



# Jamesville-DeWitt CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SPECIAL CAPITAL PROJECT EDITION



### CAPITAL PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

**Total Project Cost:** \$34.5 million

**Amount Paid by NYS Building Aid:** 76.3%

**Capital Reserve:** \$1 million

**NO TAX INCREASE**

Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District residents will head to the polls on Tuesday, Dec. 17, to vote on a \$34.5 million capital project proposition with no tax increase. If approved by voters, the capital project will:

- Enhance safety and security.
- Elevate athletic and physical education spaces.
- Meet elementary and UPK playground guidelines.
- Improve aging non-instructional areas.
- Alleviate parking and exterior circulation issues.
- Replace or update facility HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and infrastructure for accessibility, health, and security.

“Through careful long-term planning and stakeholder input, we’re excited to propose projects that would benefit our students, staff, and community without additional funding from new tax dollars,” said Superintendent Peter Smith. “The 2024 Capital Project would address multiple problem areas while continuing to support our mission to provide students with a challenging educational experience in a safe and nurturing environment.”

The goal of the proposed project is to protect the community’s long-term investment in its schools by addressing necessary internal and external improvements to better support students.

“Upgrading school hallways and bathrooms leads to a healthier, safer, more welcoming environment that supports student well-being and

enhances the overall educational experience. Renovated spaces with modern designs, adequate lighting, and aesthetically pleasing environments can make students and teachers feel more positive about their learning and working conditions,” said Jamesville Elementary School Principal Marcy Baker.

In addition to classroom instruction, Jamesville-DeWitt students also learn in gymnasiums, playgrounds, and on playing fields. By meeting UPK playground guidelines and improving athletic and physical education spaces, Jamesville-DeWitt would have safe and healthy learning facilities at its disposal.

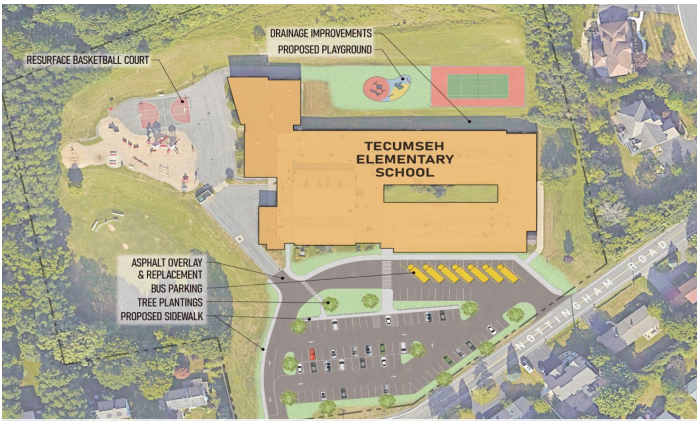
The district started offering Universal Pre-K in 2022. This necessitates the installation of new playground equipment at all three elementary schools to meet state requirements.

“Play is vital for a child’s physical, cognitive, and emotional development. Having UPK-sized equipment on a playground is essential for several reasons, as it ensures accessibility, safety, and inclusivity for children of all abilities. This fosters empathy, social skills, and friendships, as children learn to cooperate and play together in a fun and engaging way,” said Baker.

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**  
Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.  
District Office and via Zoom

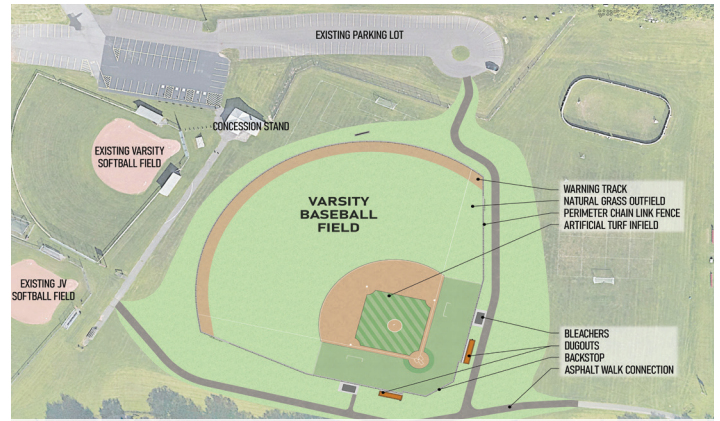
**2024 CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE**  
Tuesday, Dec. 17 | 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
J-DHS Main Gym (6845 Edinger Drive)



