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RENEWAL 2027: DCMO BOCES

# Capital Building Project



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On December 16, 2025, the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego Board of Cooperative Educational Services (DCMO BOCES) Board of Education voted to ask our community to consider a \$44.4 million capital project in a referendum on February 3, 2026. The project is designed to renew and strengthen our ability to serve the students of our 16 component school districts. The plan calls for renovations of the Robert W. Harrold Campus in Sidney Center and the Alan D. Pole Campus in Norwich, and for the purchase of the former Masonville Elementary School in Masonville to house programs for students. There will be two ballot propositions: the first to approve the renovations and taking on debt to fund them and the second to approve the purchase of the Masonville School from the Sidney Central School District. If the referendum is successful, construction will begin in 2027.

In planning for this project, a capital project planning team was authorized by the Board of Education in the fall of 2024. This team was comprised of DCMO BOCES leadership, component superintendents, and professional partners (architects, construction managers, and fiscal advisors) who were guided by the **core four** principles of:

1. Providing a **safe and secure** space for students;
2. Building in the **flexibility** to react to changing needs in the future;
3. **Expanding opportunities** for students, in particular for students who struggle in a traditional classroom environment; and
4. Providing **responsible stewardship** to our facilities, as well as to our stakeholders by designing a project to maximize state aid, reduce costs for districts, and minimize the cost impact on taxpayers.

Under the proposed plan, the main entrances at both campuses will be remodeled to improve safety and security. Classrooms will be renovated to provide modern, flexible spaces for learning by creating spaces that serve multiple purposes, by building specialty hubs, and by remodeling shop spaces to allow for new and growing programs. We are also designing professional large group spaces in each building to support school-wide presentations, performances, and collaborative learning activities for students and staff, such as parent's night, collaborative learning, and staff training.

This newsletter provides an introduction to the project, with information regarding costs and impact on taxes, a general timeline, and voting information. For more details, please visit our website.



DCMO BOCES Alan D. Pole Campus in Norwich (left), Robert W. Harrold Campus in Sidney Center (center), and Support Services Center in Norwich (right).

## Want to learn more?

- Come to the **Public Hearing** January 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the DCMO Support Services Center, 142 Whaupaunaucau Rd, Norwich; and/or
- Log into a **virtual presentation and Q&A** on January 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The link will be posted on the DCMO BOCES website.



**For more information** Visit the DCMO BOCES website at [www.dcmoboces.com](http://www.dcmoboces.com) and click on the Capital Building Project link in the upper right corner of any page.



# Renewal 2027: DCMO

## Project Background

The original buildings at both campuses were completed in 1972 and referendum approved renovation/addition projects at both campuses were completed in 2009. Since then, there have been no major capital projects, with only some smaller remodeling, reconstruction and repairs taking place, funded through the annual budget.

The Capital Project Planning Team, including component school district superintendents, worked for nearly a year to develop the scope and budget for this project. They reviewed materials like the Building Conditions Survey and Five-Year Plan, and conducted building walk-throughs. The architects met with DCMO BOCES staff and shared their insights with the Planning Team, who developed and refined the project plan. A number of these planning support documents can be found on the Capital Building Project pages of the DCMO BOCES website, [www.dcmoboces.com](http://www.dcmoboces.com).

## Project Overview

Project highlights include a new entrance (concept drawing shown here) to the building housing Career and Technical Education shops and classrooms at the Harrold Campus to provide a single point of access, and a new hallway to facilitate movement in the building without having to go through other shops. At the Pole Campus, the heating system will be converted to a propane-fueled system and will remove an underground fuel oil tank. The entrances to the schools will be renovated to improve safety and security. Classrooms will be remodeled to provide greater flexibility in how space is used. Shop spaces will be expanded to meet growing demand as well as to accommodate new technologies. There are also a number of structural items that need to be repaired or replaced in our over-50-year-old buildings, including roofs and skylights, shop floor drainage systems, exterior walls, windows, doors, driveways, parking lots, and sidewalks.



## About the Masonville School



The Masonville School, a nearly 18,000 square foot building with ten classroom-sized spaces, is owned by the Sidney Central School District. The district consolidated its schools in 2005, closing the Masonville building as a school. Sidney CSD has rented out the facility and kept it up, but issued a request for proposals to sell the building this fall. DCMO BOCES submitted a proposal to acquire the building for its appraised value (\$1,000,000) to house student programming, contingent upon approval of voters. Sidney CSD awarded the DCMO BOCES proposal at its Board of Education meeting on November 18, 2025.

### DID YOU KNOW?

DCMO BOCES is an engine of workforce development in the region.

DCMO BOCES offers 17 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to prepare students for either the workforce or for higher education. More than half of all high school juniors and seniors in the region are enrolled in CTE courses at DCMO BOCES. This year, 894 students attend DCMO BOCES CTE programs out of approximately 1,600 juniors and seniors.



### DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to education programs for students, DCMO BOCES offers dozens of services for school districts and their staff.

These include professional development training, library services, business office support, safety and risk management, bus driver training, among others.

### DID YOU KNOW?

More than 1 in 10 students in grades K-12 are enrolled at DCMO.

In 2023-24\*, 1,101 of the region's 10,781 students (or 10.21%) attended DCMO.

\*2023-24 is the last year data is available from the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

# BOCES Capital Building Project

## DID YOU KNOW?

Although regional K-12 enrollment has declined, the number of students receiving special education services from DCMO BOCES has actually increased.

We are serving more students in the same amount of space than we did 20 years ago.

