



PIONEER CONNECT

March 2024

PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, YORKSHIRE, NY

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE IS MARCH 19

Pioneer School District voters will decide March 19 on two propositions related to capital projects.

The Board of Education approved the measures at its Jan. 16 regular meeting.

The proposed capital improvement measures would have a zero local tax impact.

Proposition 1 relates to additional funding needed to complete the 2022 Capital Project. Officials said that historic inflationary cost increases for labor and materials have resulted in the cost of the 2022 falling beyond the initial budget.

Voters approved the project in May 2022, and will be asked to authorize an \$8.1 million increase to the budget to complete heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) work at Delevan Elementary School. Costs will be covered through a combination of the district's Food Service Fund Balance (\$40,000) and the 2008 Capital Construction Reserve Fund (\$1.5 million), with the remainder to be financed and reimbursed through State Building Aid.

Proposition 2 is a new round of capital improvements related to safety, energy savings, and athletic fields totaling \$29 million. Some of the project highlights include:

- Safety and security measures at Pioneer High School, Pioneer Middle School and Arcade Elementary to include additional security cameras and door card access locations, door monitoring sensors, public address system upgrade, and new electrical switchgear
- Full window replacement at Pioneer Middle School and Arcade Elementary
- Middle school pool renovations to the ceiling, new acoustic treatments and lighting
- New student lockers at the Middle School
- Arcade Elementary second floor student lockers and construction of a new secure entrance vestibule

- Renovations to the high school in the District Office, Instructional Technology Services office, and IT server room.

- A new multipurpose turf field at the high school for baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey, and related infrastructure

For that project, the district would utilize \$1.6 million from the 2020 Capital Improvements Reserve and finance and be reimbursed through State Building Aid for the rest, officials said.

Voter qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must have lived in the Pioneer School District for a period of not less than 30 days prior to the day of the vote. You must show proof of residence at the polls.
- Must not be prohibited from voting under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law

PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022 Capital Project



Proposed Auditorium Renovation

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Part of the 2022 Capital Project that will begin over the summer is the renovation of George C. Crawford Auditorium at Pioneer High School, as seen in this architect's rendering.

EIGHT COMPLETE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS, GRADUATE EARLY

Eight members of the Pioneer High School Class of 2024 have said ‘goodbye for now’ to their classmates.

The students completed their diploma requirements early and were saluted in a brief ceremony January 18. They include Meygan Keesler, Michael Montalvo, Faith Weldon, Kaitlynn Draper, Myleigh Vickman, Klaire Bragg, Adeline Klein, and Lilliana Hanson.

Those who could attend enjoyed some pizza and a few last moments with Guidance Counselor John Krumpek and administrators. They are all invited back to walk the stage at Commencement on June 28.



From left: Kaitlynn Draper, Faith Weldon, Meygan Keesler, Michael Montalvo, Myleigh Vickman, Klaire Bragg. Missing from pic: Adeline Klein, Lilliana Hanson

READING IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT

The love of reading is evident even in the Delevan Elementary UPK classroom of Mrs. Katie Dryndas, where flashlight reading was a recent activity.



ARCADE PROJECT BENEFITS ST. JUDE'S

In January, the fourth graders at Arcade Elementary had the opportunity to use math to complete a service project for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. They worked hard collecting donations and solving math problems to raise money for St. Jude, which, not only helps kids and their families get needed care for serious illness, like cancer, but also helps with research and finding cures for these illnesses. They raised \$650 dollars for this amazing cause. Congratulations and great work!



PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL NAMES CLASS OF 2024 TOP 20 STUDENTS

On Feb. 13, Pioneer High School held an Appreciation Breakfast for its Top 20 Class of 2024 Academic Performers. Congratulations to all!

“These students represent the best and brightest among our senior class as they approach graduation on June 28,” said Joseph Cappadonia, acting high school principal.

The students are pictured as follows:

Front Row: Addison Vacinek, Samantha Shaver, Hannah Forster, Olivia Clouse, Cameron Marrs, Messina Maul.

