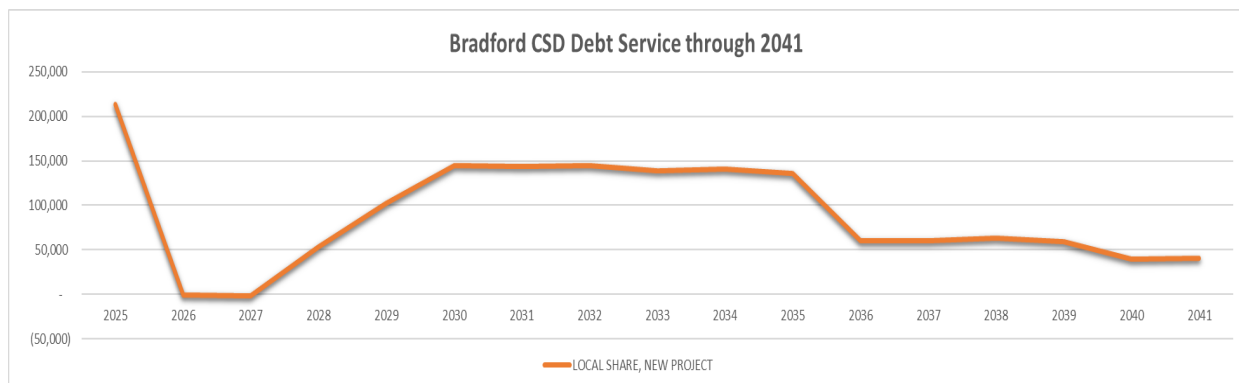


Dear BCS Community,

The Bradford Central School District has always been committed to both the children of this community and the community as a whole. We remain steadfast in our belief that the school district exists to provide a high quality education which will allow our students to be competitive in the world upon graduation from high school, as well as being a resource that can be used by the community to enhance the quality of life and provide opportunities for personal growth, enjoyment and a sense of pride.

In order to help ensure that our district can be everything we want it to be for our students and community, we are in the process of finalizing plans on a comprehensive capital building project. The scope of work to be performed in this project is based upon our New York State Education Department required 5-year Building Condition Survey. Key areas we intend to address include, ensuring the safety and security of students, enhancing educational quality, fostering a positive learning environment and addressing infrastructure needs.

In order for us to be able to achieve all our goals we have created a \$14.6 million capital construction project. While this figure may seem significant, it is very important to remember that our school district qualifies for 90% aid on building construction. If you apply the aid we will receive on this project, the local share for all work to be completed is less than \$1.5 million. As we have anticipated a need for ongoing capital improvements, we have been diligent in funding a Capital Construction Reserve for the past several years. Due to this planning, we are very excited and happy to share that between our building aid and the use of already existing reserve funds, **this project will result in no additional tax increase on our community.**