Proposed Site Improvements (Reconfigure Parent Drop-Off)



Traffic Congestion/Issues During Tecumseh's Dismissal



Proposed Relocation of Varsity Baseball Field

**“It would greatly enhance our student athletes’ experience. It would provide better field conditions, less rain outs and field maintenance, and a standard of excellence for our players.”**

- J-D High School Student Ryan Dera

## J-D HIGH SCHOOL

- Renovate main entry, secure vestibule
- Relocate varsity baseball field to Lyndon Field area
- Add new bleachers, dugouts, backstop, asphalt walking path, natural grass outfield, artificial turf infield and replace perimeter fencing
- Teacher parking lot, mill and replaced
- Resurface and repair fence at tennis courts
- Upgrade stadium lighting to LED
- Repair various exterior concrete stairs
- Renovate main entry bathrooms
- Renovate upper gym and locker rooms
- Renovate kitchen and update cafeteria corridor and flanking spaces
- Auditorium bathroom updates
- Replace atmospheric water heaters
- Replace gas lines in chemistry rooms
- Replace select rooftop units and air handling units
- Replace steam boilers
- Conversion of steam to hot water heating system
- Add fiber cable to Lyndon Field concession stand, press box, and bus storage

## TECUMSEH ELEMENTARY

- Add new UPK playground equipment
- Mill and replace parking area, bus loop, and reconfigure parent drop-off
- Upgrade parking lot lighting
- Improve drainage around tennis courts
- Update faculty bathroom
- Replace cafeteria air handling unit
- Replace admin rooftop unit

## MOSES DEWITT ELEMENTARY

- Add new UPK playground equipment
- Replace pavement in parent drop-off area
- Resurface tennis courts and add pickleball
- Repair service area sidewalk and pavement
- Update one bathroom from 1930s
- Repair exterior facade
- Replace gym air handling unit
- Replace office ductless splits
- Upgrade kitchen ventilation

## JAMESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Add new UPK playground equipment
- Update main corridor
- Update faculty bathrooms
- Renovation of baseball field
- Repair/replace flagpole memorial
- Repair exterior facade
- Replace atmospheric water heaters
- Replace Unit Ventilators in 1961 addition
- Replace Air Handling Unit at 1953 building
- Conversion of steam to hot water heating system

## J-D MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Renovate pool locker room

## BUS GARAGE

- Replace part of the building roof
- Replace bus lift
- Repair structure

# PROJECT FINANCIALS

## TOTAL PROJECT COST

**\$34.5 million**

## NYS BUILDING AID RATIO

**76.3%**

## CAPITAL RESERVE

**\$1 million**

Utilizing Capital Reserve funds and careful financial planning allows us to propose a \$34.5 million capital project with **NO TAX INCREASE**.

