

## **Cattaraugus – Little Valley Central School District**

### *Proposed Capital Improvements Project, 2021*

On May 18, 2021, Cattaraugus – Little Valley Central School District residents will have an opportunity to vote on an \$18,500,000 capital improvements project. Districts must conduct a building condition survey every five years assessing the current conditions of the structure and operating systems of their facilities. The proposed capital project will address health, safety, accessibility, and code compliance measures identified in the building condition survey. The capital project will also support UPK – 12<sup>th</sup> grade instructional and programming needs. It has been fourteen years since the last capital project was approved by voters in 2007.

The project focuses on preserving the community's assets and outstanding facilities. CLV will fund the project through state aid and an established capital reserve fund resulting in a project that is **tax neutral with no increase in taxes to CLV residents.**

CLV's proposed capital project capitalizes on state aid to our district. State aid is based on a number of factors including property wealth, gross income, enrollment, regional costs, census poverty, special education needs and number of students receiving free and reduced price meals. The various state aid factors determine the amount of aid to schools. Cattaraugus-Little Valley building aid is 90.7%. New York State will aid 90.7% of the project with the remaining 9.3% being offset by the district's capital reserve fund.

This is an opportune time for a capital project based on state aid and timeliness in addressing infrastructure, operating systems and the instructional and programming needs of our students.

**Additional information outlining the details of the proposed project are highlighted in the Capital Project section of the newsletter.** A Capital Improvements Project public informational meeting will be held on May 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. by zoom and in-person in the MS/HS theatre. A zoom link will be posted on the district's website. Please visit [www.cattlv.wnyric.org](http://www.cattlv.wnyric.org) and CLV's Facebook page (search @clvtimberwolves) for project information and updates.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school community. I am immensely proud of our dedicated Board of Education, faculty, students and great facilities. This project will support the current and future needs of our outstanding district while being fiscally responsive to the needs of our taxpayers. Residents can cast their vote for the capital improvements project at the annual budget vote on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Atrium.

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