



Skaneateles Central School District  
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# **Project 2021**

*Scope Summary by*

*Building*

*and*

*Common Questions*

# Cost Summary

- Total cost not to exceed \$36.5M
- **~\$22M anticipated for state aid**
- \$2.25M capital reserve + \$110,000 gift to be applied
- **~\$12.3M local share to be paid over 20 years**
- Keeps current debt service payment flat
- No additional taxes required to support this portion of the budget
  
- Summary:

***\$36.5 million worth of design  
and construction for \$12.3  
million***

# High School

*Constructed 1953 with additions in 1964, 1986 (High School and Middle School were combined in 2001)*

## ***Examples of Work Include:***

- Remediating campus-wide drainage system
- Constructing secure vestibule at front entry
- Replacing windows installed in 1986
- Replacing sections of roof at end of or past warranty
- Replacing original 1953 electrical panels
- Installing a backup generator to run key systems and allow us to serve as an emergency shelter (shared with middle school)
- Remediating student parking lots and traffic flow
- Replacing elevator and mechanicals
- Adding exterior lighting on walkways and in parking areas
- Renovating/upgrading auditorium
- Creating open student collaboration spaces
- Adding Press Box to Hyatt Field grandstands (*with costs to be partially offset by a financial gift to the district*)
- Opening up center stair case to allow smoother hallway transitions between classes
- Miscellaneous maintenance and code compliance repairs and to interior and exterior walls, bathrooms, doors, sidewalks, and parking areas

# Middle School

*Constructed 1972 (High School and Middle School were combined in 2001)*

## ***Examples of Work Include:***

- Remediating campus-wide drainage system
- Constructing secure vestibule at front entry
- Replacing original 1972 windows
- Replacing sections of roof at end of or past warranty
- Replacing original 1972 electrical panels
- Replacement of original 1972 boilers
- Replacing elevator and mechanicals
- Installing new classroom ceilings and lighting
- Adding exterior lighting on walkways and in parking areas
- Reconstructing the current gymnasium to a multipurpose area
- Creating open student collaboration spaces
- Upgrading Family and Consumer Science classroom
- Miscellaneous maintenance and code compliance repairs and to interior and exterior walls, bathrooms, doors, sidewalks, and parking areas

# State Street Intermediate

*Constructed 1953 with additions in 1994, 1997, 2008*

## ***Examples of Work Include:***

- Remediating campus-wide drainage system
- Constructing secure vestibule at front entry
- Replacing two (2) original 1953 windows
- Replacing sections of roof at end of or past warranty
- Replacing original 1953 electrical panels
- Constructing new entrance/parent drop off on east side parking lot
- Adding exterior lighting on walkways and in parking areas
- Installing a safety net between baseball field and playground
- Expanding the second floor STEM classroom
- Miscellaneous maintenance and code compliance repairs and to interior and exterior walls, bathrooms, doors, sidewalks, and parking areas

# Waterman Primary

*Constructed 1966 with additions in 2001*

## ***Examples of Work Include:***

- Remediating basement/crawlspace drainage
- Constructing secure vestibule at front entry
- Remediating campus-wide drainage system
- Replacing original 1966 boilers
- Replacing original 1966 windows
- Replacing sections of roof at end of or past warranty
- Replacing original 1966 electrical panels
- Restoring exterior masonry (brick work)
- Adding exterior lighting on walkways and in parking areas
- Renovating/upgrading auditorium air handling and restored air conditioning
- Renovating locker rooms to classroom space
- Repairing sidewalks and parking lot
- Miscellaneous maintenance and code compliance repairs and to interior and exterior walls, bathrooms, doors, sidewalks, and parking areas

# Transportation Center

*Original Construction Date 1980 (est.) with addition in 2003*

***Examples of Work Include:***

- Reconstructing pavement and sidewalks
- Remediating interior and exterior drainage
- Replacing bus lift
- Installing backup generator to run key systems and allow us to serve as an emergency shelter
- Replacing bus wash system
- Replacing/relocating existing bathrooms
- Miscellaneous maintenance and code compliance repairs and to interior and exterior walls, bathrooms, doors, sidewalks, and parking areas

# Questions on Project 2021

**Q1. When is the vote and why is it not being held on the same day as the budget vote in May?**

A1. *The vote will be held from 7am-9pm on November 14, 2017. We chose this date based on the steps that have to be taken to get the project approved and to keep our payments the same as they currently are.*

**Q2. Where will the vote be held?**

A2. *The vote will be held in the District Offices at 45 East Elizabeth Street.*

**Q3. If I will not be in the district that day, will absentee ballots be available?**

A3. *Absentee ballots will be available through Karen Dunphy, District Clerk. More information will be available shortly.*

**Q4. What exactly is being done in the project and why haven't we seen specific drawings yet?**

A4. *Each school building and the transportation center will have renovations, repairs, and reconstruction based on health and safety issues; code compliance issues; on proactive maintenance; and to improve the learning environment for our students. While some initial drawings are available, this typically does not happen until after the project is approved.*

**Q5. What is the total cost of the project, and what will that do to my taxes?**

A5. *The Board has approved a not-to-exceed project cost of \$36.5 million. At this amount, because of the debt that we will pay off in 2021, no additional taxes are needed to support this portion of the budget.*

**Q6. Why doesn't the district continue to do smaller projects so that our taxes can go down each year?**

A6. *Given the amount of priority work that has to be done, the state aid that is available, the current interest rates that are available, that we can likely get savings on materials because of the size of the project, and that we can keep our payments the same as they are now, the district chose to proceed with the full project. Smaller projects would cause a fluctuation in payments and the associated tax bills over the next several years.*



**Q7. If we can't predict future enrollment, why are we still doing construction on all of our buildings?**

*A7. While we are mindful of the changes in enrollment, we have to address the needs of each building and of our learners with what we currently know and can reasonably anticipate.*

**Q8. How can we be sure that the project will be well-managed and then our tax dollars are being carefully watched?**

*A8. We have hired a construction management firm – Turner Construction – whose sole function is to provide oversight of the contractors, construction, and budget of the project. In addition, Joe Butler is the capital projects administrator. Joe has many years of experience with capital projects and financing. In combination with Mr. Slentz's experience with school construction, the district will be well-served by this team. The team will continue to provide ongoing updates to the board of education, our community advisory committees, and the larger community.*

**Q9. Does the project include any additions to our school buildings?**

*A9. We will install a press box at the turf field and reconstruct the middle school gym as a multi-purpose facility within the existing footprint. Otherwise, no additions are included in the project.*

**Q10. If the community supports the project on November 14, when will construction start?**

*A10. Our goal is to start construction as early as the summer of 2018, although most of the work will take place in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years.*

**Have additional questions? Please let us know by sending your inquiry to us at [kdunphy@skanschools.org](mailto:kdunphy@skanschools.org) or call us at 291-2221.**