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FISHERS ISLAND, NY 06390

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**November 2020**

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# Fishers Island Union Free School District

78 Greenwood Road, PO Box 600, Fishers Island, NY 06390

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## Capital Project Vote Information:

### **Project Hearing**

**Wednesday,**

**November 18, 2020**

Fishers Island School  
Spanish Room

**5:00 p.m.**

Visit [www.fischool.com](http://www.fischool.com) for  
Zoom Meeting Information

### **Capital Project Vote**

**Tuesday,**

**December 1, 2020**

at the Fisher Island  
Community Center

**2pm-8pm**

November 12, 2020

Dear Fishers Island Community:

This capital improvement proposal reflects the educational and operational needs of the Fishers Island School. The Fishers Island Board of Education and staff have diligently crafted this plan to respond to our community's health, safety, educational, and fiscal needs.

We know that these necessary upgrades will further cement the school's role as a critical component of year-round life on Fishers Island. We believe that an enhanced school at the center of our island life will benefit all residents.

Words cannot express how much our community's support means to our students, families, and staff. Fishers Island School is unique because of our ability to cultivate and honor each of our students' gifts and talents in a community made of people who invest in their futures.

In your service,

Christian Arsenault  
Superintendent/Principal

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# FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



The Fishers Island School District is seeking community support to help finance substantial improvements to the Fishers Island School. The district hired QA+M Architecture from Farmington, Connecticut last year to perform a detailed study of the existing conditions and to document needed upgrades to both the infrastructure and educational functions at the facility. The proposed design encompasses numerous elements identified in the study and outlined below. The completed project will meet the educational needs of the Island's youth for the foreseeable future and provide a municipal resource for the entire community.

## Project Priorities

1. Security enhancements
2. Elementary education
3. Media center
4. Mechanical upgrades
5. Site upgrades

## PROPOSED PROJECT DESIGN



### ENTRANCE CANOPY

- Defines entrance location
- Provides shelter
- Nautical theme



### SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

- Secure vestibule with controlled access to school
- Enclosed administration area
- Enclosed media center



### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ZONE

- More defined classroom spaces retaining flexibility
- Circulation external to learning environments
- Special education classroom + office
- New bathrooms

### ROOF REPLACEMENT

- Leaks and ponding
- Insulation upgrades
- Extended warranty



### MEDIA CENTER

- Open and inviting, yet enclosed and secure
- Expand into courtyard
- Balance HVAC needs (computer lab vs. study carrels)

### MECHANICAL + LIGHTING SYSTEMS

- Obsolete equipment
- Energy efficiency
- Indoor air quality
- Control systems

# FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



## COST MODELING

- Hard costs: \$6,983,124
- Soft costs: \$842,000
- Total project cost: \$7,825,124

## CAPITAL PROJECT FINANCING PLAN

- Proposition includes use of \$1,000,000 capital reserve funds
- Building Aid Eligibility
  - Maximum cost allowances
  - Portion of project scope qualified for aid by the New York State Education Department; assume 57% of project scope qualifies for state aid
  - 2020-21 Preliminary Aid Ratio is 10%
- State Assumed Amortization Term (building aid repayment stream): Reconstruction - 15 years
- Interest rates: State assumed interest rate(s), borrowing rates
- 8,000,000 proposed capital project with use of \$1,000,000 capital reserves
  - Building Aid Ratio: 10%
  - Bond Percentage: 57%
  - Building Aid Term: 15 Years

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

- Borrowing term: 16 Years
- Estimated interest rate: 2.10%
- Total estimated interest expense: \$1,429,825
- Average annual local share (taxes to be raised): \$555,442
- Tax rate impact: \$0.60 per \$1,000 full value
- Tax impact on 500,000 full value home: \$299.77

## PROJECT TIMELINE

- Voter approval – December 1, 2020
- Design phase – December 2020 to July 2021
- Submission to New York State Education Department (NYSED) – August 2021
- Approval received from NYSED – January 2022
- Bidding and contract award – February 2022 to April 2022
- Construction period – Summer 2022 thru Summer 2023 (phased construction)
- Final cost reports and certificate of substantial completion submitted to NYSED at end of project

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## Board of Education

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## Voter Information

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### Absentee Ballots

To apply for an absentee ballot, voters simply complete an application setting forth the following: (1) name and address, (2) that he/she is qualified to vote, and (3) that he/she is unable to appear to vote for one of several reasons. Those wishing to apply for an Absentee Ballot may do so by contacting Leslie Tombari, District Clerk via email at [districtclerk@fischool.com](mailto:districtclerk@fischool.com) or by calling the school's main office at 631-788-7444.

Completed applications 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 election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Completed Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

### Voter Requirements

- Citizen of the United States
- Legal Resident\* on or before November 1, 2020
- 18 years old on or by December 1, 2020

\*Proof of Residency (requires one of the following):

- Voter name appears on the Fishers Island Election Roll from the Suffolk County Board of Elections
- A driver's license with a Fishers Island address
- A non-driver New York State identification card with a Fishers Island address.

NOTE: Having voted in previous FIUFSD election(s) does not in and of itself qualify a person in a current election.