



Riverhead CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOND VOTE SET FOR OCTOBER 11

Plan focuses on infrastructure, health, safety, educational space needs and preserving community assets.

MAJOR ISSUES - PROPOSITION 1

- Aging infrastructure in buildings that are 40 years old or older
- Increased energy costs due to inefficient, outdated mechanical systems that are long past their expected life span
- Inefficient traffic flow/student drop off patterns and inadequate parking at many schools
- Students still housed in "temporary" portable classrooms after more than 35 years
- Outdated science labs, music and art rooms
- Inadequate small group learning spaces

On Tuesday, October 11, residents of the Riverhead Central School District will vote on a bond referendum of \$78.3 million to address building safety and health issues, and to provide renovations to our aging facilities. This referendum is also about providing our students with school buildings that support excellence in education. In addition, a second proposition will be offered for the community's consideration: an additional high school gymnasium at a cost of \$6.9 million.

VOTE OCTOBER 11

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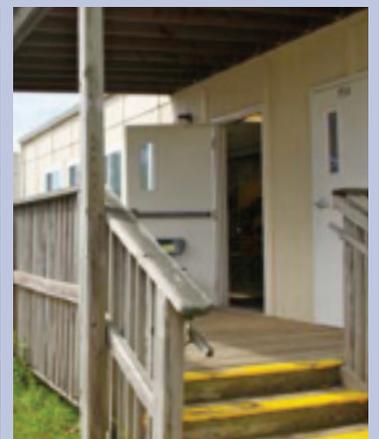
Building exteriors need repair



Boilers have aged past their lifespan



New roofing required on most buildings



Students are still in "temporary" portables

Only What's Needed. Nothing More.

A Collaborative Planning Effort

Planning for this bond referendum has been, from the outset, a collaborative effort between the school district and the community. Proposition 1, which focuses on building infrastructure, health, safety, and educational space issues, represents the recommendations of the Community Partnership for Revitalization (CPR) Committee. The CPR Committee membership was equally split between community residents and district personnel. As noted by Board President Ann Cotten-DeGrasse, "it was essential to the Board that the plan for this bond be a consensus that involved input from residents, including those who voted against the district's February 2010 referendum. We believe this bond plan, and the process used to arrive at it, represents the achievement of our objective."

PROPOSITION 1: OVER \$40 MILLION IN CUTS FROM FEBRUARY 2010 PLAN

The members of the CPR Committee, in carrying out their mandate to reach a consensus plan, were guided by two principles: recommend only those projects they considered absolutely necessary and keep costs at a fiscally responsible level. The plan recommended by the CPR Committee and adopted by the Board as Proposition 1 represents the reduction of over \$40 million in project costs from the February 2010 plan.

In describing the district's decision to move forward with the bond vote at this time, Superintendent Nancy Carney explained, "interest rates are at historically low levels, there is great competition between contractors, and the district has very low debt. To have all these factors in play at the same time makes this an opportune time for this bond."



Leaky roofs have caused damage to interior ceilings

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Overcrowded cafeterias in several buildings need expansion

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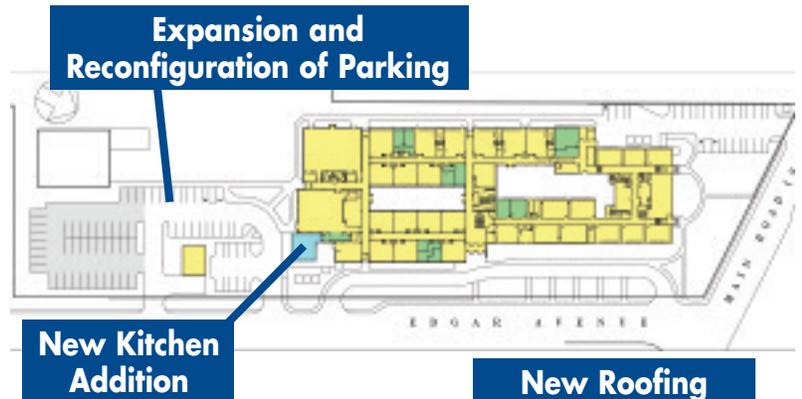
- Superintendent Nancy Carney

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Proposition 1 Project Highlights

