District Presents Phase Four Project to Voters

On December 14, the Liverpool Central School District will ask residents to vote on Phase Four of the Long-Range Facility Plan. The components of the capital referendum will include complete roof replacements at Long Branch Elementary and Donlin Drive Elementary; partial roof replacements at the Soule Road Complex, Liverpool Elementary and Liverpool Middle; boiler improvements at Nate Perry Elementary, Wetzel Road Elementary and the District Office; and bathroom upgrades at the Liverpool Public Library (including the installation of ADA accessible toilets and hardware).

The scope of this Phase Four referendum proposal was developed from the Five-Year Facility Report (mandated by the New York State Education Department and completed by Ashley-McGraw Architects). A committee of community volunteers, assisted by District staff, selected the scope for this capital improvement project. The committee considered these items as those most urgent and necessary to meet the future-ready learning needs of all students, the safety and security needs for all staff and students, and the facility needs for long-term building operation and maintenance.

More information regarding this project can be found on the LCSD Web site at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us.

State building aid will cover 71 percent of the total project cost. The district portion of the bond proposal will be covered by the 2016 capital reserve fund. There will be no additional cost to LCSD taxpayers.

I encourage all District voters to carefully consider this bond issue and exercise your right to vote on December 14.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark F. Potter
Superintendent of Schools

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PUBLIC HEARING
December 4 at 6:30 p.m.
District Office Board Room
(195 Blackberry Road)

VOTE
December 14 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Liverpool High School Gym
(4338 Wetzel Road)

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Project at a Glance

Estimated Cost: $10.4 million

Scope of the Work:
- Full Roof Replacements at Donlin Drive Elementary & Long Branch Elementary
- Partial Roof Replacements at Liverpool Elementary, Liverpool Middle & the Soule Road Complex
- Boiler Replacements at Nate Perry Elementary, Wetzel Road Elementary & District Office
- ADA Restroom Improvements at the Liverpool Public Library

Tax Impact:
No Additional Tax Impact for LCSD Taxpayers
**Scope of Proposed Project: Full Roof Replacements**

**Liverpool Elementary**
- Full roof replacement (highlighted in red).
- Last replaced in 2006 with a 10-year warranty.
- Cost: $1,917,500

**Long Branch Elementary**
- Full roof replacement (highlighted in red).
- Last replaced in 2003 with a 10-year warranty.
- Cost: $1,917,500

**Scope of Proposed Project: Partial Roof Replacements**

**Liverpool Elementary**
- Partial roof replacement (highlighted in red).
- Not replaced during 2010 renovation project.
- Cost: $1,460,940

**Liverpool Middle**
- Partial roof replacement (highlighted in red).
- Not replaced during 2010 renovation project.
- Cost: $1,665,950
**Soule Road Complex**
- Partial roof replacement (highlighted in red).
- Sections added from 2002 to 2004 with 15-year warranty.
- Cost: $594,750

**Liverpool Public Library**
- Improvements to men's and women's restrooms.
- Includes ADA accessible toilets and hardware.
- Cost: $50,000

**Scope of Proposed Project: Boiler Replacements**

Work includes demolition and abatement as well as replacement of boilers, pumps and associated equipment in the mechanical room. Nate Perry Elementary’s boiler will be converted from steam to hot water.

**Nate Perry Elementary**
- Original system installed in 1957.
- Cost: $1,247,900

**Wetzel Road Elementary**
- Original system installed in 1963.
- Cost: $774,000

**District Office**
- Original system installed in 1961.
- Cost: $723,300
Residents living in the Liverpool Central School District who are not registered to vote may still do so before the Phase Four Capital Project Vote on December 14.

Voters must be:
- Citizens of the United States;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Residents of the school district for at least a 30-day period immediately preceding the election; and
- Registered with the district Board of Voter Registration or the Onondaga County Board of Elections.

Residents who have registered to vote with LCSD, and have maintained that registration by voting in a school district election within the last four calendar years, are properly registered to vote.

Residents who are not registered with the district can do so on Friday, December 8, at the District Office (195 Blackberry Road in Bayberry) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Anyone unable to register on Friday, December 8, can visit the Onondaga County Board of Elections Voter Registration Web site (www.ongov.net/elections/voterRegistration.html) to learn how to register to vote by mail.

Those who currently are registered to vote with the Onondaga County Board of Elections also may vote in school elections with no further registration. However, those who are not also entered in the school district register of voters may experience a slight delay at the polls because they will be asked to execute poll records for the district voter file before they will be permitted to vote.

Qualified voters who will be away from home or are otherwise unable to vote in person may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be mailed to residents until December 7. After December 7, residents must pick them up in Room 2 of the District Office. To obtain an absentee ballot application, or for more information, contact the Office of Staff Services at 315-622-7130.

