



OUR SCHOOLS IN ACTION

Capital Improvement Project 2022

PROJECT GOALS

- Health - Safety - Welfare
- Educational Space Improvements
- Facilities Infrastructure Improvements
- Site Improvements

DEC. 13 PROJECT VOTE

Your vote on Dec. 13 affects every Amherst Central student. Polls open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Amherst Central High School South Gymnasium, 4301 Main Street.

PROJECT FAST FACTS

PROJECT AMOUNT

\$68,704,432

ESTIMATED TAX INCREASE IN 2025

\$0.36 PER \$1,000
assessed value

ESTIMATED COST ON \$100,000 HOME

\$36.60 annually (10 cents a day)

ESTIMATED COST ON \$200,000 HOME

\$73.20 annually (20 cents a day)

Capital Project Focuses on Health, Safety, Infrastructure, Educational Space Improvements

The Amherst Board of Education is proposing a \$68.7 million capital project that will accomplish multiple objectives to meet our educational mission of preparing all students to excel in a dynamic world. Each of our buildings - Amherst Central High School, Amherst Middle School, Smallwood Drive Elementary School and Windermere Boulevard Elementary School - will benefit from this project.

Broadly, the project focuses on several areas:

- Safety and security enhancements to the main entrances at all buildings and reconfiguring the parent pickup and drop-off areas at Amherst Middle School, Smallwood Drive Elementary and Windermere Boulevard Elementary.
- At Windermere Boulevard Elementary School, construction of four new Early Childhood Center classrooms and a multi-purpose room/indoor play area for the full day prekindergarten program.
- Installation of a multi-sport turf field at Dennis Ford Field between Kings Highway and Westmoreland Road. Renovation of the tennis courts at Windermere Boulevard and Smallwood Drive Elementary Schools into multi-use courts.
- Renovation of the Theodore Masterson Auditorium at Amherst Central High School, upgrades in the Career and Life Skills classrooms at Amherst Middle School, and upgrades to the High School's South Gymnasium and vestibule.
- Upgrades that have been identified on the Five-Year Building Condition Survey for all school buildings. Just as you must maintain your home, these items are the "bones" of our buildings and include mechanical system replacements, boiler replacements, upgraded classroom ventilation systems, air conditioning in large gathering spaces such as cafeterias and multi-purpose rooms.

If approved by voters on Dec. 13, the project will continue to position our district as one of excellence that provides quality educational and athletic programs to students in well-maintained facilities.

There are several ways to learn more about this project; please continue reading this publication, visit our district website capital project page and attend the public hearing on Dec. 6. If you have questions about this project, please call the District at 362-3051.

Learn more at amherstschoos.org/capital



UPK Inspiration



Multi-Sport Turf Inspiration



Concession Building Inspiration



Mechanical Upgrades



HVAC Upgrades

Safety and Security Enhancements at All School Buildings

- Main entry renovation to add secure entrances at all buildings
- Add intrusion resistant film on select doors and windows
- PA system with silent alarm capabilities at Amherst Middle, Smallwood Drive and Windermere Boulevard. (PA system with silent alarm is already installed at ACHS).
- Add intrusion lock sets to all doors
- Additional security cameras
- Upgrade exterior lighting to LED

Parent Drop Off & Pick Up Loop

Renovate parent pickup and drop off areas at Amherst Middle School, Smallwood Drive Elementary, and Windermere Boulevard Elementary to improve traffic flow and increase safety.

Windermere Boulevard Elementary Addition

The construction of an Early Childhood Center with four new classrooms, a secure entrance and a multi-purpose room/indoor playground at Windermere will create a student-centered space dedicated to the full-day prekindergarten program. Incorporated into the classroom design are features that will support the UPK curriculum such as flexible individual and group seating areas and play space.

Multi-Sport Turf Field

The renovation of Dennis Ford Field between Kings Highway and Westmoreland Road will create a baseball, a softball and two multi-use turf fields for our student-athletes. The area will have scoreboards, bleachers, dugouts, batting cages and bullpens, a concession building with concession area, locker rooms and restrooms, parking and sidewalks, and field lighting.