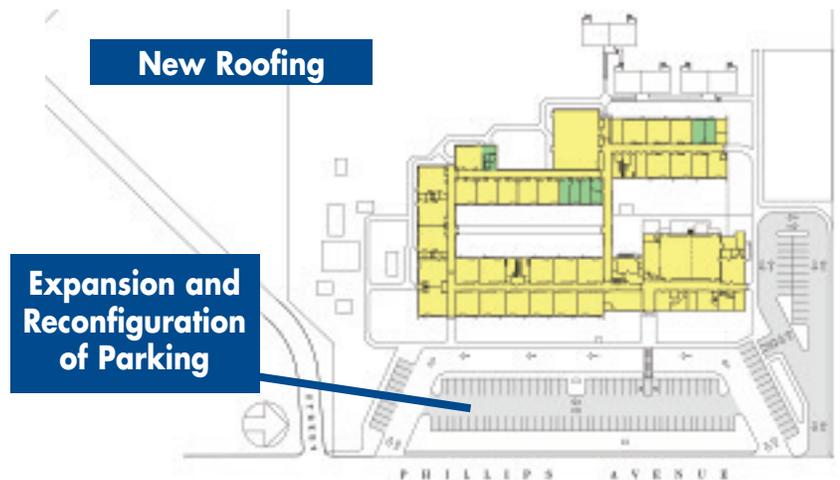
Aquebogue Elementary School

- **New roofing, doors, boilers, and air handling units**
- New kitchen and cooking equipment
- Renovated small group instruction spaces
- Upgraded intercom system
- Upgraded playground base
- Installation of folding partition in gymnasium
- Expansion and reconfiguration of parking lots for traffic flow and safety



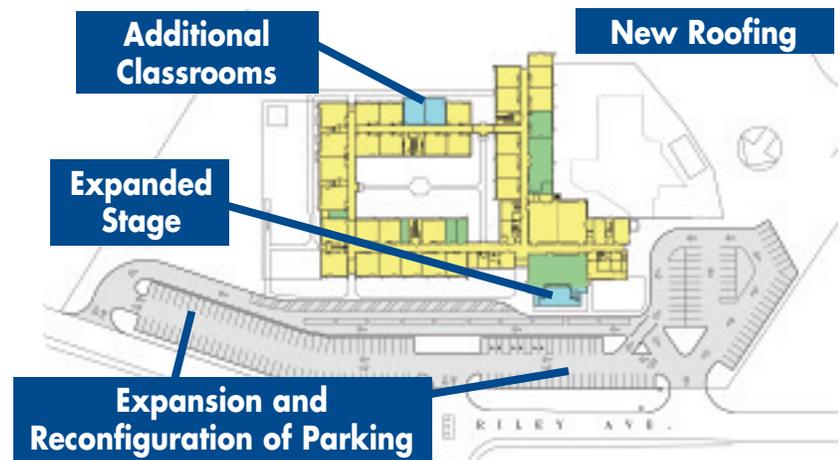
Phillips Avenue Elementary School

- **New roofing, doors, and boilers**
- New kindergarten/first grade bathroom
- Renovated small group instruction spaces
- Upgraded ventilation system, intercom system, and ceiling tiles
- Upgraded playground base
- Expansion and reconfiguration of parking lots for traffic flow and safety



Riley Avenue Elementary School

- **New roofing, doors, boilers, and exhaust fans**
- **Additional classrooms**
- Expansion of library and cafeteria
- Renovated computer room and small group instructional spaces
- Upgraded playground base
- Expansion and reconfiguration of parking lots for traffic flow and safety



■ Existing Building ■ Interior Renovation ■ Building Addition ■ New Paving

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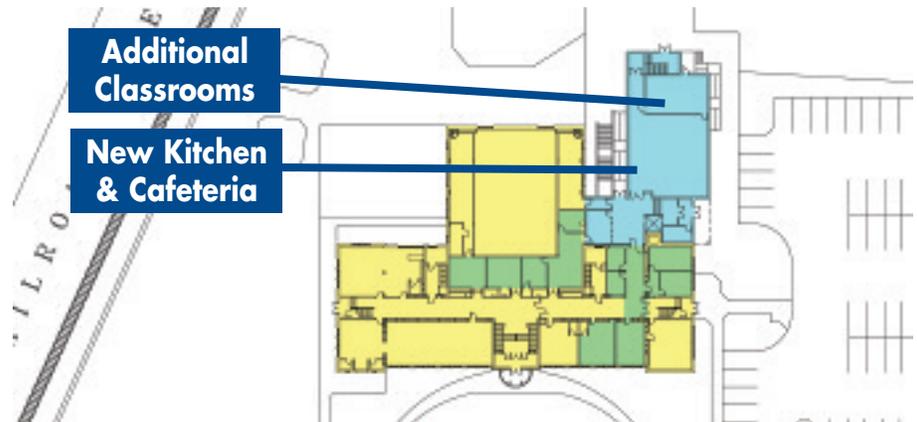
Proposition 1 Project Highlights

