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Why Capital Projects?

- ▶ Provide the best learning environment for our children
- ▶ Reduce annual repair costs
- ▶ Provide for major capital expenditures that are not part of the annual operating budget
- ▶ Take advantage of State Aid building



Voter Qualifications (also in the attachment)
A person shall be entitled to vote at any centralized school district meeting in New York State for the election of school district officers, and upon all other matters, which may be brought before such meeting, who is:

1. A citizen of the United States
2. Eighteen years of age, and
3. A resident within the district for 30 days prior to voting, and has only one voting residence. It is illegal to vote in two different election districts. No previous voter registration is necessary.

Absentee Ballot Applications
Applications must be submitted prior to obtaining an absentee ballot. Absentee Ballot Applications will be available from the District Clerk in her office at 11 Hall Avenue from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through March 10, 2015, or may be downloaded from our website (www.cliftonfine.org). Applications must be received by the district clerk at least seven

days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or the day before the election if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person.

Absentee ballots will be provided upon proper application to any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person due to illness or physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration (unless incarcerated for conviction of a felony), travel outside the voter's county of residence for employment or business reasons, studies or vacation on the day of the vote which is March 17, 2015; such applications for the absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk by 4:00 p.m. March 10, 2015. The application for an absentee ballot may be downloaded from our website (www.cliftonfine.org) or picked up in person at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays or weekends.

Public Information Meeting

Residents will have an opportunity to learn about the Capital Improvement Project on:

Tuesday, March 3, 2015
6:00 p.m.

P.A. Miranda Auditorium
at 11 Hall Avenue, Star Lake

Vote Date

Tuesday, March 17, 2015
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

P.A. Miranda Auditorium Lobby
at 11 Hall Avenue, Star Lake

You will find more detailed information on the District Website:
www.cliftonfine.org

Revised Capital Improvement Projects

Dear District Residents,

Following an unsuccessful vote by a very slim margin in December, the Clifton-Fine Central School District Board of Education is presenting two Capital Improvement Projects that addresses a variety of needs and enhancements to our school facilities that will vastly improve the safety, energy efficiency and educational experience our students receive at **no additional cost** to the taxpayers. On March 17, 2015, the Clifton-Fine Central School District voters will go to the polls to decide on two propositions. Proposition 1 is a \$3,610,000 Capital Improvement Project consisting of renovations and improvements to portions of the District's Main School Building including mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements, and masonry restoration. The District will use \$700,000 of fund balance/reserves in conjunction with state building aid and a bond. Proposition 2 is a \$900,000 bus garage addition and masonry restoration to the existing bus garage. State building aid and a bond will be used to pay for Proposition 2. New bonds for the local share will replace a previous bond that has been fulfilled.

Even though these proposed projects will have **NO TAX INCREASE** on the local taxpayers, the public must authorize this allocation of funds.

Residents are encouraged to review the information provided in this brochure and to attend the information session on Tuesday, March 3, in the P.A. Miranda Auditorium. If you have specific questions or comments, please contact Superintendent, Regina Yeo, at 848-3333 or by e-mail at ryeo@cliftonfine.org. Information is also available on the District website at www.cliftonfine.org.

Sincerely,

Regina Yeo, Superintendent of Schools

The Clifton-Fine Board of Education
Jeremy Thompson, President
Christopher E. Cooper, Vice President
Ronald Eibert
Gibby Guiles
Robert Lachut
Robert Tebo, III
Christopher Westbrook

What You Will Vote On

- ▶ **Proposition 1:**
Proposition 1 - \$3,610,000
Renovations/Upgrades to
Main Building
- ▶ **Proposition 2:**
Proposition 2 - \$900,000
Bus Garage Addition/
Masonry Restoration
- ▶ **Proposition 1 must pass in**
order for Proposition 2 to
be completed

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Clifton-Fine Central School District Proposed Capital Improvement Projects Health, Safety, ADA, Energy, and Facilities Upgrades



Proposition 1



Masonry Restoration



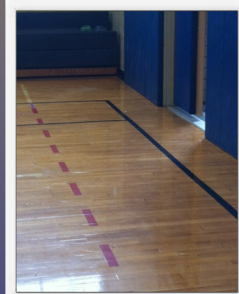
Asbestos Abatement



Science Renovations



Kitchen Upgrades



Gym Flooring Replacement



Locker Replacement



Locker Replacement



Emergency Generator Upgrade

Proposition 1 - School Building

Scope of Work:

- Replace architectural insulated panels throughout building
- Masonry restoration
- Asbestos abatement - VAT floors / ACM ceilings
- Reconstruction of three (3) Science Rooms
- Kitchen floor replacement
- Kitchen serving line, ovens, walk-in cooler condenser replacement
- Large gym floor replacement
- Provide ADA toilet facilities in each Locker Room
- Replace lockers in Girls' and Boys' Locker Rooms
- Replace Elementary Wing corridor lockers (quantity 126)
- Replace existing emergency generator with large capacity unit
- Install 18,000 gallon propane tank to switch boiler fuel to propane

