

Frequently Asked Questions

What is BOCES and how does it work?

The Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) are public organizations created by the New York State Legislature in 1948 as a way for local school districts to collaborate on educational offerings while reducing their individual expenses. New York State's 37 BOCES are incubators of innovation, continually developing new programs and services for students to meet the workforce development needs of the region. Genesee Valley BOCES operates two main student campuses and multiple satellite locations to serve the 19,500 students from 22 component school districts. Genesee Valley BOCES has a stellar reputation built upon the work of the educators and support staff who serve students and adults throughout the region. This commitment, passion, and dedication have created a conduit through which our services have been delivered and continue to grow.

Why does Genesee Valley BOCES need a capital project?

Since the merger in 1997, Genesee Valley BOCES has had only one capital project, and that was 20 years ago. In 2024, Genesee Valley BOCES completed the New York State-mandated building condition survey (BCS), which highlighted a number of areas requiring attention. We are committed to providing students from our component districts with safe and healthy learning environments that meet their diverse academic needs and will position them for future success. Our student offerings and demand have continued to grow over the years, requiring expansion of our facilities in order to allow our shared services to continue meeting today's educational standards. In addition to academic space expansion at our Batavia and Mount Morris campuses, this project would address critical health and safety needs, infrastructure improvements, asset preservation, and energy efficiencies at our buildings that will yield annual cost savings in the future.

Why have a capital project now?

Career and Technical Education enrollment is up 32% over the last 10+ years, attracting approximately 45% of all eligible Juniors and Seniors in the Genesee Valley BOCES Region. Our facilities and program offerings require renovations and expansion to meet this increasing demand. In addition, many of our mechanical systems, such as HVAC, boilers, etc., are either at the end of their useful lives or, in a best-case scenario, are at the end of their warranties. Construction costs will never be less than they are

today. BOCES has no taxing authority, has minimal opportunities to create reserve funds, and must return any operating surplus to its component school districts. Our last project, which was initiated in 2005-2006, will be paid in full within the next 12 months. Now is the ideal time and opportunity to address our program needs, avoid further deterioration to our facilities, and minimize the cost to accomplish them.

Who benefits from the project?

Approximately 1,700 school-age students attend Genesee Valley BOCES every day, making BOCES the second largest school district in the Genesee Valley BOCES Region. In addition to school-age students, the Genesee Valley Adult Education department served more than 500 adults in the last year. Services that the BOCES provides include:

- Career and technical education
- Alternative and special education
- Student support services
- Adult education for retraining and employment support

In addition, more than 1,800 professional educators have relied on the Genesee Valley BOCES School Improvement Department for professional learning and training.

Which component districts does Genesee Valley BOCES serve and represent?

Genesee Valley BOCES represents and serves the following component school districts:

- Alexander Central School District
- Attica Central School District
- Avon Central School District
- Batavia City School District
- Byron-Bergen Central School District
- Caledonia-Mumford Central School District
- Dansville Central School District
- Elba Central School District
- Geneseo Central School District
- Keshequa Central School District
- Le Roy Central School District
- Letchworth Central School District
- Livonia Central School District
- Mount Morris Central School District
- Oakfield-Alabama Central School District
- Pavilion Central School District
- Pembroke Central School District
- Perry Central School District