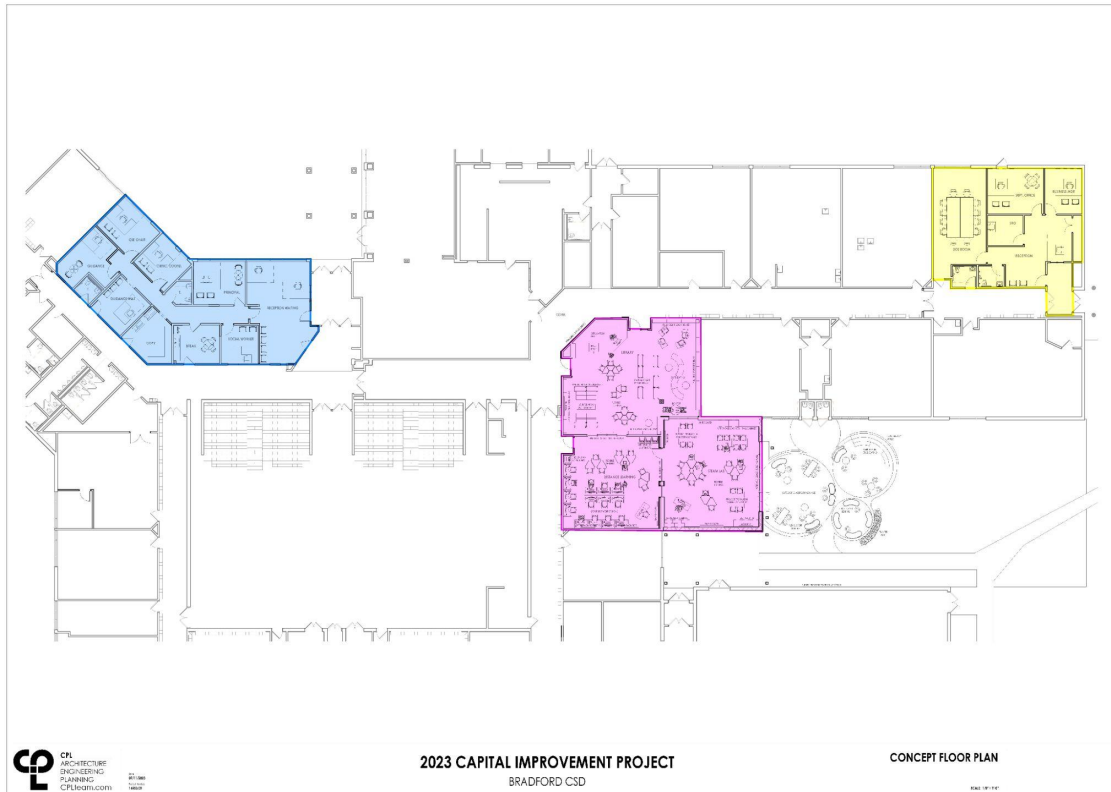


Listed below are some brief descriptions of various scopes of work within this project, as well as some renderings of what the school building will look like once the project has been completed. Please know the renderings may be different than the actual finished product.

- *Sitework at the Main Building to include sidewalk replacement, asphalt paving of parking lots, playground hardscape resurfacing, additional parking space created in the current*

grass island area to allow for visitor parking and improved traffic patterns. In addition, age appropriate playground equipment will be installed for our youngest students.

- *The Main office will be reconfigured to centralize offices in one area of the building, thereby increasing security for our students and staff, as well as convenience for guests.*



- *The District Office will be relocated to the east end of the building and have a direct entrance with a secure vestibule. The business official and district clerk will be housed in this area, along with the creation of a large conference room. The renovation will also include 2 toilet rooms for that end of the building.*
- *Other interior renovations will include door and secure hardware upgrades, main gymnasium upgrades to include backboard replacement, a new scoreboard and floor refinishing. The stage will receive caging to better secure recently purchased sound system equipment.*
- *The PA & Clock system will be upgraded along with digital displays throughout the building for emergency notification.*
- *New baseball and softball dugouts will be considered as an alternate if funds allow.*

- *A classroom in B-hallway will be converted into a buildings and grounds maintenance area with outside access.*
- *The current Guidance Office will be converted into two smaller office areas and an additional classroom.*
- *The secondary gym will receive floor finish upgrades.*
- *The cafeteria will receive finishing upgrades.*
- *A STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) lab will be added along with renovations to the library and distance learning lab.*



- *An exterior classroom with seating areas and canopy covers will be developed near the construction of the new STEAM addition.*



- *An existing adjacent classroom to the new STEAM addition will be renovated for elementary STEAM use.*



- *The fitness center will be expanded taking over two offices to allow for more fitness equipment.*
- *All corridors will receive a face lift with replacement of the ceilings along with new tile and graphics throughout.*



- *Renovations will also include HVAC upgrades throughout the building as well as related plumbing and electrical upgrades. Air conditioning will be provided throughout the facility.*
- *The Maintenance building will receive an additional work bay and heat, which will allow us to store and work on equipment and vehicles.*

- *The Bus Garage site work will include additional sidewalk around the building as well as asphalt upgrades at the parking lots. Interior renovations include trench drain replacements, overhead door replacement, bus lift replacement and roofing upgrades.*

We will be hosting an open meeting on **Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM** in order to share more details about this project with any interested community members. Present at this meeting will be members of the Board of Education, as well as architects from the firm of Clark, Patterson and Lee. We welcome your interest, input and questions, as this is a project not just for our school district, but the entire community. Additional community meetings will be scheduled throughout the fall. A final community vote authorizing we proceed with the project is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Yours in education,

John R. Marshall
Superintendent