



KENMORE-TOWN OF TONAWANDA SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROJECT: PHASE II

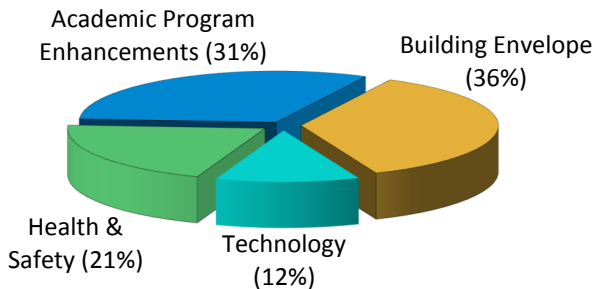
Phase II of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD Capital Project consists of two propositions: Proposition 1 and Proposition 2. **Proposition 2 cannot pass without approval for Proposition 1.** Voting takes place on **Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014** at Hoover Middle School from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

PROPOSITION 1:

Project Scope Highlights:

- Building envelope upgrades (e.g. doors, windows, masonry, roof)
- HVAC, Life Safety System upgrades
- Computer lab upgrades
- Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades for increased accessibility
- New gym/locker room addition at Ken-East
- New parking lot at Ken-East (on Fries Road)
- Locker replacements at Ken-West
- Additional room renovations at Ken-East and Ken-West
- New bus loops at Ken-West and Lindbergh Elementary
- Sewer system upgrade at Edison

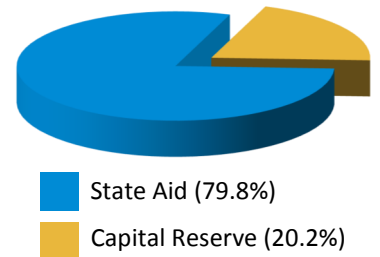
Breakdown by Function:



Breakdown by Location:

Edison Elementary	7%
Franklin Elementary	6%
Hoover Elementary	11%
Lindbergh Elementary	13%
Franklin Middle	11%
Hoover Middle	13%
Ken-East	25%
Ken-West	14%

Financial Plan:



Total Cost: \$29,890,000
State Aid: \$23,840,000
Local Share: \$ 6,050,000

**NO TAX
IMPACT**

PROPOSITION 2:

(Cannot pass without approval for Proposition 1)

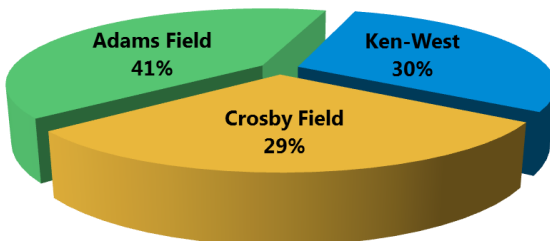
Project Scope Highlights (Athletics):

- Artificial turf
- Re-grading and re-sodding of practice fields
- Concessions, restrooms and seating

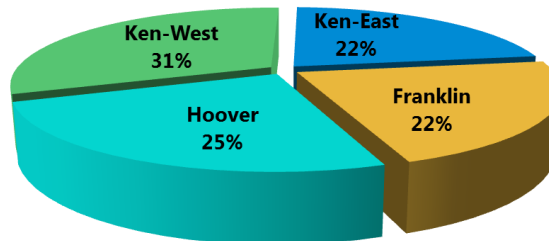
Project Scope Highlights (Auditoriums):

- Interior façade and seating
- Stages and control booths
- Sound systems, acoustics and lighting
- Projectors/screens

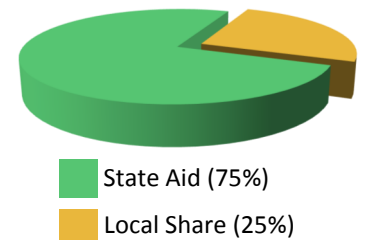
Athletics by Location:



Auditoriums by Location:



Financial Plan:



- Total Cost: \$21,671,000
- Financing totally from borrowing
- 75% reimbursed by state aid
- Tax rate increase of \$0.26/thousand

**COST TO \$100,000
MARKET VALUE HOUSE:
ABOUT \$1/MONTH**



SEE VOTER QUALIFICATIONS ON BACK SIDE

Public Meeting: 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1 at Hoover Middle School

Visit www.kenton.k12.ny.us for more information

PLEASE LEARN ABOUT THE PROJECT AND VOTE ON DEC. 9



CAPITAL PROJECT PHASE II: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why is the District having a bond vote?