Roanoke Avenue Elementary School

■ Elimination of portables

- Additional classrooms, kitchen & cafeteria
- Addition of elevator to all floors*
- Renovated main office and small group instructional spaces
- New heating pipes and air handling system
- Upgraded playground base

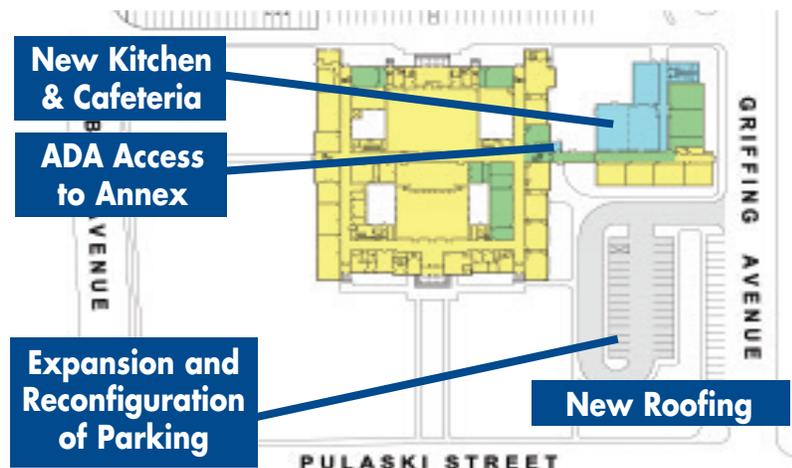
* Funded from Capital Reserve



Pulaski Street Elementary School

■ New roofing, new boiler, masonry, and drainage

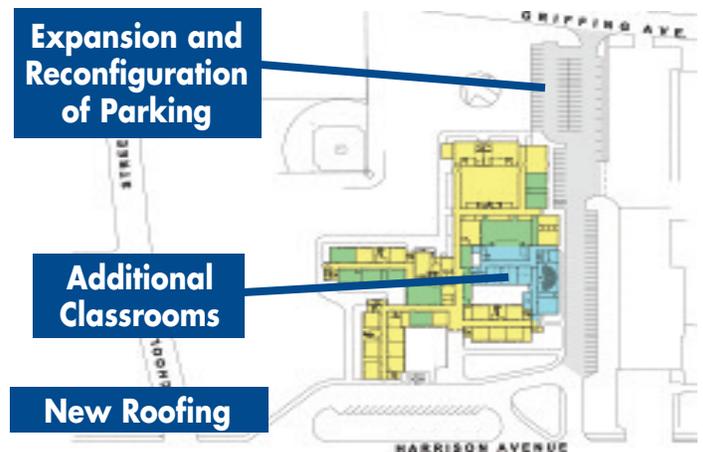
- New cafeteria, kitchen, and bathrooms
- Renovated classroom space using old cafeteria
- Upgraded playground base
- Renovate annex entrance for ADA compliance
- Expansion and reconfiguration of parking lots for traffic flow and safety



Riverhead Middle School

■ New roofing, windows, doors, and exterior masonry

- Additional classrooms, new music & art areas
- Renovated classrooms for science and family & consumer science
- Renovated library, main and guidance offices and cafetorium
- New intercom and theatrical lighting systems
- Expansion and reconfiguration of parking lots for traffic flow and safety



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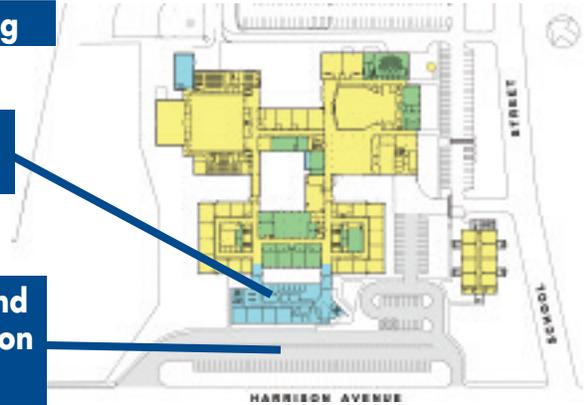
Riverhead High School

- **New addition with science classrooms**
- Renovated classrooms for science, art, music, family & consumer science, and library
- Renovated auditorium
- New roofing, windows, elevator, lockers, intercom system, theatrical lighting, and gym bleachers
- Expansion and reconfiguration of parking lots for traffic flow and safety

New Roofing

New Science Classrooms

Expansion and Reconfiguration of Parking



■ Existing Building

■ Interior Renovation

■ Building Addition

■ New Paving

Rendering of new addition to high school



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Questions & Answers

What am I voting on?

