



Sodus Central School District

2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Thursday, December 11, 2025

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM



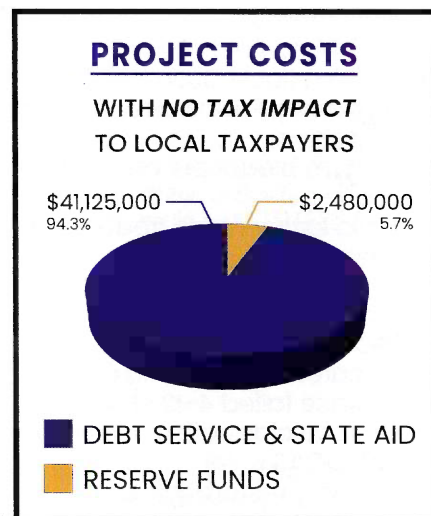
Project Cost: \$43,605,000

Dear District Resident,

After much review and planning, the Sodus Central School District Board of Education is presenting a capital improvement project for voter consideration on Thursday, December 11, 2025. The District believes this project addresses a variety of needs and enhancements to our facilities that will improve safety, environmental conditions, and educational experiences our students receive.

In addition to improving facilities, the Board has been very aware of the financial impact a large project can have on a community. The Board believes this project provides for the needs of the District while taking full advantage of State funding opportunities through Sodus's building aid reimbursement of 89%. Any remaining cost will be offset by current declining debt and use of reserve funds, **resulting in no tax increase for residents.**

Please review the information in this brochure regarding project scope. The District is also offering a public information session on Thursday, December 4th at 6:30pm in the High School Auditorium. If you have specific questions or comments, please contact Business Administrator Steve Moore at (315)483-5283 or by e-mail at smoore2@soduscsc.org. Information is also available on the District website at www.soduscsc.org.



Jason Walters

President, Board of Education

Nelson Kise

Superintendent of Schools

YOUR VOTE COUNTS





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NO Local Tax Impact

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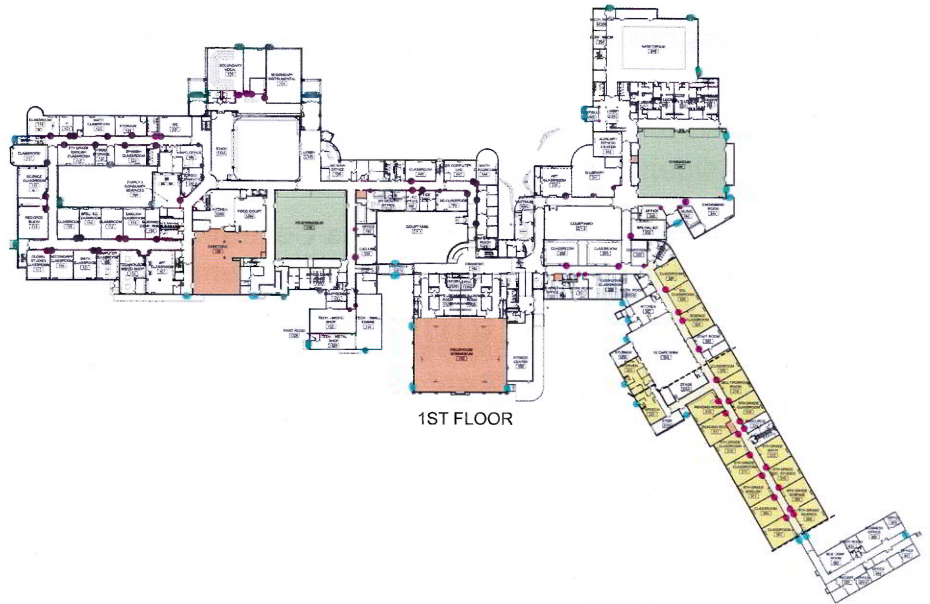
INTERMEDIATE/HIGH SCHOOL

INTERIOR RECONSTRUCTION

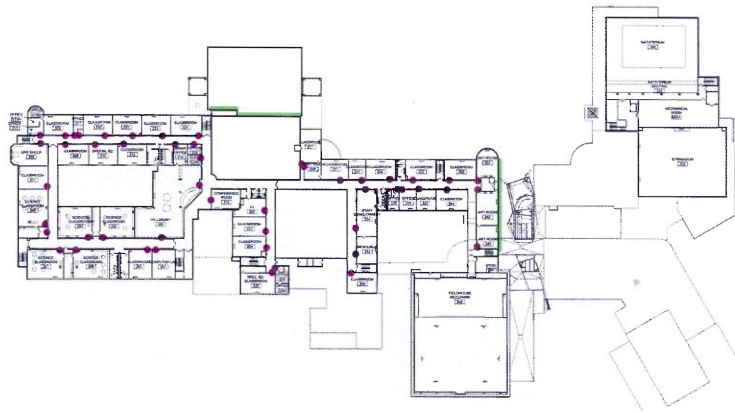
- Exterior door replacement
- Replace classroom doors, add keyless access controls
- IS corridor and classroom renovations
 - LED lighting in corridors and classrooms
- Add AC to field house
- Refinish field house floor
- IS gym wall pads, acoustics, and bleachers
- HS gym bleachers and refinish floors
- IS old locker room abatement and renovation
- Provide AC for data and electrical rooms
- Replace HS cafeteria AC
 - HS cafeteria floor and ceiling
 - Replace failed 4-12 chiller
 - Replace classroom unit ventilators with DOAS units
- Masonry restoration and waterproofing