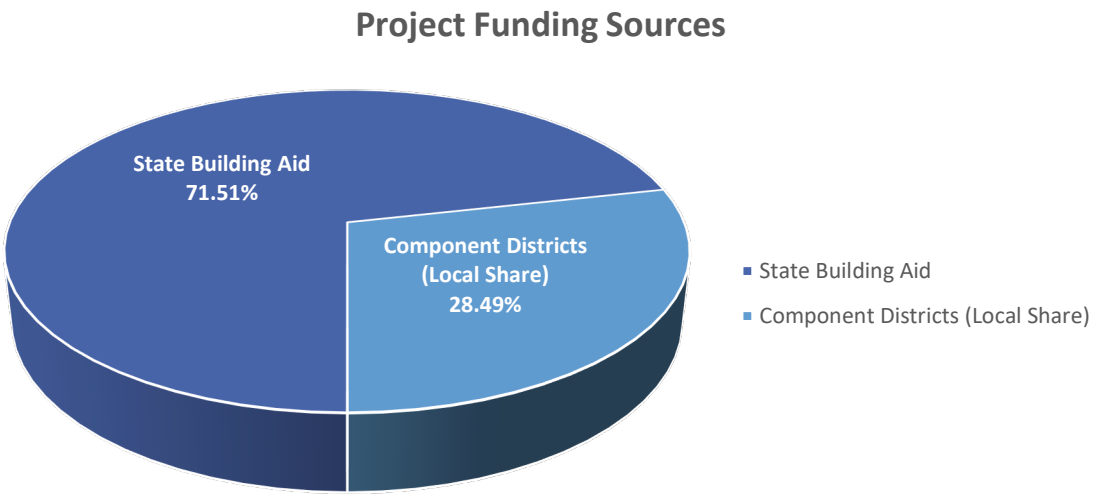
- Warsaw Central School District
- Wayland-Cohocton Central School District
- Wyoming Central School District
- York Central School District

When would the work take place?

To minimize the impact of active construction on our students and staff, the work will be spread over two phases. It's expected that the State Education Department's approval for the first phase of work would be received by 2027 with the bulk of work starting that summer. Construction work for the second phase of work would take place in 2028, with the project reaching completion by the end of 2029.

What is the total cost of the project and how will it be paid for?

The total amount that would be authorized for the project is $42,885,649. New York State Building Aid funding is expected to pay for approximately 71.51% of this amount, which will cover the majority of the project's total cost. The BOCES' 22 component districts will each be responsible for contributing a portion of the remaining 28.49% of the project's cost. Each district's contribution amount is determined based on its enrollment relative to the total BOCES region.



How is the project financed and how will it impact me?

The project is financed through an intermunicipal agreement (IMA) between the Genesee Valley BOCES and its 22 component districts. Component districts' payments are prorated based on their respective weighted average daily attendance rates. The IMA allows districts to determine payment methods in alignment with their long-range financial plans. The project has no impact on 2026-2027 school budgets. Districts will make their first payments in the 2027-2028 school year.

Who is eligible to vote?

Any US citizen that is 18 years old who resides within one of the Genesee Valley BOCES 22 component districts for at least 30 days prior to the vote is eligible.

What will it take to pass the vote?

A simple majority of the total votes from the 22 component districts is needed for the vote to pass.

When and where will the vote take place?

The vote will be held on June 9, 2026 from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You may vote at any of the following locations:

Genesee County

- Genesee Valley BOCES: Le Roy Campus, 80 Munson St., Le Roy, NY 14482
- Genesee Valley BOCES: Batavia Campus, 8250 State Street Rd., Batavia, NY 14020
- Genesee Valley BOCES: Early College High School at Byron-Bergen MS/HS, 6917 W. Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416

Livingston County

- Genesee Valley BOCES: Mount Morris Campus, 27 Lackawanna Ave., Mount Morris, NY 14510
- Genesee Valley BOCES: Dansville Campus, 31 Clara Barton St., Dansville, NY 14437
- Livonia Central School District: Transportation Facility, 44 Memorial Dr., Livonia, NY 14487
- Caledonia-Mumford Central School District: District Office, 3181 Freeman Dr., Caledonia, NY 14423

Wyoming County

- Attica Central School District: High School Performing Arts Center (Auditorium) Lobby, 3338 E. Main Street Rd., Attica, NY 14011
- Perry Central School District: Perry Senior High School Library, 33 Watkins Ave., Perry, NY 14530

Where can I find out more about the capital project proposal?

Scan the code for more information

Detailed information about the project is available on the Genesee Valley BOCES website at www.gvboces.org/page/capital-improvement-project or by scanning the QR code shown at the left using your mobile phone.

If you have additional questions about the project, please contact the BOCES by emailing us at gvbCAPproject@gvboces.org.