



NORTH KINGSTOWN

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Capital Improvement Projects — Community Update

INVESTING IN OUR SCHOOLS | INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY | SEPTEMBER 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

When our community came together in November 2024 to approve the North Kingstown School Bond, it was a powerful statement of shared values — a commitment to the belief that every child in our district deserves to learn in a building that is safe, modern, and inspiring. That vote of confidence has not been taken lightly, and I want to take this opportunity to give you a full, honest, and transparent accounting of where we are today.

A great deal has happened in the nearly two years since the bond passed. Plans have evolved, architectural and engineering designs have advanced, and our projects have moved through the Rhode Island Department of Education's School Building Authority review and approval process: Stage I, Stage II, and Stage III. Some elements of the original bond proposal have been refined; others have been updated based on expert architectural recommendations, regulatory guidance, and responsible stewardship of our community's investment. In all cases, our decisions have been made with a single goal in mind: to deliver the best possible facilities for the students and families of North Kingstown.

This communication is intended to give you a clear picture of what was originally proposed, what has been approved, what has changed, and why — and to share the exciting progress that is already underway across our district.

These capital improvement projects are not just about maintaining our buildings. They are about ensuring that every child in our district has the opportunity to learn in a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment. Quality facilities are a critical component of educational success — and they reflect our community's commitment to the future.

OUR INVESTMENT: THE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET

The North Kingstown School Department has identified a total capital facilities investment of approximately \$141.45 million. This budget is funded through two sources:

- **School Bond (approved November 2024):** \$137,200,000
- **Revolving Funds:** \$4,253,470
- **Total Project Budget:** \$141,453,470



Within this total investment, the budget is allocated across two major categories of work:

- **District-Wide Capital Improvement Projects (CIP):** Approximately \$68.96 million — covering all eight school buildings, including 5 elementary schools, the Early Learning Center, Davisville Middle School, and North Kingstown High School.
- **New Wickford Middle School:** Approximately \$72.49 million — covering the construction of a brand-new, 21st-century middle school facility on the current Wickford Middle School property.

Please Note: *These amounts represent early-stage project budgets and will continue to be refined as design, bidding, and construction progress. The School Department is committed to transparent reporting on budget status throughout the life of all projects.*

OUR VISION: TWO STRONG MIDDLE SCHOOLS FOR NORTH KINGSTOWN

It is the vision of the North Kingstown School Department to maintain two thriving middle schools in our community — and that vision has not changed. Both Davisville Middle School and the new Wickford Middle School are at the heart of our capital improvement plan, and both will receive the significant investments they need to serve our students well into the future.

New Wickford Middle School

The plan for the new Wickford Middle School is one of the most exciting elements of our capital program. The new school will be built on the current Wickford Middle School property — specifically on the current athletic fields. Once construction is complete and the new building is open, the site of the existing school will be repurposed for new athletic fields. This phased approach allows construction to proceed while students remain in their current building.

The redesigned Wickford Middle School will be a 3-story academic wing of approximately 77,500 gross square feet — a design that has been recommended by the RI Department of Education School Building Authority as well-suited to the school's grade 6–8 configuration and team-teaching approach. Key features of the new school include:

- Net Zero Energy (NZE) ready — designed to be an energy-efficient building that also serves as a hands-on learning lab for sustainability, data collection, and environmental stewardship; 85% of the energy use will be electric, including air-source heating pumps. The rooftop will be PV-ready.
- 21st Century learning spaces designed for collaboration, creativity, and flexible instruction
- A dedicated Media Center and Technology/STEM Lab
- Designated studios for Choral, Music, and Art programs



One change to note from the original bond proposal: due to budgetary constraints and design evolution, the new Wickford Middle School will not include geothermal heating. The project team continues to explore cost-effective, sustainable alternatives within our budget.

The following add alternates are also being considered as part of the Wickford Middle School project, subject to budget availability: Athletic fields are not simply an amenity — they are an essential part of the educational experience for every middle school student in North Kingstown. Participation in physical activity, team sports, and outdoor recreation is directly connected to student health, well-being, and academic success. As we move through the design and construction process, the School Department is actively committed to identifying savings within the Wickford Middle School project budget to fund the athletic fields our students deserve. Additional add alternates will continue to be evaluated through the construction process, and pricing below is still preliminary.