School Building Project Budget: \$3,610,000

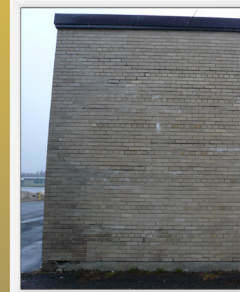
Proposition 2 - Bus Garage

Scope of Work:

- Two-Bay Garage addition
- Masonry restoration at existing building

Bus Garage Project Budget: \$900,000

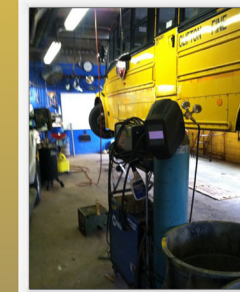
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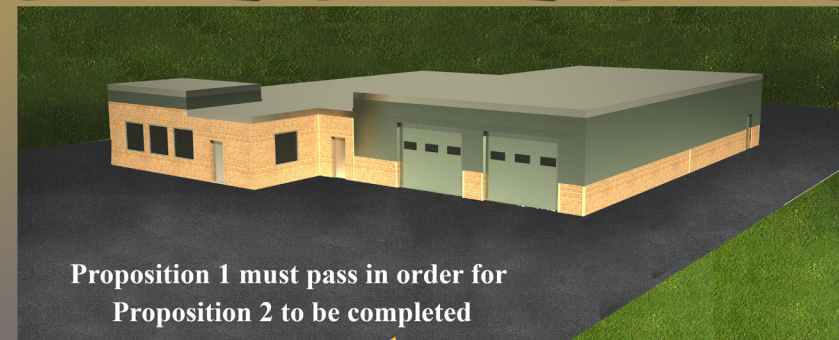
Masonry Restoration



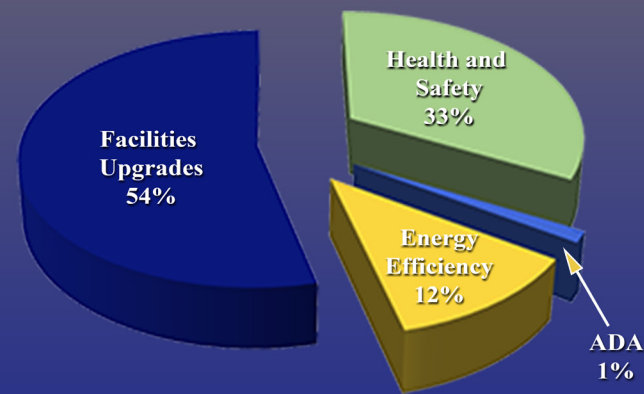
Additional Bay



Lift and Work Bay



Breakdown of Projects



Project Carries No Tax Increase

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Future Energy Savings

Project Schedule

	2015												2016												
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Phase 1	Design	SED Review	Bidding																						
Phase 2																									

Q & A

What is a Capital Project?

It is like home improvements for schools. By NYS Law, the school district inspects its property regularly, working with an architect to maintain a five-year, capital improvement plan. Some issues require immediate attention, while other repairs and upgrades can be spread out over time. This is done in much the same way a homeowner plans to fund major repairs, such as a roof. For school districts, this is called a "Capital Project". To further encourage schools to maintain or improve their facilities, SED reimburses districts through "Building Aid" for capital projects. SED pays a percentage of capital project costs, and the district pays the balance known as "Local Share".

Why are these projects needed?

It is needed for health, safety, and energy efficiency. Several areas of the campus require upgrading for increased energy efficiency as well as health and safety. Based on their condition, many of these items were labeled unsatisfactory in the Building Condition Survey required by SED. In a time of scarce resources, it is even more critical to make such upgrades as it will save the District in energy costs which can be better used for educational programming.

Why now?

Over time, our facility needs will continue to grow, not diminish or go away. We don't expect SED's contribution to capital project costs to get any better than they are right now.

We also know that construction costs continue to escalate with each passing year. The construction industry is a very competitive marketplace right now. Owners who can undertake construction in this climate benefit from lower material and labor costs.

If we choose to wait and pursue the same project in the future, we would expect the cost to the taxpayers to be higher.

What is the cost of the projects, and what is the estimated average cost to taxpayers?

The total project referendums amount has been established at \$4,510,000. There will be no increase in local taxes to pay for this capital project, it will be funded through state building aid, fund balance/reserves and a bond.

Why is voter approval needed?

Voter approval is required for bonding a Capital Improvement Project.

What happens if the project is voted down?

Costs could go up. The financing for these projects will allow the Clifton-Fine Central School District to spread payments for the work over several years to correspond with the building aid that we receive from the State. If voted down, several of the items will need to be addressed in the annual operating budget thus taking funds away from our academic programs and overall operations. Other items such as the heating system will continue to deteriorate leading to continued high maintenance costs and unattainable energy savings.