



EAGLE EYE

December 2024

2024 CAPITAL PROJECT PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Thursday, December 5th, 2024

6:00PM

JEHS Library

2024 CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

Tuesday, December 17th, 2024

7:00AM - 9:00PM

JEHS Events Entry Lobby

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JORDAN-ELBRIDGE *Central School District*

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT



The Jordan-Elbridge Central School District is set to present an exciting new proposal to its community: a \$32 million, multi-phase capital improvement project that spans all three district campuses. This extensive upgrade plan aims to modernize facilities, enhance learning environments, and address key infrastructure needs across the district, all while guaranteeing no increase to the community tax burden. Residents will have the chance to vote on this proposal on December 17, 2024.

The project funding strategy exemplifies the district's commitment to fiscal responsibility. By allocating \$4 million from district reserves as a funding foundation, Jordan-Elbridge can mitigate any potential tax increase. The remaining funds will be borrowed, allowing the district to keep debt service levels steady and avoid fluctuations in local taxes.

"The district has been operating in a fiscally responsible manner with its management of spending and savings so we can use district reserves to help offset any tax increase with this project," said Assistant Superintendent R.J. Hartwell. He emphasized that the district's prudent financial management will allow them to pursue essential improvements without adding to the community's tax burden.

The capital project proposal addresses critical updates and repairs that will improve safety, security, and functionality throughout the district. The phased approach will enable the district to prioritize immediate needs and plan for future enhancements strategically.

Additionally, it is crucial for the district to take on new debt to maintain its debt service levels, which aligns with state requirements to continue receiving state aid. Not only does this strategy maximize state support, but it also positions the district for greater financial health and sustainability. This fiduciary approach will allow the district to maintain current levels of state aid for years to come.

The district encourages all community members to participate in the December 17 vote, as the results will shape the future of Jordan-Elbridge Central School District's campuses and provide updated facilities for students, staff, and families.

ENHANCING SAFETY AND SPACES FOR GROWTH

The Proposed Capital Project 2026 at Elbridge Elementary is set to bring a variety of improvements, each designed to enhance the learning environment, safety, and accessibility. A major feature of the project is a new, extended parking lot with a sidewalk that will connect to the varsity softball field, providing a safer and more convenient route for students and families. This new layout will allow for the relocation of playground equipment from the current Brown St parking lot, eliminating school traffic from that area and creating a more secure space for play. In place of the old playground, a vibrant new Pre-K playscape will be constructed, tailored to our youngest learners and fostering early childhood engagement and exploration. Additionally, the project includes numerous interior

upgrades to ensure a comfortable and modern school environment. Classroom air conditioning will be installed, keeping learning spaces cool during warm months. Enhanced security measures will be implemented through Evolv, a cutting-edge security solution that prioritizes student safety. The elementary school's elevator will undergo modernization, and the HVAC systems will be upgraded to improve efficiency and indoor air quality. The project also includes updates to corridor walls and floor finishes, restroom enlargements, a new suite for occupational and physical therapy to support student needs, and an expanded, renovated music suite to foster the district's strong commitment to arts education.



PREPARING FACILITIES FOR FUTURE LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

The Proposed Capital Project 2026 at Jordan-Elbridge High School aims to bring forward-looking enhancements that will benefit both academic and extracurricular activities, making the school a more inviting and advanced space for student growth. Academic areas will receive a significant boost with the renovation of the first-floor science room and the full remodel of the second-floor science wing, giving students access to modern, well-equipped laboratories for hands-on learning. This upgrade

reflects the school's commitment to providing students with high-quality STEM resources. For athletics, the gymnasium will see exciting changes. The wall between the double doors leading to the gym will be transformed into a new viewing area, allowing spectators to observe activities within the gym without interrupting events. The gym floor itself will be replaced and proudly feature the JE logo at midcourt, creating a spirited atmosphere that students





BUILDING STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES AND STRENGTHENING SECURITY

The Proposed Capital Project 2026 promises to bring Jordan-Elbridge Middle School into a new era of athletic excellence and safety, with sweeping upgrades to outdoor fields and indoor facilities alike. A major highlight for the middle school campus is the construction of a brand-new artificial turf field for the varsity baseball team and an artificial softball field right next to it, equipped with LED field lighting to allow for evening games, new dugouts, backstops, and secure fencing. It will eliminate approximately \$20,000 in maintenance cost per year for current grass. This will create a first-class venue for our student-athletes, offering facilities that meet modern athletic standards. An expanded parking area will also improve accessibility and accommodate spectators for events, making the school's outdoor spaces more welcoming and functional. In addition to the athletic upgrades, there are significant improvements to building safety and learning environments.

Evolv security upgrades will enhance school security, providing a safer experience for students and staff. The school's elevator will be modernized for improved accessibility, while new HVAC equipment and controls will be installed to ensure a comfortable environment year-round. The historic Ramsdell Auditorium, originally built in 1929, will undergo theatrical upgrades to support school performances, giving students a more professional performance venue and preserving an important community landmark. Interior renovations include the installation of air conditioning on the third floor, updated casework in the art room to support creative activities, and technological and finishing upgrades in the LGI (Large Group Instruction) room. The project also encompasses a complete locker room renovation, giving student-athletes updated, functional facilities.

and fans can enjoy. Additionally, both the boys' and girls' locker rooms, along with the athletic trainer's room, will be updated to improve functionality and create more comfortable spaces for student-athletes.

Beyond these major upgrades, the project will bolster security with Evolv systems, providing advanced security measures tailored to today's needs. The building's elevator will be modernized for accessibility, while the HVAC systems will be replaced to enhance efficiency and comfort. Site work restoration will

improve the campus landscape, and classroom ceiling and flooring replacements will refresh learning spaces. The high school's band and music rooms will be renovated to support the arts, while theatrical improvements in the auditorium will provide a professional-grade venue for performances. These upgrades collectively create a well-rounded, modernized environment to support Jordan-Elbridge High School's diverse academic and extracurricular programs.





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THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT

The Proposed Capital Project is a forward-thinking initiative that represents a significant investment in the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District's commitment to providing top-notch facilities, safety, and educational experiences for our students. By addressing critical infrastructure needs and enhancing academic, athletic, and performance spaces across Elbridge Elementary, Jordan-Elbridge Middle School, and Jordan-Elbridge High School, this project will elevate the learning environment for students from Pre-K through high school.

These improvements aren't just about buildings—they're about creating a secure, inspiring, and inclusive space where students can thrive. From upgraded science labs and state-of-the-art sports fields to secure, expanded parking areas and enhanced accessibility, each aspect of this project is carefully designed to meet the needs of our students, families, and community for years to come. With the support of our community, the Proposed Capital Project 2026 will enable Jordan-Elbridge schools to continue fostering excellence, resilience, and opportunity in every student's educational journey.

THREE-SCHOOL BREAKDOWN HOW THIS FUNDING IS SPENT

No Proposed Tax Increase

Proposed Capital Project:

\$32,580,000

**Jordan-Elbridge
Middle School
\$9,275,470**

**Elbridge
Elementary
\$10,531,410**

**Jordan-Elbridge
High School
\$12,773,120**



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