- **Baseball and Multi-Use Field:** \$2,084,904
- **Existing Softball Field Improvements:** \$291,909
- **Theater Equipment, Theatrical Lighting, and Stage Curtain:** \$432,800

Davisville Middle School

Davisville Middle School will receive a comprehensive package of renovations that will transform key spaces throughout the building, improve accessibility and safety, and modernize the learning environment for students and staff. The approved scope of work includes:

- New main entry canopy and renovated entry lobby — creating a welcoming, secure, and professional first impression
- Renovated main office, nurse's suite, and a new guidance suite
- A new 21st Century Media Center
- Renovated restrooms
- New student lockers on the first floor
- Removal of existing operable classroom partitions and installation of permanent walls
- Accessible classroom doors
- A new fire protection system
- Limited site accessibility improvements
- Limited HVAC, furniture, and equipment upgrades in renovated areas
- Limited code compliance improvements
- Interior repainting of the entire building

The following improvements are also being considered as add alternates for Davisville Middle School:

- **Add Alternate No. 1:** 7th and 8th Grade Science Lab Renovations
- **Add Alternate No. 2:** STEAM and Classroom Wing Renovations



Together, these projects will bring parity in the quality of facilities between our two middle schools — ensuring that students at both Davisville and Wickford have access to modern, safe, and inspiring learning environments.

DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Our District-Wide Capital Improvement Projects touch every school building in North Kingstown. These investments address long-deferred maintenance, modernize critical building systems, and create new spaces that better support teaching and learning for all students. The approved scope of work across our elementary schools and the Early Learning Center includes:

- **New Media Centers:** Every elementary school will receive a brand new, modern Media Center with updated mechanical/HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and furniture and equipment — transforming these spaces into vibrant hubs of research, technology, and literacy.
- **Secure Entry Vestibules:** All elementary schools and the Early Learning Center will receive new secure entry vestibules, significantly enhancing the safety and security of our buildings for students, staff, and visitors.
- **New Roof Recover:** All elementary schools and the Early Learning Center will receive a new roof recover — a critical investment in the long-term integrity of our building envelopes.
- **Gym Divider Replacement:** Hamilton, Quidnessett, and Stony Lane Elementary Schools will receive new gymnasium dividers.
- **Site Accessibility Improvements:** All buildings will receive limited site accessibility improvements to better serve students, families, and community members with disabilities.
- **Code Improvements:** All buildings will receive limited code compliance improvements.
- **Water Bottle Filling Stations:** Water bottle filling stations have already been installed in all nine NKSD school buildings — a project that has been completed and is in use by students and staff right now.

Please Note: An important update regarding classroom walls: The original 2024 bond proposal included the addition of classroom walls at Stony Lane, Quidnessett, and Fishing Cove Elementary Schools. After careful architectural and engineering review, these additions are not included in the current approved scope. Adding walls in those buildings required significant additional mechanical, HVAC, and structural design work that placed these modifications outside our total project budget. We will continue to evaluate opportunities to address these needs of these schools through our ongoing Capital Improvement Program in future years.