SITE WORK

- Repave bus parking lot, install conduit for potential EV mandate
- Baseball field drainage
- Softball field drainage
- Replace grass soccer field inside track with artificial turf



1ST FLOOR



2ND FLOOR



EXISTING GYM FLOOR



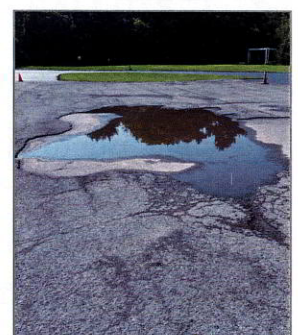
EXISTING CLASSROOM



EXISTING CORRIDOR



EXISTING CORRIDOR DOOR



EXISTING PARKING LOT

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

INTERIOR RECONSTRUCTION

- Exterior door replacement
- Replace classroom doors, add keyless access controls
- Add AC to ES cafeteria
 - Update electrical service due to AC
 - LED lighting in corridors and classrooms
 - Replace classroom unit ventilators with DOAS units

SITE WORK

- Pave back parking lot
- Misc. concrete sidewalk work



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Why a capital project versus operations and maintenance?

A: The State Education Department (SED) encourages school districts to undertake a routine schedule of capital improvements to maintain their facilities and grounds. To further encourage enhancing schools, SED reimburses districts through "Building Aid" for capital projects (different from "Operating Aid"). SED pays a percentage of capital project costs, and the district pays the balance known as "Local Share" (Approximately 89% State vs. 11% Sodus Local Share). SED allows districts to undertake major improvements and take advantage of Building Aid every five years. If facility construction work were to be completed out of the Operations and Maintenance budget, there would be NO STATE AID (100% Local Share).

Q: Will this project complete our capital improvement needs?

A: Yes, for the immediate future. Like a home, facilities will continue to age over time and require additional attention. This proposed project will address some significant areas that need updating – some areas dating back to the original building construction.

Q: I have heard they want to air condition the entire District. Is this true?

A: NO. The only areas with proposed air conditioning are the Field House and the Elementary School Cafeteria.

The District IS proposing the installation of Direct Outside Air System (DOAS) units throughout in all the buildings. The DOAS units will help control humidity, making the classroom spaces more comfortable. In the 4-12 facility, these rooftop units will replace the floor mounted unit ventilators that have been in place for decades. The District is no longer able to get repair parts for these heating/fresh air systems. In the Pre-K – 3 building, the DOAS units will replace the original ceiling plenum system that has been in place since the late 1960's. Each DOAS unit can service 3-5 classrooms, depending on size.

Q: Do we need to install artificial turf on our stadium field?

A: The current grass soccer field at the stadium was installed in 2015. While it looks amazing from a distance, the original grass has been compromised with weeds and clover from surrounding areas. Due to State regulations, the District is unable to apply any turf management chemicals to the surface (weed-and-feed, etc.) to control it. Also, during the fall soccer season the grass field gets very worn by the end of the season due to rain, mud, etc. – and this is just from JV and varsity contests.

Since constructing the stadium, the District has seen an increase in the success of both boys' and girls' soccer programs. This success has also provided us the opportunity to host Section V home soccer games. On at least one occasion, we have had to move a home sectional game to the turf complex in Lyons due to our field condition.

A turf surface will also allow our modified soccer programs to occasionally play an evening game – what a thrill for our younger athletes! In addition, our softball and baseball teams can utilize the surface in the spring to get a head start on outdoor practices.

Q: Why now?

A: Over time, our facility needs will not diminish or go away. We don't expect SED's contribution to capital project costs to get any better than they are right now. We also know that construction costs continue to escalate with each passing year. If we choose to wait and pursue the same project in the future, we would expect the cost to taxpayers to be higher.

Q: What is the cost of the project, and what is the estimated average cost to taxpayers?

A: The total project referendum amount has been established at \$43,605,000.

Due to State Building Aid and responsible use of District reserve funds, this project will have NO impact on the local tax rate.

Q: What is next?

A: There will be an informational meeting in the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium on Thursday, December 4th at 6:30pm.

The project vote will be held in the District Office conference room on Thursday, December 11th from noon to 8pm.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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Jr/Sr High School Auditorium

QUALIFIED VOTERS

- A citizen of the United States
- At least eighteen (18) years of age
- A resident of the District for a period of at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of the vote

ABSENTEE & EARLY MAIL BALLOTS

Applications for early mail and absentee ballots shall be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote and election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote and election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on December 11, 2025.