## SCOPE ITEM DESCRIPTION

- Purchase/Renovate Masonville School
- Corridor Addition at Harrold Campus
- Redesigned Building Main Entrances
- Remodel/Renovate
  - Classroom Casework
  - Specialty Rooms  
(eg: science to regular classrooms)
  - Create Learning Hub Rooms
  - Office Spaces
  - Libraries to Large Group Meeting Spaces
  - Shops and Labs
- Exterior Spaces
  - Playgrounds
  - Outdoor Classrooms
  - Basketball Courts
- Plumbing
  - Restroom Updates/Upgrades
  - Shop Sink Replacements
- Gym Partitions
- Pavement
  - Driveways
  - Parking Lots
  - Sidewalks and Steps
- Building Envelope
  - Walls and Wall Panels
  - Roofs and Skylights
  - Windows and Doors
- Shop Floor Drain System
  - Drainage Systems
  - Grate Systems
  - Concrete Repairs
  - Oil/Water Separator
- HVAC Upgrades
  - Heat Pumps, Rooftop Units, Make-up Air Units
  - Air Conditioning for Gyms
  - Boiler Conversion
  - Water Heaters

## Project FAQs

### How much will these projects cost?

The total cost for these projects is \$44.4 million.

### How will the project be paid for?

DCMO BOCES will borrow the funds from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and repay the debt over twenty years, the same method used for our last project. Our last payment for the 2008-2009 project is due August 2027 and the first payment on this project will be summer of 2028. These costs are shared by the sixteen local school districts in the DCMO BOCES region on the basis of each district's share of student enrollment (as measured by RWADA). Payments are projected to go down slightly, from \$3.59M annually to \$3.56M. Every district's share of BOCES capital expense is projected to decrease from the current share.

### How will this impact my taxes?

The impact on taxes can only be described in terms of regional averages, as the state aid percentages for each district is different and the tax assessment practices in each municipality (towns, villages, cities) varies. The regional **average** impact on every \$1,000 of property value (full value) is just over 2¢. Which means a home valued at \$100,000 would have an increase of about \$2.18.



### What am I being asked to vote on?

There are two ballot questions to vote on:

1. To approve the reconstruction and addition projects at Pole and Harrold Campuses, as well as any needed renovations at the Masonville School if question 2 is approved, and to take on debt to fund this work.
2. To approve the purchase of the Masonville School from Sidney Central School District.

*Note: If Question 1 fails, both questions will be considered to have failed.*

*If Question 2 fails, but Question 1 passes, Question 1 passes.*

### Why am I being asked to vote on this referendum?

BOCES are public education institutions and are required to seek voter approval via a referendum to purchase property or to add to existing facilities. This project includes both an addition and the purchase of property.

### Where can I find more information about the project?

Go to The BOCES website, [www.dcmoboces.com](http://www.dcmoboces.com). There is a direct link to the project pages in the upper right corner of every page on the website.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Most DCMO BOCES services generate state aid for the school districts.

The State encourages cooperative services through BOCES as a means for school districts to operate more efficiently.

# VOTE!

FEBRUARY 3, 2026, Noon – 8:00 p.m.

# VOTE!



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## DCMO BOCES is an extension of your school district! Renewal 2027: DCMO BOCES Capital Building Project Vote Information

**When:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

Inclement Weather Vote Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

**Who:** All residents of the sixteen school districts in the DCMO BOCES region who are age 18 or older and U.S. citizens are eligible to vote.

- Must have lived in the region during the previous 30 days.
- Must have proof of residency (examples include, but are not limited to: driver's license, non-driving state identification, utility bill, voter registration card).

To request an application for an absentee, early mail-in, or military ballot,  
please call the BOCES Clerk at 607-335-1227 or email [BoardClerk@dcmoboces.com](mailto:BoardClerk@dcmoboces.com)

**Where:** At each DCMO BOCES Campus and in each component school district. You may vote at any one of these locations and you do not need to vote in the school district you reside in.

### VOTING LOCATIONS *Eligible voters can vote at ANY of these 18 sites*

DISTRICT	BUILDING	ADDRESS	LOCATION
DCMO BOCES	Harrold Campus	270 BOCES Dr, Sidney Center	Lobby of Main Entrance
	Pole Campus	6678 County Rd 32, Norwich	Lobby of Main Entrance
Afton CSD	P-12 Building	29 Academy St, Afton	Lobby of Main Entrance
Bainbridge-Guilford CSD	Greenlawn Elementary	43 Greenlawn Ave, Bainbridge	Cafetorium
Delaware Academy CSD at Delhi	Middle School	2 Sheldon Dr, Delhi	Lobby of Gym (1st floor)
Downsville CSD	P-12 Building	14784 State Hwy 30, Downsville	Front Lobby
Franklin CSD	Bus Garage	26 Institute St, Franklin	School Bus Garage
Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton CSD	Bus Garage	693 State Hwy 51, Gilbertsville	Lobby of Bus Garage
Greene CSD	Middle/High School	40 S Canal St, Greene	Auditorium Lobby
Hancock CSD	Middle/High School	67 Education Ln, Hancock	Room 203
Norwich City SD	Middle/High School	89 Midland Dr, Norwich	District Office Board Room
Otselic Valley CSD	P-12 Building	125 County Rd 13A, South Otselic	Conference Room by District Office
Oxford Academy and CSD	High School	50 S Washington Ave, Oxford	Media Center
Sherburne-Earlville CSD	Middle/High School	15 School St, Sherburne	Auditorium Lobby
Sidney CSD	Jr./Sr. High School	95 W Main St, Sidney	Alumni Conf. Room, Door 11
Unadilla Valley CSD	P-12 Building	4238 State Hwy 8, New Berlin	Storm Alley, Outside District Office
Unatego CSD	Jr./Sr. High School	2641 State Hwy 7, Otego	Hallway Outside District Office
Walton CSD	Bus Garage	220 Delaware St, Walton	School Bus Garage