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Dear Rye Community,

We would like to thank everyone in the community who took the time to learn about the revised Capital Bond Proposal and then came out to vote on June 11. 4,233 Rye residents voted by absentee ballot or at the polls, the largest turnout of any School District vote or election in Rye.

The schools are an asset the entire Rye community shares. We thank you for making this important investment in our community.

What's Next?

There are several elements that have already been set in motion since the approval of the Capital Bond Proposal:

Replacing the Turf Field/Track

A top priority is to replace the Nugent Stadium track and turf field, both of which are at end-of-life and must be replaced as soon as possible. The turf and track are unique because the replacements will go on the same site and they are not structural buildings; therefore, the District hopes to obtain approval from the State Education Department on a fast-track basis to begin replacement in summer of 2020, so the field will be ready for use in fall of 2020.

Architectural Plans

Now that the bond has passed, the District is able to engage with architects to begin the detailed design process for the new spaces and renovate current spaces. We are in the process of creating design teams comprised of teachers, administrators, and students at each of the buildings to get their input into the process.

State Review/Approval

Once the architectural drawings and building plans are complete, they will be submitted to the State Education Department's architect review board for review and approval. All NYS school districts must go through this process prior to beginning any construction. The architectural review and approval can take anywhere from 38 to 42 weeks.

How to Stay Informed Moving Ahead

We will be creating a new section of the School District's website to keep the community updated on the design process and timetable of review by NYS Education Department. We will also post construction schedules and photos as the process continues.

We hope you will continue to follow along as the capital bond projects proceed. To receive information about the projects related to the bond and other school news, please sign up for community news emails by visiting www.ryeschools.org, under the Community tab in the red bar in the center of the page, select "Rye City School District E-mail Sign-Up" from the dropdown menu.

Thank you again for your support of, and investment in, the Rye City School District.

Sincerely,

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