

CAPITAL PROJECT REFERENDUM December 17, 2019 – 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Come Grow with Us!

On December 17, our community will have the opportunity to vote on much needed renovations at Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School (KWS BRE) and the purchase of property adjacent to Cicero-North Syracuse (C-NS) High School.

In October of 2016, voters approved a \$22.5 million referendum, with \$21.4 million dedicated to the KWS BRE renovation. Due to bids coming in higher than expected, the project was halted so the District could work with its architects to reduce the project's scope and cost while achieving the primary objectives.

The current proposal preserves the most urgent, critical renovations from the October 2016 project, while cutting costs. In order to complete the project, bring the school up-to-date and provide a safer learning environment, the District is asking for an additional \$9 million (\$2.24 to be paid out of fund balance) for renovations. The \$6.76 million tax levy will have an estimated annual tax increase of approximately \$14 per \$100,000 of home value. More information about renovations to KWS BRE is available in a detailed presentation at www.nscsd.org/BREscope.

The purchase of land near C-NS is being proposed to provide expanded access for emergency responders, improved ability to evacuate the campus, and additional parking during special events (Special Olympics, State Track Meet, Festival of the Arts, etc.)

The purchase price of \$195,000 will have no tax impact as it is being paid out of the current operating budget.

Thank you for taking time to learn about these important proposals. I invite you to learn more online at www.nscsd.org and to attend a public hearing for these proposals on December 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building.



Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent of Schools

Current Areas of Concern at KWS Bear Road Elementary School

Separation of Bus & Car Traffic is Not Possible



Building is Not Energy Efficient and Not Designed for Effective Instruction



Revised Layout Addresses Building Deficiencies



- Bus loop with separate car parking lot and student drop off areas;
- Entrance and office in front of building with single point of entry;
- Properly sized kindergarten rooms, best use of instructional space, relocation of some classrooms to reduce noise levels, outdoor learning space/courtyard and grade-level small group activity areas;
- One handicap accessible toilet room for each grade level;
- Updated mechanical systems to achieve energy efficiency goals.

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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 61 years ago.
- Current building layout does not facilitate a secure, 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 student arrival and dismissal.
- Building areas are not designed or located for effective instruction.

LAND PURCHASE ADJACENT TO C-NS HIGH SCHOOL:

- The purchase price of \$195,000 will have **no tax impact** as it is being paid out of the current operating budget.
- Will provide additional entrance and exit to and from the campus in emergency situations.
- To be used for special events parking: Special Olympics, NYS Track Meet, Festival of the Arts and more.

Local Tax Impact

KWS Bear Road Elementary School Renovations

Total Cost to Renovate KWS Bear Road	\$	30.42 Mil
Less: Original Cost Approved by Voters on 10/18/16		
Excluding Fuel Island Project		-21.42 Mil
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Additional Project Cost Requiring Voter Approval	\$	9.00 Mil
Less: Appropriation from Fund Balance	\$	-2.24 Mil

Additional Project Cost Impacting Tax Levy \$ 6.76 Mil

Estimated Tax Levy Increase = Less than 1% (\$0.14/\$1,000)

Estimated Annual Tax Increase on Home Valued at \$100,000 = \$14

Referendum Public Information Meeting

December 3, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building
(5355 West Taft Rd., North Syracuse)

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 December 12, 2019. The district is holding a special evening registration from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on December 3 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 December 12, 2019, 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 4 p.m. on December 16, 2019 or no later than 4 p.m. on December 10 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4 p.m. on December 10, 2019 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 (315) 218-2131 for additional information about voting, registration and ballots.

Where Do I Vote?

For residents living
NORTH of 481

Cicero Elementary School
5979 Route 31
Cicero, NY

For residents living
SOUTH of 481

Administrative Office Building
5355 West Taft Road
North Syracuse, NY