

# HARTFORD

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



### VOTE

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Middle School/High School**  
**In conjunction with the**  
**2022-2023**  
**School Budget and**  
**Board of Education**  
**vote.**

### WHO CAN VOTE

U.S. Citizens, age 18 or older on election day and residing in the Hartford Central School District for 30 days immediately prior to election. You do not need to be registered or own property to vote in this election.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters. Contact District Clerk Amanda Howard (518) 632-5222 ext. 508

Absentee ballots must be returned to the District Office no later than 8:00 p.m on Tuesday May 17, 2022.

## Proposed Capital Project To Enhance and Expand Our Students' Educational Experience and Opportunities

The members of the Board of Education are proposing a capital project to be voted on in conjunction with the 2022-2023 school budget vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The cost of the proposed project is estimated at \$8,860,000 and the project focuses on enhancing our students' educational experience and expanding our students' opportunities.

Discussions on the need for a capital project have taken place over the past three years. The initial discussions were based on items contained in a needs assessment survey completed as part of the \$15 million capital project in 2009, and then revisited as part of the \$3.9 million capital project completed in 2019. The district also distributed a survey in the spring of 2021 for community members to provide their input on the current structure and status of our facilities. Beyond these comments, the Board of Education also took into consideration: Recommendations from the faculty and staff, long-term planning and district advancement discussions, community involvement/use opportunities, and the results of our latest building and condition survey required every five years by New York State.

The scope of the work includes:

- Removing the stage from the current cafetorium
- Renovating and modernizing the cafeteria
- Relocating the stage to the existing music classrooms
- Renovating the courtyard and a small section of the library to a multipurpose room/auditorium
- Converting the girls' locker room to the high school music classroom
- Building a new elementary music classroom
- Building a new girls' locker room
- Replacing the original gymnasium flooring

This newsletter contains details about the proposed project and provides answers to important questions. Additionally, videos of the public information meetings about the project are available to view on the district's website [www.hartfordcsd.org](http://www.hartfordcsd.org), or by scanning the code to the right with your smart phone. Should you have further questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at 518-632-5222.

Please note, you will be receiving a separate newsletter pertaining to the upcoming budget vote for the 2022-2023 school year and Board of Education election.



*Aud Cook*

## PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT

**Q** What is a Capital Project?

**A** Just like a home, school facilities need regular attention and upkeep to continue to operate year after year as originally intended. The cost of keeping up with the daily wear and tear can rise above what the annual school budget can support. Renovation projects, also referred to as capital projects, are a way for school districts to access state aid to complete a larger amount of facilities work than possible within the scope of the annual school budget.

**Q** How would this project benefit our community?

**A** The district is committed to being an active partner with the community and working to serve not only our students, but the entire community. The proposed scope of work will not only modernize and update our cafeteria, but also create a dedicated space for our performing arts. This multipurpose space can then be available for community use, including: performances and concerts (i.e. Hartford Community Band), large meetings, or other group activities.

**Q** How will the project be funded?

**A** The \$8,860,000 project is anticipated to have a marginal increase on future taxes. New York State distributes building aid on school construction projects and, for Hartford, our building aid rate is approximately 85%. The district has existing budgeted monies related to debt from previous capital projects which are expiring. The district can then leverage the expiration of expiring debt, the anticipated building aid, and fund balance contributions to mitigate any potential tax impact.

**Q** When would construction begin?

**A** Pending voter approval, between May 2022 and April 2023 the district will finalize the project design and submit the plans to SED for review and approval. We anticipate the actual construction to begin in July 2023, with substantial completion in October 2024.

**Q** How will this project affect me and my family's budget?

**A** Based on our financial advisors projections, it is anticipated that homes appraised at a full value of \$100,000 will have a potential increase of \$8 per year based on a Basic STAR exemption, or a \$12 per year increase without the STAR exemption. Please see the chart below titled "Estimated Tax Impact."

### ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT



**BASED ON A HOME APPRAISED AT FULL VALUE OF \$100,000**

★ **Senior STAR**

\$ 0.25 per month/\$3 per year

★ **Basic STAR**

\$ 0.67 per month/\$8 per year

★ **Without STAR**

\$1 per month/\$12 per year



**BASED ON A HOME APPRAISED AT FULL VALUE OF \$150,000**

★ **Senior STAR**

\$0.75 per month/\$9 per year

★ **Basic STAR**

\$1.17 per month/\$14 per year

★ **Without STAR**

\$1.50 per month/\$18 per year



**BASED ON A HOME APPRAISED AT FULL VALUE OF \$200,000**

★ **Senior STAR**

\$1.25 per month/\$15 per year

★ **Basic STAR**

\$ 1.67 per month/\$20 per year

★ **Without STAR**

\$ 2.00 per month/\$24 per year



**BASED ON A HOME APPRAISED AT FULL VALUE OF \$250,000**

★ **Senior STAR**

\$1.75 per month/\$21 per year

★ **Basic STAR**

\$2.17 per month/\$26 per year

★ **Without STAR**

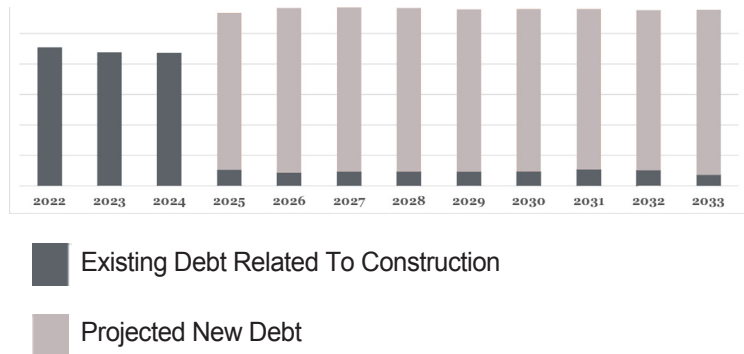
\$ 2.50 per month/\$30 per year

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**Q** Why is the district considering a capital project at this point in time?

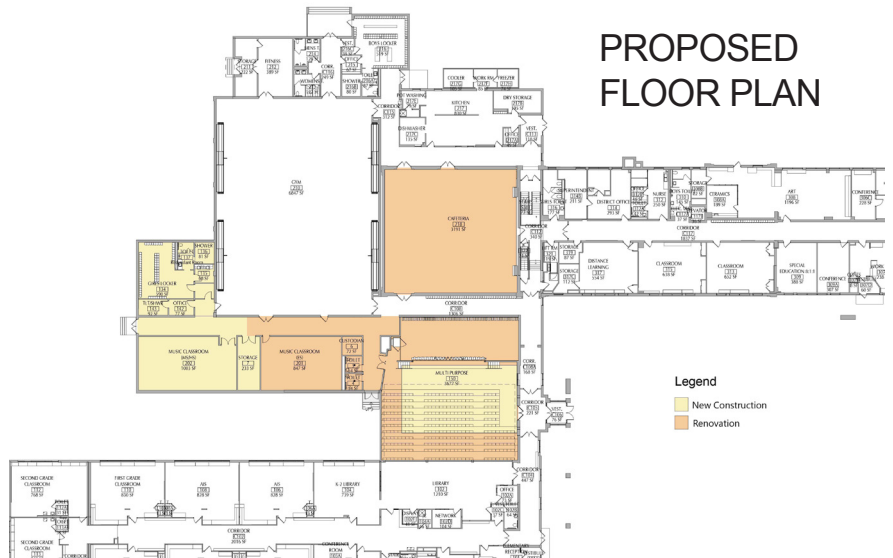
**A** The Board of Education is continually seeking ways to enhance the educational experience of our students, while maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment. In addition, by implementing capital projects on a regular basis, the district is better able to maintain a stable tax levy for residents. Currently, the district is nearing the completion of payments from the \$15 million capital project completed in 2009 and this new project will help maintain a predictable tax levy for our community. The capital project ensures consistency in debt service, including revenues from building aid.



**Q** Is there a floor plan and what will the proposed work look like?



Architect's rendering of the building exterior after renovating the courtyard, and a small section of the library to construct the multipurpose room/auditorium.



Architect's rendering of renovated and modernized cafeteria.



Architect's rendering of the multipurpose room/auditorium, and sample of seating style. Please note: The photo of seating is to demonstrate the style, not the colors.



**APRIL 2022**

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Hartford Central School, a community of educators, students, parents, and friends, dedicates itself to developing citizens who are productive and compassionate, and who, through their creativity and responsibility, will be assets to the greater community.

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