

South Lewis Central School District

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Dear South Lewis Community:

We hope this communication finds you well. We are writing to inform you that on August 22nd the South Lewis Board of Education approved holding a vote on a Capital Improvement Project referendum. The vote has been scheduled for Thursday, October 12th from Noon to 8:00 PM at the South Lewis Auditorium. **The total project cost will be \$28,995,900. The project will have a zero (0%) tax impact on the local taxpayer. All funding for the project will be covered by State Aid (approximately 85%) and a \$5.2 million District Capital Project Reserve.**

Over the past year the District has spent a great deal of time reviewing the facility conditions and the educational needs of our students, staff and community. We have reviewed our 5-Year Building Conditions Survey, held meetings with internal stakeholder groups, and conducted a Public Hearing in March. This study and review has led to the conclusion that there is a need for a Capital Improvement Project.

This project will focus nearly exclusively on renovations and improvements to the original building, original parking lot, stadium field, and bus garage. The original side of the campus has equipment, mechanicals and other aspects that are fast approaching end of life and are in need of replacement or repair (e.g. parking lot, bus lifts, cooler/freezer, boilers, air handlers, windows, etc.) and educational spaces that need upgrades or renovations (Greenhouse, Home & Career classroom, Science Labs, etc.). Many improvements will also have health, safety and energy efficiency benefits.

It is the intent of the Board of Education to be as open and transparent as possible throughout the entire process. In the weeks leading up to the vote, we will be undertaking a Public Campaign to educate, inform and engage the voters and community of South Lewis. This will include mailings, social media and website postings and communications, and media interviews. We will also hold a Public Hearing on the Capital Improvement Project on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 PM in the South Lewis Auditorium. Through this public campaign, specific details about the renovations and improvements will be shared and reviewed. Additionally, we have already scheduled several meetings with local community groups (see reverse side). If a group you are involved in, or a group that you are aware of, would like us to attend a meeting, we would welcome and appreciate the opportunity. I can be reached at 315-348-2500 or dpremo@southlewis.org.

This Capital Improvement Project is important for the future of South Lewis Central Schools and our community. Your vote matters! We encourage you to become educated, engaged and involved in this process.

Sincerely,



Douglas Premo
Superintendent of Schools

South Lewis CSD

Capital Improvement Project Education/Awareness Meetings

October 12, 2023 Vote
Noon – 8:00 PM
South Lewis Auditorium

\$28,995,900
0% Tax Impact
(85% State Aid; \$5.2 million Capital Reserve)

As of 8/23/23

GROUP	DATE-LOCATION-TIME
Brantingham Community Association	Saturday 8/26 @ 10:00 AM (@ Brantingham Golf Club)
Lewis County Board of Legislators	Tuesday 9/5 @ 5:00 PM (@ Lewis County Court House)
Lyons Falls Fire	Thursday 9/7 @ 7:00 PM (@ LF Fire Hall)
South Lewis Lion's Club	Monday 9/11 @ 6:00 PM (@ RVI)
Port Leyden Fire	Monday 9/11 @ 7:00 PM (@ PL Fire Hal)
Lyons Fall Alive	Wednesday 9/13 @ 5:00 PM (@ LF Fire Hall)
Turin Fire	Thursday 9/14 @ 7:00 PM (@ Turin Fire Hall)
Constableville Fire	Thursday 9/14 @ 7:45 PM (@ CV Fire Hall)
South Lewis CSD Faculty/Staff	Tuesday 9/19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:45 PM – B&G, Trans & FS (@ SL Auditorium) • 3:00 PM – ALL Faculty/Staff (@ SL Auditorium)
Village of Port Leyden	Tuesday 9/19 @ 6:00 PM (@ PL Village Building)
Town of Greig	Wednesday 9/20 @ 6:00 PM (@ Town of Greig Building)
3G Fire	Monday 10/2 @ 6:00 PM (@ GF Fire Hall)
South Lewis CSD - PUBLIC HEARING	Tuesday – 10/3 @ 6:30 PM (@ SL Auditorium)