



# Frankfort-Schuyler

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## CENTRAL SCHOOL

Capital Project Newsletter

January 2014

## Capital Improvement Proposal

Dear Resident:

On January 28, 2014, the Board of Education will ask for your support of a proposed \$7,528,950 capital improvement project. **78.8 percent** of this project will be funded by building aid. The project will result in a tax increase of **\$4.96** per year (for homes with a full value of \$100,000 and a STAR exemption.)

This project will continue the community's commitment to maintaining and improving our education facilities. These facilities represent one of the largest investments that can be made by a community. Maintaining these facilities is essential.

This newsletter contains information regarding the project. A discussion of the project will be held on January 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle-High School Auditorium. Please attend and learn more about the project.

Sincerely,

*Robert F. Reina*  
Superintendent of Schools

## Cost And Funding: Capital Improvement Project

Capital Improvement Costs:	\$7,528,950
TOTAL Cost of Project (including interest)	9,230,346
Estimated State Aid*	7,268,475
Local Share	1,961,871
Finance Term	15 years
Net Annual Average Cost	130,991
ANNUAL INCREASE PER HOUSEHOLD	4.96
(for a home with full value at \$100,000 with a STAR exemption)	

\*Estimated State Aid indicates District Building Aid

### The proposed project focuses upon three key areas:

- increased safety and security
- upgrading facilities
- improvement of instructional space

## FSCS Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide a positive learning environment in which students and staff will have the opportunity to experience success and become lifelong learners.

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## Frankfort-Schuyler Pride

### Let it Show

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Information will be  
available on our website:  
[www.frankfort-schuyler.org](http://www.frankfort-schuyler.org)

# Capital Project

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## Project Highlights

The proposed project focuses upon three key areas:

- Increased Safety and Security
- Upgrading Facilities
- Improvement of Instructional Space

Some of the specific items included in the proposal are as follows:

### MIDDLE-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Project Total \$1,866,150

- creation of a more secure main entrance
- re-sealing of the track
- improvements in the Middle-Senior High School Auditorium, including:
  - lighting
  - sound system
  - air conditioning

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Project Total \$5,662,800

- re-location and re-design of the elementary school parking lot
- re-design of the elementary school bus pick-up and drop-off area
- re-location of the elementary school office to the front of the building, enhancing visibility of the school front entrance and parking lot
- creation of a more secure main entrance to the elementary school
- re-location and renovation to the elementary school library
- addition of one elementary school playground, resulting in two playgrounds at the elementary school
- increased elementary school instructional space, including two computer labs and three classrooms
- return of the Pre-Kindergarten program to the elementary school
- replacement of the elementary school roof

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$7,528,950

## Project Cost

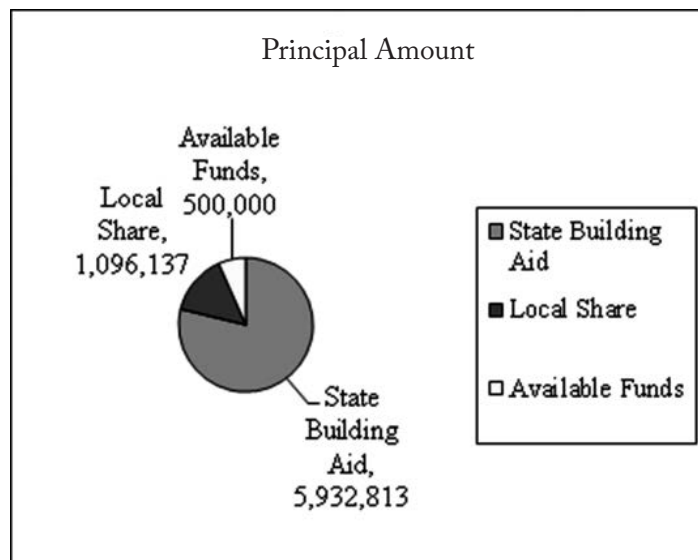
The \$7,528,950 building project will result in an approximate 0.36% tax increase, or less than one percent.

The proposed \$7.5 million building project for the Frankfort-Schuyler School district will result in a slight tax increase. The Board of Education and administration have carefully evaluated the impact this proposed building improvement project will have on residents and a great deal of time was spent reviewing the necessity of each aspect of the project.

The result of this careful planning is a comprehensive building project that provides for the future educational needs while being financially prudent and responsible.

### Project Funding Sources

As noted in the accompanying pie chart, the sources for funding this proposal include regular state building aid, available funds and local share. The project is financed with 15 year bonds.



# Questions & Answers

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1. What improvements in SAFETY and SECURITY are included in the project?
  - The elementary office will be relocated to the front of the building, facing the parking lot. This will allow enhanced observation of the front of the building and student drop-off and pick-up areas. The library will be re-located across the hall from its current location.
  - A more secure front doorway entrance will be installed.
  - A new parking lot will be constructed on the north side of the building, between the service road and the current playground area. This will result in the following:
    - Availability of additional parking
    - Re-location of the student drop-off area
    - A re-designed dedicated bus loop will be located in the front of the building.
    - These items will result in a safer and more efficient student drop-off and pick-up process.
  - An additional playground will be installed.
  - A more secure main entrance at the middle-senior high school will be installed.
2. Why does the track need to be re-surfaced?
  - The track was installed in 2002. Over the years it has “weathered” and cracks on the surface are becoming evident. The industry standard is to re-surface tracks, approximately, every ten years.
3. What repairs and/or renovations need to be done in the Middle-High School Auditorium?
  - In 2007 the auditorium seats were replaced and the floor resurfaced. The next planned auditorium renovation will include the following:
    - Removal of the current lighting control panel board and installation of a new one.  
Note: In recent years, the lighting control board has been repaired several times. Due to the age of the equipment, it is becoming much more difficult to find the required replacement parts.
    - Replacement of the stage “track-lighting.” As with the lighting control panel, this system has been replaced numerous times in the recent years. It, too, is an old system which needs to be replaced.
    - Installation of air-conditioning
    - Improvement of the sound system
4. Why do we need additional instructional space at the Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School?
  - The 2010-2011 enrollment in the Reese Road Elementary School was 310. The current (2013-2014) Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School enrollment is 443, an increase of 133 students since 2010-2011.
5. How will the additional instructional space be used?
  - The Pre-Kindergarten class will be relocated to the Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School.
  - Two rooms will be designated as additional special education classrooms.
  - There will be a designated art room.
  - There will be a room dedicated for music lessons
  - A room will be designated for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services.
  - Two designated computer labs will be made available
  - Three additional classrooms will be made available
6. What other facility items are addressed in the proposed project?
  - Items identified in the 2010 building conditions survey, including:
    - Removal of vinyl asbestos floor tile in the elementary school
    - Replacement of heating and ventilation equipment in the classrooms
    - Replacement of faucets, drinking fountains, and other plumbing fixtures
    - Repair areas of pavement around the Middle High School facilities
    - Replacement of Elementary School roof
7. How do we address the building condition survey items if the proposal is not approved?
  - These items will still need to be addressed; however, if they are done outside of a capital project, the district will not receive building aid on such items. Therefore, 100 percent of the cost of those building condition survey items will be local share.

## Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School Enrollment Data

The ACTUAL F-S Elementary School Enrollment (K-5), since 2011-2012, is as follows:

- 2011-2012: 480
- 2012-2013: 437
- 2013-2014: 443

The PROJECTED F-S Elementary School (K-5) enrollment is as follows:

- 2014-2015: 443
- 2015-2016: 455
- 2016-2017: 456
- 2017-2018: 468
- 2018-2019: 468