The October 11 bond referendum will present voters with two propositions: Proposition 1, for \$78,334,247, is for districtwide infrastructure improvements, health, safety, and educational learning space needs. Proposition 2, for \$6,995,454, is for an additional gym at the high school.

Why a bond referendum?

For large capital expenditures, a bond makes the most sense and the best use of your tax dollars. The costs of the capital projects proposed in this bond are too large to include in any one, or even a series of annual operating budgets. A bond permits the school district to borrow funds at the most advantageous interest rate, maximize state aid, and keep the tax impact on residents to a minimum.

What was the process used in determining what should be in this bond plan?

Planning for this bond referendum was a process that unfolded over the past year. In response to the February 2010 referendum, the Board of Education established the Community Partnership for Revitalization (CPR) Committee. The CPR Committee, whose original 55 members represented a cross-section of community residents and district personnel, was tasked with prioritizing the district's health, safety, infrastructure, and educational space needs at all district buildings, and to arrive at a consensus as to how to best preserve these district – and community – assets. In May 2011, after nine months of intense activity, the CPR team presented its recommendations to the Board. Those recommendations are the basis for Proposition 1 (to learn more about the CPR Committee and to listen to interviews with community members of the CPR Committee, visit the district's website at www.riverhead.net).

Why do the infrastructure systems and building components need replacement?

This is no different than with our homes. Our school buildings are all over 40 years old, some over 70 years. Over the course of time, building systems such as windows, roofs and heating systems age, needing repair and eventual replacement as they reach their useful life expectancy. For over a decade, in response to budget constraints, the district has maintained its facilities through allocations in the annual

operating budgets. We have now arrived at the point where temporary "patchwork" repairs no longer suffice. The cost of on-going repair work, and the increasing energy costs related to the inefficiency of existing mechanical systems, make the capital projects proposed in Proposition 1 of this bond a more cost-effective, long-term solution for the district.

Why does so much have to be done now?

We are a district with seven school buildings, all over four decades old, some in their seventh and eighth decade. Most of the major infrastructure and building systems in our schools are original. Proposition 1 of this bond represents the recommendations of the CPR Committee, which was given the task of developing a plan that represented "only what's needed and nothing more." Proposition 1 is \$40 million less than the February 2010 bond plan.

What does it mean that Proposition 2 can only be approved if the community approves Proposition 1?

Two propositions will be on the October 11 ballot: Proposition 1 is the plan for health, safety, and infrastructure renovations and educational space needs. Proposition 2 is the plan for an additional gym at the high school. Each proposition is voted on separately. However, if Proposition 1 is not approved by the community, then regardless of the outcome, Proposition 2 will not be implemented.

My children have all graduated.

Why should I support this bond referendum?

Home values in any community are in large measure a reflection of the perceived excellence of the school district. Real estate agents will tell you that homebuyers with children typically place significant, if not major, importance on the school district when selecting the community they will move to. Riverhead School District has classes taking place in 35-year-old "temporary" portables. Science labs in the middle school and high school are antiquated. It has been over a decade since any major renovations or improvements have been done at our buildings. This all impacts the perception homebuyers have of our district, which in turn impacts real estate values.

For a continually updated list of questions and answers on the Bond please visit the district website at www.riverhead.net

Proposition 1 Financials

The school district will issue a series of 20-year bonds to finance the costs of Proposition 1. As a result of the district's state aid, approximately \$26-\$29 million of total construction and financing costs will be paid for by the state. The cost of Proposition 1 to an individual property owner will depend on the value of his or her property. The chart below illustrates the approximate annual tax impact of Proposition 1 by year and Full Value of property. The "average" Full Value of a home in the RSCD is about \$280,000. Property owners are invited to contact the district to determine the exact tax impact of Proposition 1 by using the e-mail address or phone number below.

Approximate Full

| Value of Home | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017-2033 | 2034 | 2035 | 2036 |
|---------------|------|------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| \$140,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$20.04 | \$48.35 | \$76.66 | \$106.63 | \$86.17 | \$58.07 | \$29.66 |
| \$280,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$40.09 | \$96.71 | \$153.33 | \$213.25 | \$172.34 | \$116.13 | \$59.93 |
| \$420,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$60.13 | \$145.06 | \$229.99 | \$319.88 | \$258.51 | \$174.20 | \$89.89 |

THE DISTRICT HAS SET UP A "TAX IMPACT" HOTLINE EMAIL AND PHONE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE YOU WITH TAX INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR PROPERTY.

