

# DISTRICT DISPATCH

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## CAPITAL PROJECT REFERENDUM October 18, 2016 – 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

### PROPOSITION:

#### RECONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN DISTRICT FACILITIES

Reconstruct and renovate KWS Bear Road Elementary School, including some additions, replacement windows, original furnishings, equipment and machinery and construct a district transportation fueling station at a total aggregate estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$22,500,000.

### Referendum Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

KWS Bear Road Elementary School  
(5590 Bear Road, North Syracuse)

### Polling Places:

For residents living  
**SOUTH** of 481

Administrative Office Building  
5355 West Taft Road  
North Syracuse, NY

For residents living  
**NORTH** of 481

Cicero Elementary School  
Route 31  
Cicero, NY

### District Renovation Plans

On October 18, our community will have the opportunity to vote on the renovation of Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School and the installation of a new transportation fueling station.

In the past, the North Syracuse Central School District was able to maintain a systematic renovation plan for our schools. When the economy took a downturn several years ago, with KWS Bear Road Elementary School being next on the renovation list, it became necessary to delay our plan. With great excitement and anticipation, the time has finally arrived to present a reasonable proposal for the school's much needed renovation.

Recently, I was chatting with a community member at a school event. This individual proudly told me that he had attended KWS Bear Road Elementary School and mentioned that he had never been back to the building since he had left there long ago. My response to him was, "If you visited the building it would look exactly as it did when you left there all those years ago."

The sad truth is that with the exception of a small addition in 1965, and some roof work, KWS Bear Road Elementary School has not received any attention since constructed in 1958.

The building appears gloomy and tired, both inside and out. It is certainly not energy efficient and the current traffic pattern presents safety challenges that must be addressed. It is long overdue for us to bring this building up to efficiency standards, and to create a learning environment that meets instructional needs well into the future.

I invite you to attend the Public Hearing to be held at KWS Bear Road Elementary School on October 5 at 7:00 p.m. to have an opportunity to tour the building and learn more about the proposed renovation.

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Superintendent of Schools



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**Proposition:** Renovate and reconstruct the Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School, including construction of additions to house new classrooms, new media center, gym stations and other educational and administrative spaces, renovation of building exteriors, roof replacement, refurbishment of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, grading or improvement of the sites and acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purposes for which such buildings, additions and improvements are to be used; and to construct an additional transportation fueling station, including grading or improvement of the site and acquisition of equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purposes of constructing the transportation fueling center, including the purchase and installation of new above ground tanks, purchase and installation of security fencing and fire suppression system, at a total aggregate estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$22,500,000 and to obtain the necessary funds by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the district to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax shall the district be authorized to issue up to \$22,500,000 maximum principal amount of obligations of the district.

## Voter Information

### Voter qualifications:

- U.S. citizen;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote; and
- Not under sentence for a felony conviction and not adjudged mentally incompetent.

**Registration Information:** If you are not registered to vote with the County or District, you must pre-register by October 13, 2016. The District is holding a special evening registration from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 5, 2016 at Cicero Elementary School and at the Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building (5355 West Taft Road) in North Syracuse. Residents may also register at the Administrative Office Building through October 13, 2016, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Absentee Ballots:** Qualified voters of the District may obtain absentee ballot applications from the Office of the District Clerk. The district clerk must receive completed applications no later than 5 p.m. on October 17, 2016 OR no later than 5 p.m. on October 11, 2016 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 5 p.m. on October 11, 2016 will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the District Clerk to receive an absentee ballot. Contact Connie A. Gibson, District Clerk, at 218-2131 for additional information about voting, registration and ballots.

## Why this referendum?

### KWS BEAR ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- The school building was constructed in 1958.
- Other than a small addition in 1965 and basic maintenance including roof work, the building has not been renovated since it was constructed 58 years ago.
- Current building layout does not facilitate a controlled single point of entry due to main office location across the hall from the entryway.
- Due to the building's age, the building is not energy efficient.
- The traffic pattern and parking lot does not allow for separation of bus and car traffic, which creates safety concerns and inefficiencies during arrival and dismissal of students.
- Building areas are not designed and located for the best use of space for instruction.

### TRANSPORTATION FUEL ISLAND:

- The current systems, equipment and tanks are approaching the end of their useful life.
- The new systems, equipment and tanks will meet the latest standards for security and environmental safety.
- New fueling station will allow for better traffic flow and improved utilization of the transportation complex.

## Tax Impact

### KWS Bear Road Elementary School Renovations and new fueling island

Renovate KWS Bear Road	\$ 20.90 Million
Transportation Fueling Station	\$ 1.60 Million
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$ 22.50 Million</b>

**Estimated Tax levy Increase = Less than 1% (0.9%)**  
**Estimated tax increase for a house valued at \$100,000 = \$21**