



Schalmont

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT NEWS



Capital Project Meets Needs of Growing District

Schalmont is excited to share details about our next Capital Project, one that expands Jefferson Elementary to meet growing enrollment and invests in the infrastructure of our school campuses.

Adding a dozen classrooms, a music room, and a second gym at Jefferson is a major focus of the project, as well as expanding the school's lunchroom. Fifth grade would also return to Jefferson.

Replacing the Bus Repair Garage with a Transportation Center addition is another project focus. This provides our mechanics better access to service buses, brings our team together, and resolves a challenge with the existing garage's bus lift.

The Capital Project invests in our campuses with new auditorium seating, resurfacing tennis courts, adding LED lights at Sabre Field, replacing school roofs, new water and electrical mains, and other infrastructure improvements.

A community vote on the Capital Project will take place **Thursday, October 15 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in the High School gym.

"We're really excited about this project. It provides our growing school community the room we need and invests smartly in our schools," said Superintendent Dr. Thomas Reardon. "It also allows 5th grade to return to an elementary setting, something we think our families will be excited about."

The estimated cost of the Capital Project is \$54.3 million. If approved by our community, the project would increase taxes for a \$300,000 full value home by an average of \$86.60 a year in 2029, 2030 and 2031. With

Basic STAR savings, the average cost would lower to about \$77.94. With Enhanced STAR, the average cost would be approximately \$61.05.

Schalmont would receive 68.2% state building aid on most of the project's cost. Schalmont would also use \$7 million from its Capital Reserve Fund, a fund that voters approved in 2024 to fund future projects.

If the Capital Project is approved, construction would begin around January 2028 and finish August 2030. The process is lengthy due to design, State Education Department review, bidding, and construction.

More details are available in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Reardon (treardon@schalmont.net or 518-355-9200).

Check out our 2-minute video, which provides an overview of the Capital Project.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✂ Adds classrooms, gym, and other students spaces at Jefferson for growing enrollment
- ✂ 5th Grade would return to Jefferson
- ✂ Replaces Bus Repair Garage with Transportation addition
- ✂ New auditorium seating, Sabre Field lighting, school roofs, and other infrastructure
- ✂ If approved, construction should begin January 2028 and finish August 2030



New Bus Repair Garage Resolves Bus Lift Issue

Replacing Schalmont's Bus Repair Garage is another major feature of the district's Capital Project, something that brings our Transportation team together and resolves a long-standing challenge with the use of our bus lift.

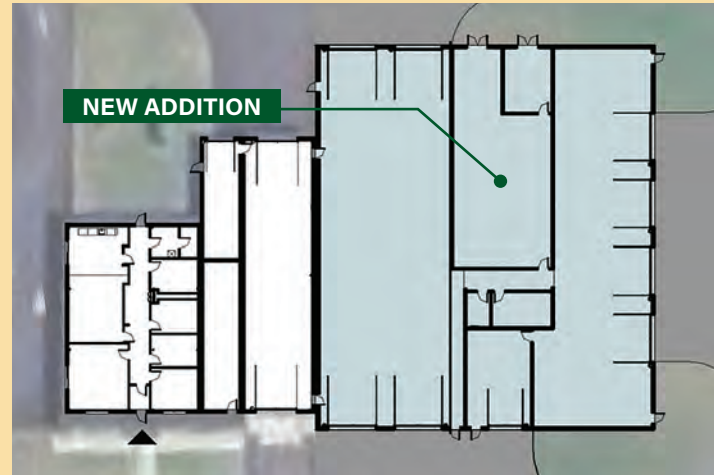
The district's current Bus Repair Garage, located near the entrance of the Middle & High School Campus, would be replaced with an addition to the Transportation Department.

The addition would bring our Transportation team together and provide our mechanics better access to service school buses and vehicles.

The new Bus Repair Garage would also resolve an issue with our current garage by providing the room needed for our bus lift to operate fully. If the project is approved, the old Bus Repair Garage would be torn down and removed, greatly improving the appearance of our campus.

Schalmont explored renovating the existing Bus Repair Garage but the cost of new

construction was similar so the district decided to build a new addition at the Transportation Department.



Adding Classrooms and Student Spaces at Jefferson

A major focus of Schalmont's Capital Project is expanding Jefferson to meet the needs of our growing district.

As enrollment has steadily grown over the past five years, Schalmont has added classroom sections at Jefferson to keep class sizes small. But Jefferson is running out of room.

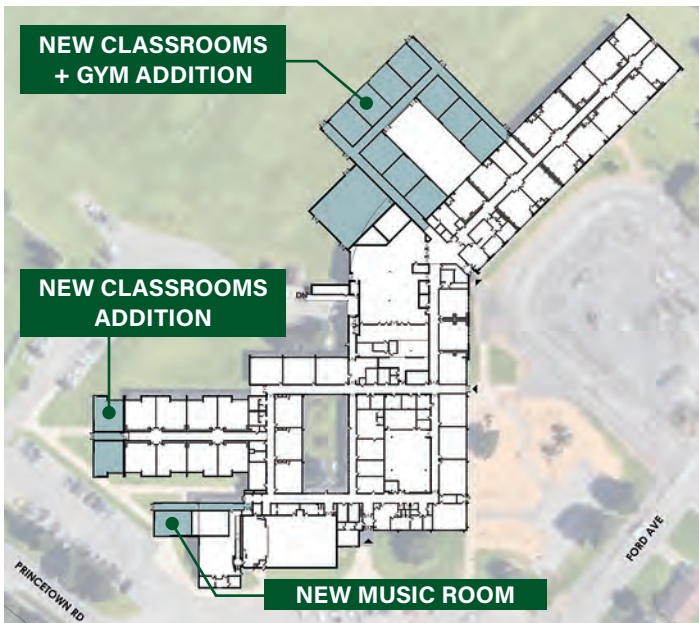
The Capital Project adds a dozen classrooms, a second gym, and a second playground at Jefferson. The lunchroom would also be expanded into the school's existing play area and a second music room would be added to provide band instruction.

