

# Preparing for Tomorrow

## *Board of Education to adopt scaled down building project for May 19 vote; to hold forum on March 30*

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After the December defeat of the proposed building project, the Board of Education and administration promised to scale back the plans while still trying to make necessary improvements. Over the past several weeks, school leaders have reviewed the original proposals and determined the best way to meet the most needs at the least cost.

**The Board of Education has scheduled a public forum on Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at S-G Middle School to review the project.**



Because of advertising notice deadlines, board members must approve a project by April 1 in order for a vote to be held on the statewide May 19 budget vote day.

**The board will also meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, at the middle school to consider the project as well as the 2009-10 budget.**

Below are some of the key provisions of the proposed building project:

- **Upgrade technology server capabilities and infrastructure** at all six schools. The current system is more than 10 years old and has reached the end of its useful life;
- **Replace the public address/clocks** at all six schools - some are original equipment;
- **Reconstruct roofs** at four schools - Glen-Worden, Lincoln, Sacandaga and the Middle School - and the bus garage. Glendaal's roof was replaced last summer and the high school's roof does not need work;
- **School specific items:** replace the rear canopy at Glendaal, the entrance road at Glen-Worden, chimney at Lincoln and bleachers in the middle school gym; and reconstruct the high school front sidewalk and remove the canopy;
- **Long-term proposals:** replace the heating system at the high school; replace the current six lane track with one the same size; replace the high school library's heating system; replace the boiler and water heater at Glendaal; and upgrade/expand the middle school library. The upgraded heating systems would also save energy.

**The project totals approximately \$11.9 million. Because of state aid, special EXCEL funding, declining debt costs and other sources of revenue, the tax impact is very close to zero. The Board of Education and administration are committed to developing a project that has the least cost to the community.**

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