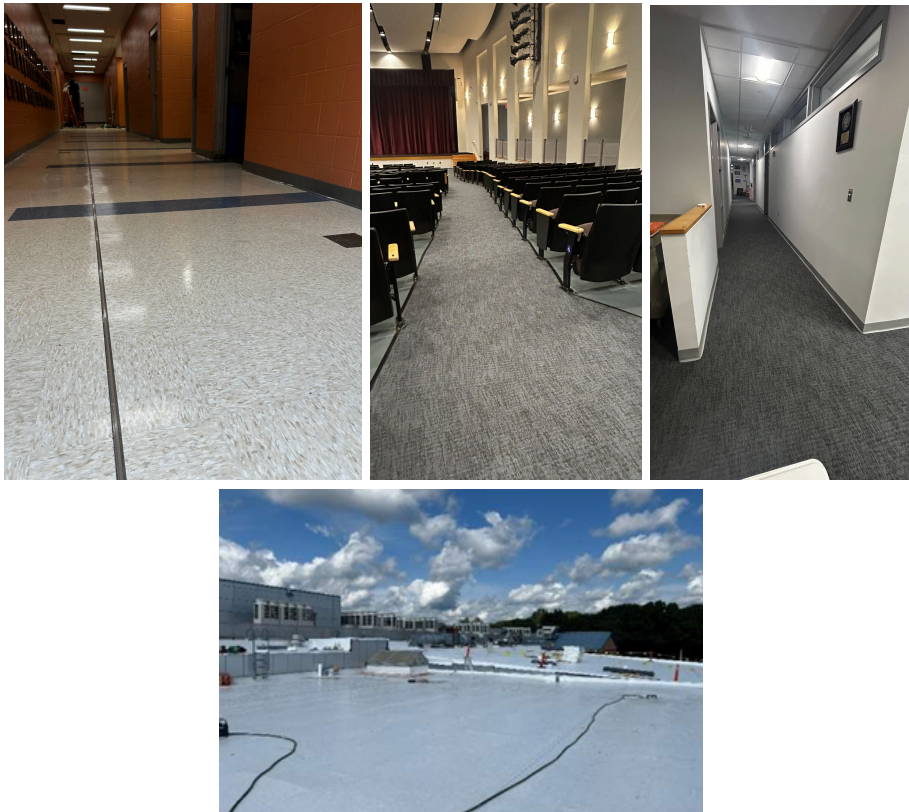


NORTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL — PROGRESS ALREADY UNDERWAY

While our larger construction projects move through the RIDE approval process, significant work has already been completed at North Kingstown High School this past summer — and our students and staff returned to a noticeably improved building for the 2026–2027 school year.

- **New Roof:** A new roof was installed over the auditorium and gymnasium side of the building — a critical investment that protects these large-assembly spaces and the systems below them.
- **New Flooring and Carpeting:** Interior flooring and carpeting were replaced in the main office, guidance suite, music room, auditorium, and the hallway section near the back gymnasiums — giving these high-traffic spaces a fresh, professional look and feel.
- **Water Bottle Filling Stations:** New water bottle filling stations were installed, providing students and staff with convenient access to clean, filtered water throughout the building.

These improvements were made possible through the school bond, and they are just the beginning of the investment our high school community will see over the coming years.





SIDE-BY-SIDE: 2024 BOND PROPOSAL VS. 2026 RIDE-APPROVED PLAN

The following table provides a direct comparison of what was originally proposed in the 2024 school bond and what has been approved through the NK Building Advisory Committee, NK School Committee, and RIDE School Building Authority process in 2026. This comparison reflects the natural evolution of complex capital projects — from initial proposals to detailed designs refined by architects, engineers, and regulatory partners.

Project Area	2024 Bond Proposal	2026 RIDE-Approved Plan
New Wickford Middle School	79,500 sq ft Net Zero building Geothermal heating Solar PV 21st Century learning spaces Media Center & Tech/STEM Lab Choral, Music & Art studios	77,500 sq ft (approx.) Net Zero Energy (NZE) ready, air source heat pumps, Solar PV as Add Alternate No geothermal (budgetary) 3-story academic wing 21st Century learning spaces Media Center & Tech/STEM Lab Choral, Music & Art studios ADD ALTERNATES: Baseball/multi-field (\$2.08M), softball improvements (\$292K), theater equipment (\$433K)
Davisville Middle School	21st Century Library Media Classroom Offices for Social Worker, Psychologist & SAC Plumbing & bathroom upgrades Water filling stations New student lockers Permanent classroom walls New Conference Room HVAC upgrades with cooling (AC) ADA compliance upgrades	New main entry canopy Renovated entry lobby Renovated main office, nurse's suite & new guidance suite New 21st Century Media Center Renovated restrooms New student lockers (1st floor) Permanent classroom walls Accessible classroom doors New fire protection system Site accessibility improvements Limited HVAC, furniture & equipment Interior repainting (entire building) Limited code improvements ADD ALTERNATES: 7th & 8th grade science lab renovations; STEAM & classroom wing renovations
Elementary Schools (All Buildings)	Roof replacements HVAC upgrades Security vestibules (Fishing Cove, Hamilton, Quidnessett, Stony Lane) ADA upgrades (multiple schools)	Roof Replacements (all elementary schools & ELC) New Media Centers (all elementary schools) Secure entry vestibules (all elementary schools & ELC)