The project will provide outdoor physical education space and athletic competition fields for many student-athletes including:

- 6 soccer teams (boys and girls, modified, JV, varsity)
- 6 lacrosse teams (boys and girls, modified, JV, varsity)
- 3 baseball teams (modified, JV, varsity)
- 3 softball teams (modified, JV, varsity)
- 3 field hockey teams (modified, JV, varsity)
- 1 girls flag football team

Auditorium Upgrades at All School Buildings

- Heating and ventilation systems
- Stage lighting/LED replacements
- Stage sound system replacement
- Stage rigging

District-Wide System Upgrades

- Building-wide mechanical system replacements
- Upgraded unit ventilators in many classrooms
- Replace boiler system at Amherst Central High School and Amherst Middle School
- Replace antiquated pneumatic controls with digital
- Replacement and new hot water heaters
- Chimney stack mortar/flue repair
- Upgrade elevator systems
- Upgrade IT equipment rooms

Renovations at Amherst Middle, Smallwood and Windermere

- Amherst Middle School Career and Life Skills classroom upgrades to new finishes, new cabinets and appliances and teaching technology upgrades
- New classroom dividers at Smallwood Drive Elementary
- New air-conditioning at Smallwood Drive Elementary cafeteria and Amherst Middle School cafeteria
- To align with PE curriculum goals and allow community use, the tennis courts at Smallwood and Windermere will be renovated into multi-use courts including pickleball
- Windermere Boulevard Elementary plumbing fixtures and pool-filtration system
- Smallwood Drive Elementary plumbing fixtures

Renovations at Amherst Central High School

- A full renovation of Theodore Masterson Auditorium including stage, seating, floors, walls, dressing rooms, backstage and lower level auditorium spaces
- Renovate South Gymnasium and vestibule including wood floor replacement, HVAC, lighting, windows, adjacent locker rooms, bathroom

Amherst Central High School

Renovations	\$20.9M
Multi-Sport Turf Field	\$13.3M

Amherst Middle School

Renovations	\$14M
Drop/Pick Up Loop	\$1.2M

Smallwood Drive Elementary

Renovations	\$5.5M
Drop/Pick Up Loop, PE/Tennis Courts	\$1.9M

Windermere Boulevard Elementary

Renovations	\$6.2M
PreKindergarten Classroom Addition	\$3M
Drop/Pick Up Loop, PE/Tennis Courts, Covered Patio/Playspace	\$2.5M

PROJECT COST

\$68,704,432



AMS Classroom Inspiration



ACHS Auditorium Inspiration



ACHS South Gym Inspiration



Gym Vestibule Interior to be renovated

Scan QR Code for more information on the ACSD 2022 Capital Project.



PROJECT FUNDING

Local Share	26%	The district's building aid ratio is 78.6% which means the district is reimbursed by the state \$0.786 for every \$1 on eligible project expenses.
State Building Aid	65%	
District Capital Reserves	3%	
Other District Funds	4%	
Smart Schools	1%	

Proposed Timeline

	Anticipated NYSED Approval	Contracts Awarded	Work Begins
Windermere	January 2024	Spring 2024	Phase 1 - Summer 2024
Smallwood	January 2024	Spring 2024	Phase 1 - Summer 2024
Amherst CHS	January 2025	Spring 2025	Phase 2 - Summer 2025
Amherst MS	January 2026	Spring 2026	Phase 3 - Summer 2026



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District Resident

2022 Capital Improvement Project

DEC. 6 PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvement Project 2022 will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room, 55 Kings Highway.

Voter Eligibility

To qualify as a voter, a person must be a resident of the district for at least 30 days, be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen. Apartment dwellers who meet these qualifications are eligible. No prior registration is required and residents do not have to be registered voters.

Why this project now?

The District is required by the State Education Department to complete a building condition survey every five years. A survey was completed in 2022 and identified millions in infrastructure needs that should be addressed in our buildings. This bond issue addresses the highest priority items from the study.

Didn't the district just complete a previous project?

The \$29.6 million project that was approved by voters in 2016 has ended and did not address all the infrastructure and educational program needs throughout the District's buildings. Schools are like our homes. They require regular maintenance and periodic replacements to ensure they are sound, energy efficient and safe. Even with the best of care, some systems will wear out and need periodic replacements.

DEC. 13 PROJECT VOTE

The polls will be open Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Amherst High School South Gymnasium, 4301 Main Street.

Absentee Ballots

The Amherst CSD provides for the use of absentee ballots at all district votes and elections. You may request an application from the District Clerk by calling 716-362-3051 or writing to the District Clerk, 55 Kings Highway, Amherst NY 14226 no later than Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022. Any questions should be directed to the District Clerk.

If Dec. 13 is a District snow day, the vote will be the next day school reopens.

What will happen if this proposition fails?

The project does not move forward as planned. The school district must have voter approval to undertake this project. Without approval there will be no state aid to offset the costs associated with any emergency repairs that may be needed or routine maintenance. The work, if required, would have to be paid for through the school district's general fund, with all of the associated costs passed on to local taxpayers. Payment would have to be made immediately instead of spreading the costs out over a number of years.



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Amherst Central High School