"A growing district is a good problem to have. But we've reached a point where we need

more space for our students," said Superintendent Dr. Thomas Reardon. "The Capital Project adds enough classrooms for seven sections of each grade as well as more space for student lunches and music and PE classes."

The additional space also allows 5th grade, which is currently taught at the Middle School, to return to Jefferson Elementary, hopefully starting with the 2030-31 school year.

"Our 5th grade team does an amazing job but we believe 5th graders belong in an elementary setting," said Dr. Reardon. "Moving 5th grade to Jefferson also frees up space in our Middle School, which we'll need as students move up."



Capital Project Invests in School Campuses

Schalmont's Capital Project also makes important investments in both our Middle & High School and Jefferson campuses.

Seating in the district auditorium would be replaced along with the flooring, which is needed to safely remove asbestos under the existing floor and properly install new seats.

Schalmont's tennis courts, which are popular with our community as well as our students, would be resurfaced and posts for nets would be repaired. Sabre Field would also see improved lighting through the installation of LED lights.

"We tried to focus as much as possible on improvements that our students and community will feel, like improving our auditorium for performing arts and our courts and stadium field for athletics," said Superintendent Dr. Thomas Reardon.

The Capital Project also includes funding for critical infrastructure to help ensure our school buildings are in great shape for years to come.

All school roofs that are no longer under warranty would be replaced. Water and electrical mains as well as original storm and sanitary piping would also be replaced.

Funding is also included to repair sidewalks as needed throughout campuses as well as fixes to some exterior columns and foundation work.

Capital Project Cost & Impact on Taxes

The total estimated cost of the Capital Project is \$54,329,883. While Schalmont will receive 68.2% state aid reimbursement for most project costs, the Capital Project is expected to increase taxes starting in 2029-30.

The tax increase is spread out over three years to lessen the

impact on our community.

A \$300,000 full value home with Basic STAR would see an estimated \$77.94 increase in 2029-30, 2030-31, and 2031-32.

Schalmont would also use \$7 million from our Capital Reserve Fund towards the project, a fund that voters approved in 2024 to fund future projects.

Estimated Tax Increase for a \$300,000 Full Value Home

	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Before STAR	\$86.60	\$86.60	\$86.60
Basic STAR	\$77.94	\$77.94	\$77.94
Enhanced STAR	\$61.05	\$61.05	\$61.05

Additional Project Details

Jefferson Elementary

- ➔ Addition on back of Jefferson adds classrooms and a 2nd gym.
- ➔ Lunchroom would expand into play area.
- ➔ 12 new grade-level classrooms added.
- ➔ 2nd music room allows for band instruction.
- ➔ 2nd playground for student recesses.
- ➔ 5th grade would return hopefully starting in 2030-31.

Bus Repair Garage Addition

- ➔ Resolves issue with current garage by providing room for bus lift to operate fully.
- ➔ Provides our mechanics better access to service school buses and vehicles.
- ➔ Brings our Transportation Team together.
- ➔ Improves the look of campus by removing current bus garage near entrance.
- ➔ New construction similar in cost to renovating the garage.

Investing in School Campuses

- ➔ New seating in High School auditorium.
- ➔ Tennis courts resurfaced and posts repaired.
- ➔ LED lights at Sabre Field.
- ➔ Replace school roofs no longer under warranty.
- ➔ Water and electrical mains replaced.
- ➔ Original storm and sanitary piping replaced.
- ➔ Repair sidewalks as needed throughout campuses.





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HOW TO VOTE

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE VOTE?

- 👉 Thursday, October 15 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Schalmont High School gym lobby. Polls are well marked on campus.

Who is eligible to vote?

- 👉 Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, 18 years or old, and a resident of the Schalmont Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

How can I vote by absentee ballot?

- 👉 Please call the District Office at 518-355-9200 to request an application for an absentee ballot.

What if I have questions?

- 👉 Community members are encouraged to call the District Office at 518-355-9200 with any questions about the Capital Project. We are happy to answer any questions.

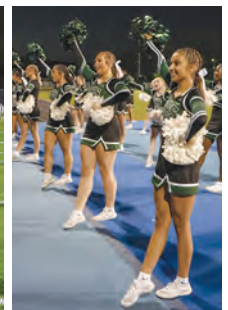


COME OUT TO HOMECOMING

Show your Sabre Pride by coming out to Schalmont's Homecoming on Friday, October 16!

Our soccer teams will play games in the afternoon and our football team caps the night off with a game under the lights! And as always, our student clubs will sell food and Sabre items with their fundraising booths.

It's a wonderful community event and we hope to see you there! **#sabrepride**



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