By email: bondimpact@riverhead.net

Provide your home address. We will email back your tax information.

By phone: 631-369-6823, Monday through Friday, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Provide us with your home address and we'll call you back with your tax information.

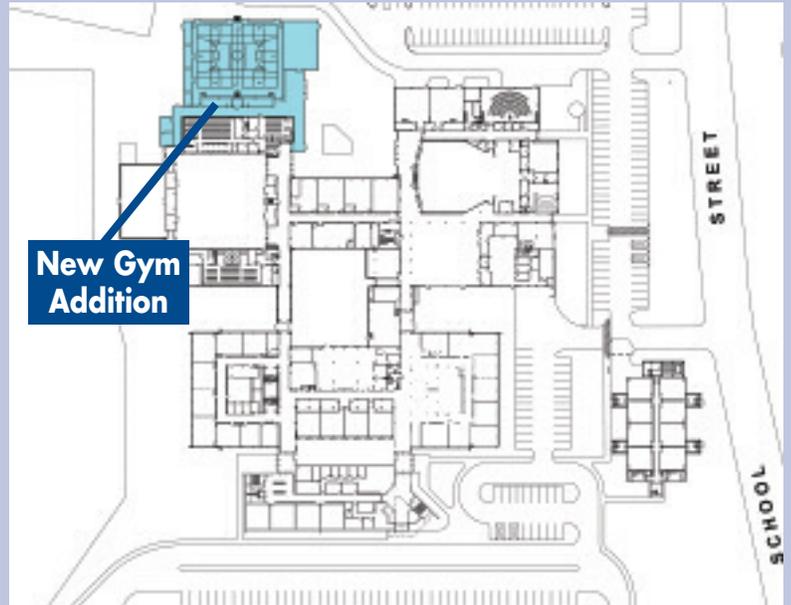
Proposition 2: Additional High School Gym

Why do we need an additional high school gym now?

The district's athletic programs, especially for varsity, junior varsity and intramurals, have grown significantly since the high school was built almost 40 years ago. So have the needs of community leagues that use district facilities.

Proposition 2 Tax Impact

If approved by the community*, the school district will issue 20-year bonds to cover the \$6,995,454 for the additional high school gym addition. To the right is a composite tax impact chart for all three townships, illustrating the annual tax impact of the new high school gym for homes with full value of \$140,000, \$280,000 (the "average" home in the RSCD), and \$420,000.



| Approximate Full Value of Home | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 - 2034 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|-------------|
| \$140,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$33.06 |
| \$280,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$66.12 |
| \$420,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$99.12 |

PLEASE NOTE: The district has set up a "tax impact" email and phone system. See above for information.

* Approval of Proposition 2 is contingent on community approval of Proposition 1.

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Voter Information

When do I vote?

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 • 6:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Where do I vote?

The district has established four voting zones based on the district's four elementary school enrollment areas. Residents will vote at the elementary school (except for the Roanoke Avenue School) a child living in their home would attend:

Riley Avenue School

374 Riley Ave., Calverton

Aquebogue School

1200 Main Rd., Aquebogue

Roanoke Avenue School*vote at Riverhead HS due to accessibility issues at Roanoke* 700 Harrison Ave., Riverhead**Phillips Avenue School**

141 Phillips Ave., Riverhead

Who is eligible to vote?

Only persons who meet the criteria outlined below and are registered as of October 4, 2011 shall be permitted to vote in the October 11 bond referendum. A qualified voter is:

- a citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- a resident in the Riverhead Central School District for 30 days or more before the vote

How do I register?

Qualified persons who have not previously registered to vote may register to vote at the district clerk's office located at 700 Osborne Avenue, Riverhead, between the hours of 8:15 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on any school day, up to and including October 4, 2011. Remember, if you are not registered you cannot vote on October 11. If you are not sure if you are registered, please call 631-369-6526.

How do I vote by absentee ballot?Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the district clerk's office located at 700 Osborne Avenue, Riverhead, between the hours of 8:15 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on any school day. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the district clerk no later than Tuesday, October 4, 2011. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the district clerk's office, the completed application must be received by the district clerk no later than Monday, October 10, 2011. All absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 11, 2011. The application form for an absentee ballot can be downloaded from the district's website at www.riverhead.net.

All residents will receive a postcard specifying their voting location. If you have any questions on where you should be voting, please call 631-369-6526.

For more information on the proposed bond referendum, your voter eligibility, or where to vote, please call 631-369-6526. If you have questions regarding the tax impact of the bond, please call 631-369-6823.

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