

Message from the Superintendent

Dear District Residents,

In our continued efforts to save costs, the District has identified energy improvements that will allow us to reduce future energy costs and improve the facilities for student use. The Gananda School Board approved this project at the April 24, 2019 Board meeting.

This project will upgrade interior and exterior lights to LED, make improvements to the insulation, improve water conservation, upgrade the heating system, upgrade computer power management, install a pool cover, convert to wireless clocks, implement cogeneration at the elementary school, and install distributed energy storage.

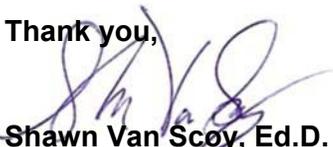
The project will have no impact on local taxes. With only Board approval the district will only receive 80% aid from NYS, the remainder of the project will be paid by rebates and savings from energy efficiencies. If the district is also able to obtain voter approval, we will get an additional 10% in aid from NYS in the amount of \$626,128.

On June 27, 2019, the Gananda Central School District is asking voters to consider approving the request for the additional 10% in state aid on the energy improvements.

Please join us at a public hearing on June 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school library to discuss the project in more detail.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the District Office at (315) 986-3521, ext. 8-4313.

Thank you,


Shawn Van Scoy, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Q: WHY IS GANANDA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSING AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT?

A: The Gananda Central School District recently completed an audit to identify energy efficiencies. To implement these changes the district has entered into an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) with Johnson Controls. An EPC guarantees savings; if the district does not receive the promised savings Johnson Controls will compensate the District for the difference.

Q: WHAT WORK WILL BE DONE?

A: The highlights of the project include: interior and exterior upgrades to LED lights, building insulation improvements, water conservation, heating system upgrades, computer power management, pool cover installation, wireless clocks, cogeneration, and distribute energy storage.

Q: WHEN WILL THE WORK TAKE PLACE?

A: It is anticipated that the work will begin in the spring of 2020, with completion in spring of 2021. These dates are dependent of a timely NYS Department of Education review and approval.

Q: IF THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED IT, WHY DO YOU NEED VOTER APPROVAL?

A: The District will receive 80% reimbursement on the work from the state. The remaining cost will be covered by rebates and savings from instituting energy efficiency measures. If the District receives voter approval the District will get an additional 10% in aid from the state, this will leave more savings for the district.

Q: WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND TAX IMPACT

A: The total estimated cost of this project is approximately \$6,261,281. Regardless of whether or not this referendum is approved there is no cost to local taxpayers.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF DISTRICT VOTERS DO NOT APPROVE THIS PROPOSITION?

A: Work will still be done to address issues at all three schools; however, **the District would miss the opportunity to receive an additional \$626,128 in building aid. This will reduce the amount of savings the District could receive from the project.**

Public Hearing

June 19th, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Gananda Middle School
Library

VOTE

June 27th, 2019

Noon-9:00 p.m.

Ruben A. Cirillo High School
Gymnasium

3195 Wiedrick Road

Walworth, NY

(Voters should use the athletic entrance at the rear of the building, off of Eddy Road.)

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Gananda Central School District is hereby authorized to request additional state aid for energy savings contract improvements under an energy savings performance contract separately authorized by the Board of Education; which energy savings contract requires additional voter approval to be eligible for additional enhanced state building aid.

YES

NO

VOTING INFORMATION

Voter Eligibility:

In order to vote on June 27, 2019, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Resident of the Gananda CSD for 30 days preceding June 27, 2019.
- United States Citizen
- 18 years of age or older

Absentee Ballot Applications:

Absentee ballot applications are available through the District Clerk by calling 315-986-0610 and can be found on our website, www.gananda.org. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter.

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