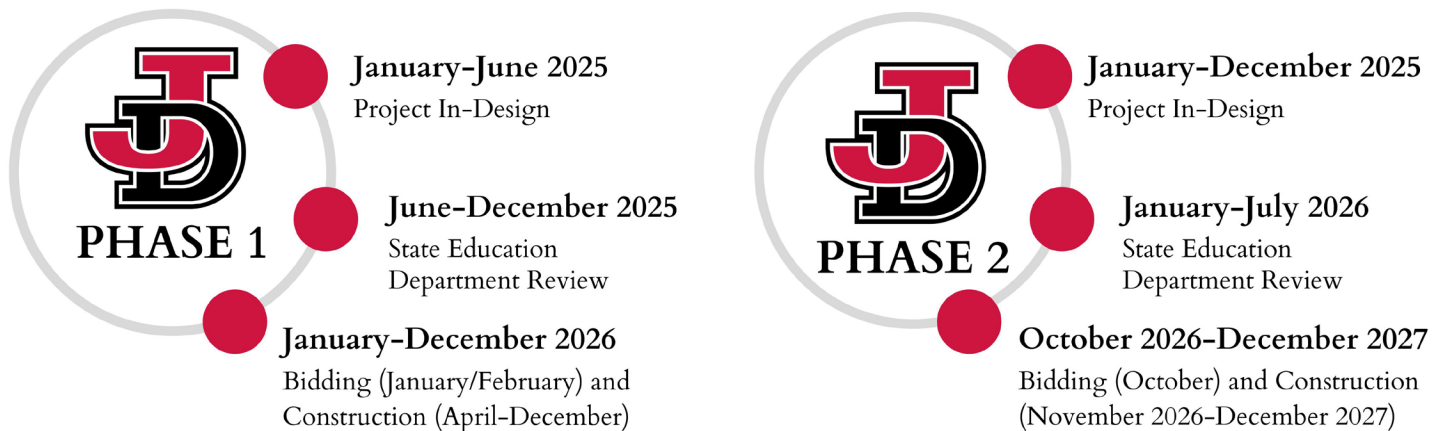
### Q: Why are capital projects important?

**A:** Although facility care and maintenance is addressed on a daily basis, years of use and changing demands in security, energy efficiency, educational delivery and technology integration within the classroom and building infrastructure require capital improvement outside the scope of routine facility stewardship.

The approval of this capital project would allow the district to keep pace and get ahead of changing demands and needs. Because it is funded largely by state building aid and bonds, a capital project enables a school district to invest in its facilities with significantly less financial pressure on local taxpayers and school budgets. Specifically, without a capital project, the district would forfeit the opportunity to utilize the district's 76.3% New York State Building Aid to the overall project costs.

### Q: If the capital project is approved by voters, when will it be completed?

**A:** Design will begin immediately in January 2025. Once design is completed, the plans must be submitted to the New York State Education Department for review and approval. To expedite the overall completion of the project, it will be split into two phases. Phasing is a common strategy for accelerating large construction projects. Phase 1 will include the J-D High School fields, auditorium toilet rooms, and work at Tecumseh Elementary School with estimated completion in December 2026. The remaining overall scope of work will be completed in Phase 2 with final completion in December 2027.



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Dr. Peter Smith

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The project includes the addition of a new Varsity baseball complex at Lyndon Field.

“This could make a big difference for our student-athletes and community. We’ve already seen how beneficial a state-of-the-art facility like this can be with our softball team. It takes time, but we’re excited to continue efforts to evaluate and improve our facilities,” said Smith. “One thing we’re going to be mindful of is parking space and scheduling. We could potentially consider adding more spaces in the future if needed.”

Student-athletes are also looking forward to the proposed improvements. “The new batting cages would greatly help us for preseason when we cannot get outside,” said J-D High School student Savannah Schnorr.

The 2024 Capital Project would also support continued efforts to strengthen safety in Jamesville-DeWitt schools. A few priority areas include the renovation of a secure vestibule entry at J-D High School and alleviating parking and exterior circulation issues at Tecumseh Elementary School.

The Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District will host a public presentation on the proposed project on Monday, Dec. 9. The public referendum vote is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 17.



### Improving J-DHS!

“We are looking forward to modernizing two of our oldest bathrooms, providing increased access for all of our students as well as the security upgrades in the J-DHS main entry.”

- Gregory Lawson, J-DHS Principal

## VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- United States citizen.
- At least 18 years of age.
- A Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District resident for at least 30 days prior to December 17, 2024.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available from the District Office and are due back by Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, by 4 p.m. For more information, call (315) 445-8304.



## STAY INFORMED

Scan to join J-D's ParentSquare Community Group or visit the district website.

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