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Project Area	2024 Bond Proposal	2026 RIDE-Approved Plan
	Fire alarm replacement (Forest Park) Plumbing & bathroom upgrades (Fishing Cove, Forest Park, Hamilton) Water bottle filling stations New classroom walls (Stony Lane, Quidnessett, Fishing Cove)	Gym divider replacement (Hamilton, Quidnessett, Stony Lane) Site accessibility improvements (all buildings) Code improvements (all buildings) Water bottle filling stations (all buildings) NOTE: Classroom walls at Stony Lane, Quidnessett & Fishing Cove removed from scope due to architectural, engineering & budgetary constraints
North Kingstown High School	HVAC upgrades Water filling stations	New roof over auditorium & gymnasium includes HVAC (completed Summer 2026) New carpets & flooring — main office, guidance, music room, auditorium, back gym hallway (completed Summer 2026) Water bottle filling stations (completed)
Davisville Academy/Early Learning Center (ELC)	HVAC upgrades Security vestibule New boiler Water filling stations	Secure entry vestibule New roof Site accessibility improvements Code improvements Water bottle filling stations
Total Budget	School Bond: \$137,200,000	School Bond: \$137,200,000 Revolving Funds: \$4,253,470 TOTAL: \$141,453,470 (\$68.96M — District-wide CIP \$72.49M — New Wickford Middle School)



LOOKING AHEAD — OUR COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY

The North Kingstown School Department is proud of the progress we have made and deeply grateful for the community support that has made this investment possible. These projects represent a once-in-a-generation commitment to the places where our children learn, grow, and build the skills they will carry with them for a lifetime. We have worked hard to collaborate and engage with staff at the building level, learning and architectural design experts, and community members who serve on the School Building Advisory Committee to gather feedback and make informed decisions about the buildings to create a dynamic learning experience that is well suited for students and staff.

As our projects move through design, bidding, and eventually construction, we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. Capital construction is a complex and dynamic process — timelines shift, details evolve, and decisions are made based on the best available information at each stage. What will not change is our commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and delivering projects that our students and community deserve.

We are building more than schools — we are building the foundation for the next generation of North Kingstown students. Thank you for your continued trust, your engagement, and your investment in our community's future.

Stay Informed — Three Ways to Follow Our Progress

We encourage every member of our community to stay connected to this work. There are three primary ways to stay up to date on all North Kingstown School Capital Improvement Projects:

- **Attend or Watch SBAC Meetings:** The North Kingstown School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) meets regularly to review and discuss all aspects of the capital program. Meetings are open to the public, and recordings are available for those who cannot attend in person.
- **Attend or Watch School Committee Meetings:** The North Kingstown School Committee receives regular updates on capital projects at its monthly meetings. Meetings are open to the public and can be watched live or on-demand.
- **Visit the Capital Improvement Projects Website:** The district maintains a dedicated, regularly updated website with project information, meeting materials, architectural updates, and more.

Capital Improvement Projects Website:

<https://www.nksd.net/page/district-capital-improvement-projects>

Public Forum Scheduled for October 22, 2026

***Please attend our Public Forum on District Capital Improvement Projects
scheduled for October 22nd at North Kingstown High School
starting at 6:00 pm.***



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9 PROJECTS. ONE STRONGER NKSD.

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Project schedules are updated regularly as construction progresses.
This graphic reflects the current implementation plan.



SAFER SCHOOLS

Enhancing safety
and security
across our
facilities.



BETTER LEARNING

Creating modern,
inspiring spaces
for every student
to thrive.



STRONGER COMMUNITY

Building facilities
that support
our schools and
our community.



RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

Good stewardship
today for a better
tomorrow.

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NK HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

IN PROGRESS – SUMMER 2026

- Replacing the roof to protect our building and extend its lifespan.

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WICKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEW CONSTRUCTION

BREAKS GROUND FALL 2026

- Building a new middle school designed for modern learning and community connection.
- Anticipated occupancy: 2028–29 school year.

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DAVISVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER PROJECTS

STARTING SUMMER 2027

- Roof Replacement – Summer 2027
- Security Vestibule – Summer 2028
- Office & Accessibility Upgrades – Summer 2029

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DAVISVILLE ACADEMY & NK EARLY LEARNING CENTER

SUMMER 2027

- Roof Replacement
- Security Vestibule

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HAMILTON ELEMENTARY STABILIZATION

SUMMER 2027

- Roof Replacement
- Media Center Upgrade
- Security Vestibule

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QUIDNESSETT ELEMENTARY STABILIZATION

SUMMER 2027

- Roof Replacement
- Media Center Upgrade
- Security Vestibule

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FISHING COVE ELEMENTARY STABILIZATION

SUMMER 2028

- Roof Replacement
- Media Center Upgrade
- Security Vestibule

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FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY STABILIZATION

SUMMER 2028

- Roof Replacement
- Media Center Upgrade
- Security Vestibule

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STONY LANE ELEMENTARY STABILIZATION

SUMMER 2028

- Roof Replacement
- Media Center Upgrade
- Security Vestibule



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inspiring schools where every student can thrive.

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