- A. Ken-Ton Schools is committed to providing a safe learning environment and well-maintained facilities for students and public use. Just as one's home ages and needs upkeep and repairs to keep it in good shape, so too do our schools. Many routine repairs and projects are funded within the annual District budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost. Large repairs and educational upgrades, such as those included in Proposition 1, would have a major impact on the tax rate if included in the annual District budget. A bond issue is a fiscally responsible alternative, because the State reimburses Ken-Ton UFSD approximately 79.8% of the cost and the expense is spread out over a longer period of time.

Q. How were the project's components chosen?

- A. Every five years, all school districts are required by the State to have a certified architect review the condition of their buildings and grounds. In 2008, our architectural consultant, Gordon W. Jones Associates, examined Ken-Ton's facilities and "red flagged" a significant portion of renovations that were needed throughout the District. That became the basis of a multi-phased capital construction program. Phase One was undertaken following a successful community referendum vote in December 2009. Construction work on this initial phase will be complete in the next few months.

Planning for Phase Two started in 2013 with a detailed architectural review and became more focused when the District's consolidation plans were enacted in spring of 2014. This next phase would primarily include:

- 1) New and emerging priorities for preserving District buildings and necessary renovations that were not addressed in Phase 1 of the project
- 2) Renovation work defined in the most recent Building Conditions Survey that address safety concerns, code compliance, building envelope (roofs and exterior wall systems), academic program enhancements and District-wide instructional technology needs
- 3) Upgrades to the facilities that support arts and athletic education activities

Q. When will the work take place?

- A. It's expected that State Education Department's approval for the project will be received by late 2015 with the bulk of work starting in summer 2016. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in 2018-19.

Voter Qualifications & Information:

- Registered to vote by 5 days prior to Dec. 9, 2014
- U.S. Citizen, 18 years of age or older
- District resident for at least 30 days prior to Dec. 9, 2014
- Proof of citizenship, age, and residency required
- Absentee Ballots: Contact the District offices at 874-8400 to obtain an application for an absentee ballot. Applications must be received no later than 7 days prior to Dec. 9, 2014. Voters who already receive absentee ballots do not need to apply. Absentee ballots must arrive no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 9, 2014.

Q. What is the total cost of this proposed project and how will it affect my taxes?

- A. The total budget for Proposition 1 is \$29,890,000, to be financed by a combination of State Building Aid and the District's Capital Reserve Fund – a fund that is specifically in place for district capital construction projects. Proposition 1 results in NO TAX IMPACT to district residents and businesses.

The total budget for Proposition 2, which includes upgrades to the District's auditoriums and athletic fields, is \$21,617,000 to be financed by a combination of State Building Aid and Local Share. The Local Share portion of the financing is expected to result in \$.26/thousand increase to the tax levy. The result is expected to be about \$1/month on a \$100,000 market value house.

Q. Isn't State Aid just my tax dollars too?

- A. Yes, it is. However, this is an opportunity to keep some of those tax dollars in our own community, working to improve the educational setting for our children and the public. The New York State Legislature has given all Districts in the state an opportunity to use tax dollars to enhance their communities through school building improvements and renovations.

Q. In April, the District decided to consolidate school facilities to save money – why are we now spending money?

- A. It's true... Ken-Ton is consolidating facilities to save money. However, the money saved through consolidation will affect the annual operating costs of the District, while capital project money is separately funded. Each school building has infrastructure needs and educational programs that have been carefully planned to address facility needs on a long-term, capitalized basis. Many of these needs are addressed in this capital project.

Q. What if the referendum does not pass?

- A. Based on the age and condition of parts of our buildings, most renovations included in this project would still be necessary. If the referendum does not pass, the District would have to accomplish much of this work without the benefit of the State's Building Aid. Therefore, any renovation work would have to be funded within the annual District budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost.

Q. Where can I learn more about the project?

- A. The District has created a number of opportunities where you can learn about the project before making an informed decision on December 9th:
- The District's website: www.kenton.k12.ny.us
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/kentonufsd
 - Public meeting: Monday, December 1, at 7 p.m.
 - District events
 - Informational cards in school building lobbies
 - In the District newsletter – the SchoolGram – which will be mailed to households in late November
 - Call the Superintendent's office at (716) 874-8400
 - Email questions to capitalproject@kenton.k12.ny.us

Answers to additional questions will be posted on the website