Back Row: Morgan Mucha, Emma Morgan, Sarah



Morris, Delaney Petri, McKenzie Marcheson, Chloe Phetteplace, Cole Rhodus,

Makenna Chandler. Not pictured: Gavin Lacy, Helen Schneider, McKenzie

Hunsberger, Landon Schultz, Theresa Kolasny, Logan Papke.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



Oliver Stanbro, Alex Rupp

7th grade percussionists Oliver Stanbro and Alex Rupp have been chosen to participate in the Erie County All-County Junior High Band. This elite ensemble is made up of 7th-9th graders from throughout Erie County. Students auditioned at a solo festival in January and were selected based on their performance.

9th grader London Kinmartin also was selected for Junior High Band. London earned the distinction of first chair flutist, a very high honor.

Lillian Moore, 10th grade French horn player, was selected for Erie County's Senior All-High Band, which performed during March at University of Buffalo.



London Kinmartin, Lillian Moore

STATE FFA EVENT SPOTLIGHTS TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The FFA's State Leaders' Experience (Feb. 5-6) is intended for elite student leaders interested in learning more about advocacy and how they can still have an impact on agriculture, agricultural education and FFA.

Action-packed with an overnight stay just a quick walk from the Capitol building, FFA members participating in the State Leaders' Experience connect with legislators, agricultural leaders and top FFA members from across the state!

Representing Pioneer were Blake Neamon, left, Chloe Phetteplace, Lexie Phetteplace and Adam Romance



100 DAYS DOWN



Delevan Elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school on Feb. 14, in the midst of St. Valentine's Day parties and getting ready for mid-winter recess.

READING CHALLENGE HAS WILD THEME

Delevan Elementary is ready for another reading challenge to keep students motivated during the month of March.

This year their reading challenge theme is: WILD ABOUT READING! Reading challenges are a great way to read more books, read different books, and connect with new ideas and experiences.

Throughout the month students will be reading to meet classroom goals, as well as participating in a school-wide reading challenge. The school kicked off the reading challenge on Feb. 28.

To track the grade level progress, the school will have a hallway display

with grade-level "Jungle Animals and Trees". As the students continue to read, each grade's animal will climb to the top of the tree! If each grade reaches their specific goal or tree top by the end of the challenge, they will be reward with a visit from the Buffalo Zoo Mobile.



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**FIFTH GRADERS EXPLORE
 3D PRINTING**

Students in Mrs. Jenna Driver's fifth grade Enrichment class spent the month of February learning the ins and outs of three-dimensional (3D) printing.

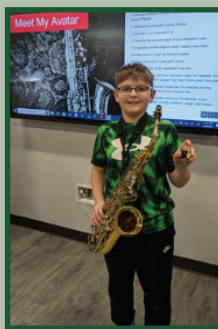
Using TinkerCAD, an application for 3D designs, electronics, and coding, students created miniature models of themselves. The process began with the students completing tutorials to learn the program, followed by learning how to design models.

Next, students sketched their design on graph paper before

bringing their creations to life in TinkerCAD. Once printed, students colored their models and presented them to the class.

Several students are pictured with their mini 3D printed models.

Brycen George's 3D All About Me Presentation



Back row (left to right): Brycen George, Kate Marrs, Kennedy Burton, Camryn Edwards, Joey Roche Jr.

Front row: Brynlee Bockhahn, Haylee Wickett, Raena Beechler, Zachary Raley Jr.

**PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES
 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
 (CTE) MONTH**

February was Career and Technical Education (CTE) month. This month is a celebration of the role that CTE has in readying students for college and career success.

CTE classes help teach skills students will use in their life outside of school, whether that means attending college, trade school, or working directly after high school. Students with associate's degrees in Career Tech can make up to \$10,000 more per year than other fields.

Students at Pioneer Middle School receive a comprehensive CTE program through participation in:

- Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) taught by Mrs. Lindsey LoBianco and Mrs. Jody Zacaroli
- Technology Education

taught by Mr. Tom Root and Mr. Chris Tackett

- Computers/Business taught by Mrs. Melissa Girdlestone

Great things are happening in these classrooms throughout the school year!



Layla Bradley-Lyon and Nolan Cooper following a recipe for French Toast Sticks during their Food Truck Challenge project in FACS.