The District Clerk must receive absentee ballots no later than 5 p.m. on the Phase Four Capital Project Vote Day (December 14).

**What Will Voters See When They Cast Their Ballot?**

**ACTUAL WORDING:** Shall the Board of Education of the Liverpool Central School District (the "District") be authorized to reconstruct, improve, rehabilitate, repair, furnish and equip the Liverpool Elementary School, the Liverpool Middle School, the Donlin Drive Elementary School, the Long Branch Elementary School, the Nate Perry Elementary School, the Wetzel Road Elementary School, the Soule Road Complex, the Liverpool Public Library and the District Office, including site work, at a combined maximum estimated cost of $10,351,840; to withdraw $2,000,000 from the District’s 2016 Capital Reserve Fund to pay a portion of said costs; and to raise the sum of $8,351,840 by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District, to be collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, which tax may be offset by New York State aid available therefore; and, in anticipation of such tax, shall the District be authorized to issue obligations of the District up to a maximum principal amount of $8,351,840?

**Phase Four Capital Project Project Summary**

- **Total Cost:** $10,351,840
- **2016 Capital Reserve Fund:** $2,000,000
- **State Building Aid:** $7,349,806
- **Debt Service Fund:** $1,002,034
  (From Premiums Received to Debt Issued)
- **Tentative & Estimated Tax Impact:**
  - **No Additional Tax Impact for Liverpool Central School District Taxpayers**
- **Construction Begins:** February 2019

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[QR Code](www.liverpool.k12.ny.us)

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Liverpool Central School District
According to the National Sleep Foundation, as children become teenagers their sleep patterns shift toward later times for both sleeping and waking. In fact it is often natural for teenagers to not fall asleep before 11 p.m. despite the fact that their school day typically starts early in the morning.

In 2014, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that adolescents (especially high school students) should start school later in the morning to better align with their natural sleep patterns.

Intrigued by this topic and a research project conducted by a cross-disciplinary team of Liverpool Central School District teachers, our Board of Education formed a Modified School Start Time Committee to explore the idea of changing the current school hours for LCSD students at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

The LCSD Board of Education continues to explore this issue, and at its November 6 meeting approved the implementation of a sleep survey that will evaluate the current sleep health of district students and its association with academic success. The survey will be conducted by a team from the Children's National Health System in Washington D.C.

Led by Dr. Daniel Lewin, associate director of the pediatric sleep medicine program at CNHS and an associate professor of pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine, the survey will include data on socio-demographics, sleep (duration, timing of sleep period, sleep quality, daytime tiredness & napping), transportation, academic performance, school attendance, extra-curricular activities and risk taking behavior.

Parents, students, teachers, transportation staff and administrators will be asked to complete the survey. The Board of Education approved the survey in an effort to collect valuable data on the impact of school start times and sleep health. This will help the district determine the feasibility of its modified school start time efforts.

Please note that at this time the board has not approved any scenarios presented by the Modified School Start Time Committee.

Parents and guardians will be contacted via SchoolMessenger and the LCSD Web site (www.liverpool.k12.ny.us) when the district is ready to conduct this online and confidential survey. For more information, contact the LCSD Superintendent’s Office at 315-622-7125.

### LCSD Offers Expanded Pre-K Program

“Does the Liverpool Central School District offer Pre-K?”

Until recently the answer was “no,” but in late October the district was awarded a New York State Pre-Kindergarten grant that will allow it to establish an Expanded Pre-K Program for LCSD four-year-olds beginning in January 2018.

The Expanded Pre-K program will be offered at one or more local agencies, although those locations have yet to be determined. Students must attend the program five days a week for two-and-a-half hours per day. Instruction will be consistent with the New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core, which focuses on a child’s social/emotional, cognitive and physical development.

Transportation to and from the program will be the responsibility of parents/guardians.

To be eligible, a child must:

- Be four years old on or before December 1, 2017 (born in the year 2013)
- Reside in the Liverpool Central School District

Those interested in having their child participate in the Expanded Pre-K program are asked to fill out a notice of interest form online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqxD91UgL_YBrud2pQ_gaFMaz87rcDn8NTc2NEH-G0TSuxXvQ/viewform. The completed form is due by Friday, December 1, 2017.

The program will be limited to 200 children. In the event that more applications are received than can be accommodated, the district will conduct an open lottery in which children will be selected at random.

### Important Reminder for LCSD Parents

Is your contact information up-to-date for emergency notifications?

New Mailing Address?
New Phone Number?
New E-mail Address?

Contact your child’s school to update your information.
Please deliver promptly. Time sensitive material.

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**Where to Vote**

Liverpool Central School District elections are conducted at a single polling place - Liverpool High School. Community residents who are properly registered may vote once. The Phase Four Capital Project Referendum Vote will take place on Thursday, **December 14**. A handicap-accessible voting booth will be available for community members. **The LHS Polling Place will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

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