

#### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

In 1931, despite the onset of the Great Depression and the economic hardship it caused Greenport residents, The Board of Education received a petition asking them to "take the proper steps to provide a modern building" for students of Greenport.

That modern building served us well, but after 86 years, necessary repairs and important renovations are needed.

On June 26, The Board of Education has scheduled a vote on the Greenport Capital Improvement Bond. The major bond proposal will make critical repairs, provide significant school safety and security enhancements, and enhance our educational program with innovative learning spaces. A second proposal, contingent on the successful passage of the first, will create a six-lane track and refurbish the tennis courts. These facilities will support the district's physical education and athletic programs while serving as important resources for all our residents.

#### A Safer School

After receiving input from the community, school administrators, staff and architects, various safety and security updates are included in the Bond. They include: upgrades to doors, the installation of security cameras as well as construction aimed at protecting students and preserving the building's infrastructure.

#### **A Value-Added Learning Environment**

Greenport's commitment to education and its investment in our children's future are unquestioned. We believe we must continue to make an investment in our school to secure our children's future. Through this bond, we will make significant renovation to student restrooms, provide much needed electrical and heating enhancements, and update interior walls and flooring. The District will also create flexible learning spaces for our students by making significant upgrades to the Elementary Library, and the Home Economics, Art and NJROTC classrooms.

#### **Building For the Future**

The bond also establishes a Porter Marine Program focusing on career and technical training in Maritime industries. In addition to providing students with career opportunities, the Maritime program can also serve to ensure our local economy has a thriving and growing maritime industry.

The total cost of the proposed project is \$23.87 million. The cost of the Bond will vary for residents, businesses, and agricultural properties. Additional information is posted on our district website: www.gufsd.org. In addition, an overview of the proposed project may be found on the inside pages of this guide.

All eligible residents are encouraged to vote on Wednesday, June 26. Voting will take place in the Greenport Gymnasium, between 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

# STRONG SCHOOLS BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES

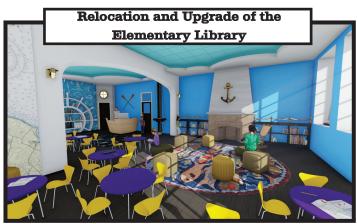


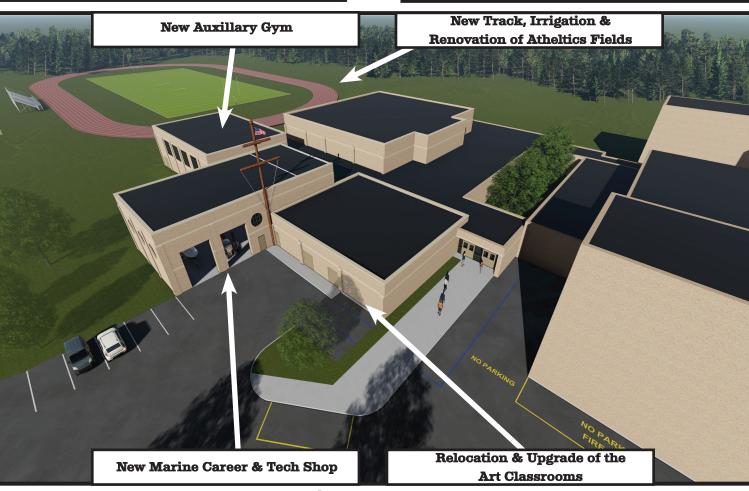












# WHAT'S IN THE PLAN

## INTERIOR WORK

### FIRST PROPOSITION

- Electical & Heating Upgrades
- Security Upgrades to Doors, Cameras & Technology
- Upgrades to Lockers
- Upgrade to Home Economics Classroom
- Relocation of Admin Offices for Security Purposes
- Upgrades to Boys & Girls Locker Room
- New PA/Clock System to Provide Mass Notification

## FIRST PROPOSITION

- Exterior Masonry Work
- · Creation of a Flexible Learning Space
- Replace Outdoor Bleachers
- Upgrade Playgrounds
- Parking Lot Reconstruction
- New Main Information Sign
- Irrigation & Recondition of Athletic Playfields

**EXTERIOR WORK** 

#### **SECOND PROPOSITION**

- Addition of Six Lane Track
- Reconstuction of Tennis Courts



# **Questions & Answers**

## When and where is the Ballot Vote?

Tuesday, June 26, 2019 2 pm - 8 pm Greenport School Gymnasium

# What information will be on the June 26th ballot?

Voters will be asked to vote on two propositions.

The first proposition totals \$21,295,000 and includes the following: renovation of all student toilet rooms, electrical & heating upgrades, NEW Marine Career & Tech Shop, NEW auxiliary gymnasium, security upgrades to doors, cameras, and technology, exterior masonry work, upgrades to interior plaster walls, second & third flooring, ceiling systems, and lockers, parking lot reconstruction, significant upgrades to home economics classroom, significant upgrades to elementary library, refurbish NJROTC classroom, significant upgrades to art classrooms, renovate cafeteria, creation of a flexible learning space, replace outdoor bleachers, upgrades to playground, relocation of administrative offices for security purposes, irrigation and recondition of athletic playfields, new main information sign, upgrades to boys & girls locker rooms, new PA/clock system.

The second proposition\* totals \$2,575,000 and includes the following: addition of six lane track, reconstruction of tennis courts. \*contingent of the passage of the first proposition

# Who was involved in the planning? How many meetings were held?

Board members, staff, administrators, students, and families met during the Fall & Winter of 2018/2019 to develop plans in consultation with our architects at Tetra Tech. After the initial proposal was presented at a public meeting on February 5, 2019 over 30 meetings were held with individuals, groups and organizations to revise the scope of the project based upon the input received.

#### If the vote passes, when can we expect work to begin?

The next step after a vote is to finalize the design of all spaces approved in the Capital Project. After review by the State Education Department, and bids go out and then are received, work is likely to begin during the summer of 2020.

### What if the bond fails?

If the project is voted down on June 26th, the Building and Grounds Committee will go back to the drawing board to develop a new plan.

# VOTER GUIDE

# **Bond Vote**

Wednesday, June 26, 2019
2 pm to 8 pm
Greenport School Gymnasium

Voter Registration
Wednesday, June 19th
2 pm - 6 pm

**Business Office, Greenport Schools** 

# **Voter Qualifications:**

- U.S. Citizen, 18 years of age or older.
- School District resident for 30 days or more.
- Registered voter -
  - Anyone who has voted in a Greenport School election within the last four years, or;
  - if your name appears on the Suffolk County Board of Election list of registered voters.

## **Absentee Ballot:**

If you are a qualified voter but are unable to vote on June 26th due to illness, disability, or because you will be out of town, you may pick up an absentee ballot in the District Office. Mailed requests for ballots must be recieve by June 19, 2019; ballots may also be picked up in person up to June 25, 2019.

# **Senior Citizen Tax Exemption**

Senior citizens age 65 or older may be eligible for a partial exemption from school taxes. Those whose income is \$35,400 or less are eligible to recieve a 50% reduction. Application may be made through the Southold Town Board of Assessors.

## **Veteran Tax Exemption:**

Section 458-a of the New York Real Property Tax Law provides a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property pwned by persons who rendered military service to the United States, provided such property meets the requirements set forth in the law. Greenport UFSD has adopted a resolution with the basic maximum exemptions of Wartime \$6,0000, Combat Zone \$10,000, and Disability \$20,000. Applications may be made through the Southold Town Board of Assessors.

# GREENPORT SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

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