacements, and much more. Please see the Scope of the Proposed Capital Project inside this newsletter.

The Community will also have the opportunity to vote on a Transportation Proposition regarding the proposal to finance 3 school buses. This proposition replaces buses following the District's planned bus replacement cycle to ensure the safe transport of our students.

We welcome community input and encourage feedback regarding our budget through participation in our upcoming Budget Advisory Committee Meeting on March 2nd. Please reach out to [sveinfo@svecsd.org](mailto:sveinfo@svecsd.org) with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

We appreciate your support.

Be well,

*Diahann Hesler*

Diahann Hesler, Superintendent of Schools



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### Proposition I: Capital Project

Shall the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District undertake renovations and improvements to the District's Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Transportation Facility, including site work, sidewalk, parking, grounds and athletic field improvements and original furnishings, fixtures and equipment, architectural/engineering fees and all other costs incidental to such work, at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$15,770,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and obtain the necessary funds by using the balance on hand in the District's capital reserve fund (currently \$406,403) and by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$15,363,597 and a tax shall be levied to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due.

### Proposition II: Transportation

Shall the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District purchase and, at the option of the Board of Education, finance three (3) student transportation vehicles, including necessary original furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$400,568, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and obtain the necessary funds by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$400,568 and a tax shall be levied to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due.



## Scope of Proposed Capital Project

### Safety \$5,557,255

#### High School

- Replace wood siding with non-combustible material, non-ADA door handles, wire glass, fire alarm system including CO detection and add emergency lighting
- Upgrade electrical, PA/Master Clock system,
- Add fire rated glass, window shading

#### Middle School

- Replace PA and master clock system, wire glass, generator, transfer switch, emergency panels
- Reattach handrails
- Install emergency exterior lighting

#### Elementary School

- Replace non fire-rated corridor doors, wire glass, generator, transfer switch, emergency panels, fire alarm system including CO detection and add emergency lighting
- Upgrade PA/Master Clock system, electrical
- Install emergency exterior lighting

#### Transportation Facility

- Upgrade electrical, IT systems
- Install emergency exterior lighting, generator, transfer switch, emergency panel
- Reattach loose fire proofing



HS Fire Alarm System

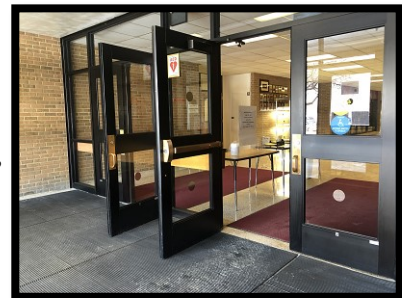
### Security \$1,561,000

#### High School

- Secure vestibule: includes main office, student services, conference room, career center

#### Elementary School

- Secure vestibule: includes main office, nurse's office, dean's office, girl's toilet room



Secure Vestibule

#### Middle School

Note: Secure vestibule installation is part of the Smart Schools project being completed Summer of 2021, a separate project from the proposed Capital Project.

### Infrastructure \$8,651,745

#### High School

- Replace drainage structures, asphalt, softball infield, boilers, unit ventilators, rooftop units, control wiring, hot water piping, plumbing
- Re-brick, anchor brick panel, brick repointing

#### Middle School

- Replace sidewalks, door frames, column bases, window shades, boilers, retro-commissioning, controls wiring, classroom unit ventilator
- Reattach loose ladders, rusted doors, brick repointing
- Repair locker room cracks, drywall ceiling, fire pump seals
- Install isolation valves
- Address water issue in basement and water infiltration at stair addition



MS Basement Water Intrusion

#### Elementary School

- Replace pavement, damaged concrete wall, deteriorated concrete, corroded steel lintels, float glass, sink faucets, water coolers, unit ventilators, controls wiring
- Modify site electrical
- Install switchboard, distribution panel, additional isolation valves, auditorium relief air
- Address corroded framing
- Identify ADA cubby locations
- Masonry repointing
- Retro-commissioning

#### Transportation Facility

- Replace pavement, overhead door and opener, windows, bus lifts, oil/water separator, water heater and circulation pump, boiler
- Upgrade vehicle exhaust
- Install heat to dispensers
- Address water damage to exterior, rusted lintels, roof leak

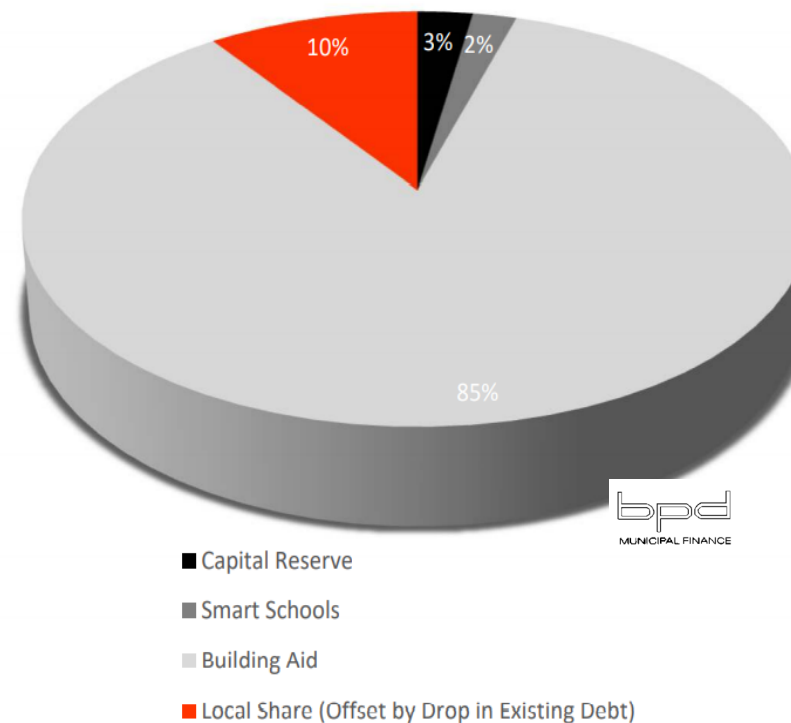


ES Generator

## Summary of Tax Impact for Proposed Capital Project

### Capital Project Referendum Vote

\$15,770,000



| AVERAGE ANNUAL MARGINAL INCREASE TO TAXPAYER FOR \$100,000 HOUSE (2024-2039) |      |
|--|------|
| Senior Star  | \$5  |
| Star   | \$30 |
| No Star  | \$44 |

|                              |                        |     |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| Capital Reserve              | \$406,403.00           | 3%  |
| Smart Schools Funds          | \$323,325.00           | 2%  |
| Building Aid                 | \$13,483,350.00        | 85% |
| Existing Debt to be Replaced | \$1,556,922.00         | 10% |
| <b>Total Cost</b>            | <b>\$15,770,000.00</b> |     |



Rendering of the Proposed Elementary School Secure Vestibule

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Capital Reserve?

The Capital Reserve was approved by the board in May of 2020 and authorized by the taxpayers in June of 2020 during our annual budget vote. This reserve is designated for capital projects such as this one. The District was able to fund this reserve by allocating funds that were left at the end of the 2019-2020 school year of \$300,000. Additional funds of \$106,390.52 from a repair reserve were transferred to the capital reserve in September 2020 including additional accumulated interest for a total of \$406,403.19.

### How Does the Capital Reserve help taxpayers?

The funds from the reserve are used to offset the local share of the cost to the taxpayers. This money is used to reduce the amount of bonding that we would be required to finance. We also have \$323,325 left over from the Smart Schools Project that will be used towards this project which also helps to offset the local share of the cost to our taxpayers.

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