

Hello everyone and welcome! My name is Ivan Katz and I am the Superintendent of Schools for the Fallsburg Central School District.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to watch this important and informational capital project video. In the next few minutes I will take you on a walking video tour of a proposed building project that the district would like to embark on, pending voter approval on May 16, 2017.

In this new building project, we are proposing to address some issues that have long been placed on the back burner.

At the Junior-senior high school and the elementary school there will be security upgrades which will include long awaited entrance vestibules so that parents and community members don't have to wait outside in inclement weather.

There will be bathroom renovations and exterior site improvements including the outdoor track and the practice fields.

The HVAC upgrades will continue our quest to improve student comfort within our classrooms, as well as to improve thermal efficiency by replacing boilers at the elementary school and converting the remaining portion of the Junior-Senior High School from steam to a water based heating that will be more efficient and will save us in lower operating expenses.

At the junior-senior high school the gymnasium floor, bleachers, and windows will be replaced.

As you can see from the Grecco ping-pong ball test our gym floor has warped significantly over the years.

The new bleachers will provide accessible seating with proper aisle ways for safe access and reduced maintenance.

The windows on the two gymnasium court ends will be replaced to eliminate the infiltration of water, in addition to providing better glare control during athletic events and increased thermal efficiency.

The pool upgrade is one of the centerpieces of this capital project.

This pool renovation will include the replacement of a new tiled deck, a new pool liner and plumbing upgrades which will keep the pool functioning highly for decades to come. The pool area will be ADA compliant with lifts connected to the recently renovated pool locker rooms as well as a lift to take disabled swimmers in and out of the pool.

Historically, this pool has been used to teach our children swimming and water safety as well as to provide exercise for senior citizens and community members. It has also been responsible for the certification of countless lifeguards over the years.

The proposed project will cost \$15.9 million dollars. We are anticipating that we will receive New York State building aid at a minimum of 74%. This means that we would get about 74 cents back on each dollar spent on the building project.

One of the most frequent questions we get asked is what will the cost of this project be for the average taxpayer?

If you are a senior citizen with a star exemption and the full value of your home is \$100,000, the increase will be \$23.00 a year or \$1.92 month.

If you have a Star exemption only and the full value of your home is \$100,000, the increase will be \$43.00 per year or \$3.58 a month.

As you can see the 74% state aid that we are getting back makes a big difference in the bottom line relative to the cost to taxpayers. Because we are receiving such high aid back from the State, the \$15.9 million dollar project will ultimately cost taxpayers about \$8.5 million dollars.

If you have any questions about the project that the District is proposing or you would like additional details, please don't hesitate to call me at 845-434-5884 extension 1215 or email me at ikatz@fallsburgcsd.net.

Ultimately, the will of the people will determine how this project moves forward and how we address the facility issues identified here.

On behalf of the Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education, I thank you for taking the time to watch this video presentation and we look forward to hearing from you as we approach the May 16 vote.