



ROME

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2019-20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On Wednesday, December 18th the Rome community will vote on a \$14,231,055 Capital Improvement Project that would include significant maintenance concerns at RFA (roof, flashing and general maintenance), the artificial turf and track at the stadium, an Energy Performance Contract for elementary schools to improve infrastructure items that will produce an energy savings to the district, and for the establishment of a Capital Reserve so that the district can begin to save money for future projects (to be used to offset any potential tax increase).

Tax impact on a household is 0%.

REFERENDUM

The Rome City School District is proposing significant improvements at RFA and the stadium:

- New roofing at RFA.
- Installation of flashing along the façade of the building, to prevent roof and ceiling leaks at RFA.
- Electrical system upgrades, not covered under Energy Performance Contract (EPC), and general maintenance at RFA.
- Replacement of HVAC failing connectors and couplings in the lines of the system at RFA.
- Replacement of the track and artificial turf at the RFA Stadium.
- The EPC phase II covers the issues at RFA mentioned previously, as well as, conversion to LED lighting, HVAC issues, building envelope issues (insulation), boilers, some windows, and other general improvements that will reduce energy costs in our elementary schools.



ON THE BALLOT

Proposition 1:

Authorizes the Board of Education to undertake a \$14,231,055 Capital Improvement Project of repairs and renovations to the field turf and track at RFA stadium and at the high school, as well as the Energy Performance Contract Phase II.

Proposition 2:

Establishment of a Capital Reserve.



Tented area of flashing pulling away



AREAS OF CONCERN



Mechanical Room/Piping at RFA



Ceilings at RFA



Piping at RFA



Leaks in the pool area of RFA



Hallway ceiling at RFA



Leaking roof near the HVAC unit in the RFA gym.



Artificial Turf and Track at RFA Stadium

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

YEARLY PAYMENTS

Capital Project	\$ 81,642
Energy Performance Contract	\$ 66,421
Total	\$148,063

AVERAGE YEARLY ENERGY SAVINGS

\$224,633

YEARLY BUDGET IMPACT

\$-76,570

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Yearly Payments Minus
Average Yearly Energy Savings!

15 YEAR CUMULATIVE FINANCES

Energy Savings	\$3,222,983
Bond Payments	\$2,220,945
Total Budget Savings	\$1,002,038

CAPITAL PROJECT Q&A

Q Why is the work needed?

A There are significant needs at the high school that need to be addressed and ongoing issues with the track and field at the stadium. Without a new track/field, we will no longer be able to host events for our kids. The Energy Performance Contract at the elementary schools will improve mechanical systems and provide lighting upgrades, all producing an energy savings at the district.

Q How does this project benefit the community?

A This project benefits the community by improving our building infrastructures to ensure that major maintenance issues don't continue to surface, while providing an overall yearly budget savings to the district.

Q What are the estimated project costs?

A The total combined cost of the capital project proposition is \$14,231,055. (see propositions front page). The work included in proposition 1 will be paid using a combination of state aid funding, the Energy Performance Contract and general fund of the district budget.

Q What is the tax impact?

A The recognized energy cost savings per year is greater than the necessary bond payments per year for this project. **This means the net tax impact on a household is 0%.**

Q What is the Project Timeline?

A If successful, work on the track and field would begin as soon as possible, with the goal of having a new turf for the fall of 2020, and a new track for the spring of 2021. Energy Performance Contract work would also commence during the summer/fall of 2020, while the RFA work would begin no later than the summer of 2021. It would be anticipated to have all the work completed by the opening of school in 2022.

COMMUNITY FORUMS



Do you have questions about the Capital Project?

Please consider attending one of these informational meetings:

RFA - Small Auditorium
95 Dart Circle

December 3, 2019 - 6 p.m.

December 16, 2019 - 6 p.m.

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE



You are eligible to vote if you are at least 18 years old and have lived in the school district at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Wednesday, December 18
9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

POLLING LOCATIONS:

- 1st and 2nd Ward: Staley Elementary School - 620 E. Bloomfield St.
- 3rd Ward: Lobby at City Hall 198 N. Washington St.
- 4th Ward: Gansevoort School 758 W. Liberty St.
- 5th Ward: Strough Middle School 801 Laurel Street
- 6th Ward: St. Paul's Catholic Church 1807 Bedford St.
- 7th Ward: Copper City Community Connection 305 E. Locust St.
- 8th and 9th Ward: Stokes School 9095 Turin Rd.
- 10th Ward: Westernville Library 9172 Main St, Westernville.

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