

# **PROPOSITION TO UTILIZE CAPITAL RESERVE**

Updates  
April 8, 2025



# CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING PROPOSITION

## WHAT IS A CAPITAL RESERVE?

- The Capital Reserve was established to fund larger capital expenditures that could not be supported in the annual general fund budget and are typically smaller than projects that are included in a capital bond project. This reserve is one of our several reserve funds, each having a specific purpose.
- The District established our capital reserve in 2015 to fund up to \$1,500,000 and increased it to \$10,000,000 in 2023. The establishment of the reserve fund was voter approved.
- The reserve is funded through annual budget surpluses that are not allocated to other reserves, appropriations for following year budget, encumbrances or our undesignated fund balance.
- These funds can only be used for capital improvements.
- As of June 2024, the Capital Reserve amount is \$4,034,571 which includes funding and interest revenue.

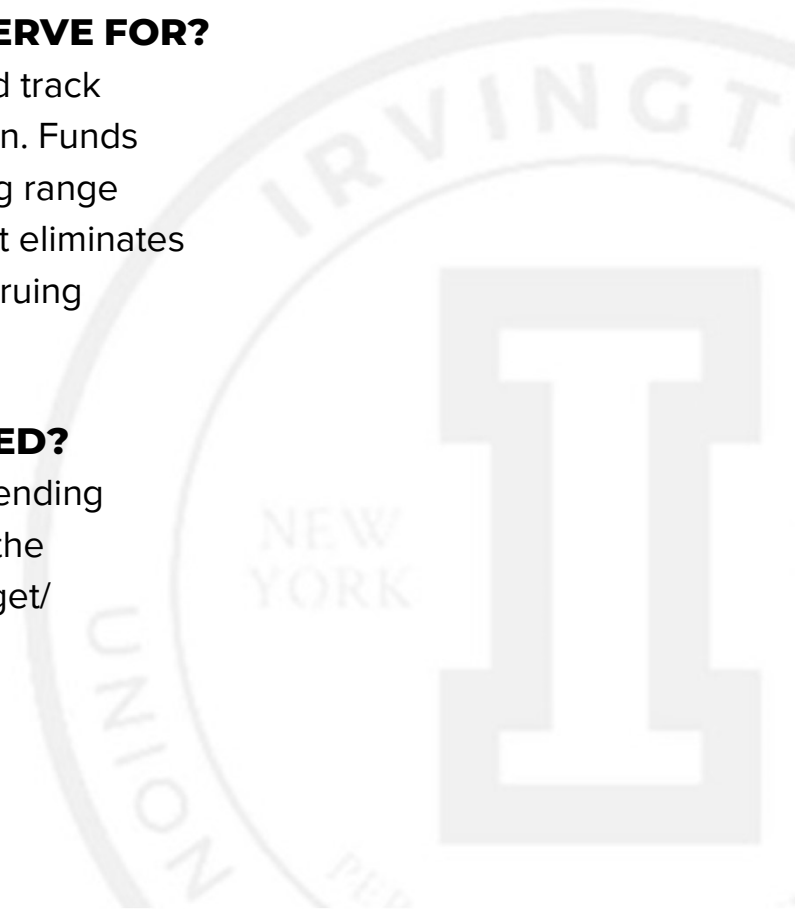
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### **WHAT DID THE DISTRICT ENVISION USING THIS RESERVE FOR?**

The District initially planned on using this reserve for the turf and track replacement knowing they have an approximate 10 year life span. Funds were also added to tackle other projects that are part of our long range facilities plan. The use of a reserve saves the District money as it eliminates the need to borrow and pay interest. Instead, the District is accruing interest on the funds in the reserve account.

### **HOW CAN THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BE ACCESSED?**

To spend from the Capital Reserve, voters must approve the spending via a proposition on a ballot. The vote can occur at any time of the year. We propose adding this proposition to the May 20th Budget/Board Trustee election vote versus holding a separate vote for this purpose to not incur additional vote costs.



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**THE PROPOSITION FOR MAY 20 WILL BE TO SPEND \$3,950,000 FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

- Replacement of the Meszaros Turf Field \*
- Resurfacing the Peter Oley Track
- Addition of Field Lights for the Track and Field
- Paving and refurbishment of the Dows Lane Basketball Court and Peaceful Play area
- Paving the Middle School Basketball Court
- Removal of outdated casework (cabinetry) in many High School classrooms
- Renovation of a student bathroom at the High School
- Concrete repairs District-wide
- Window replacements at the Middle School

*The amount proposed is based on estimates for the work listed above. If costs exceed approved spending, it is possible that not all the work can be completed. \* Also includes costs of recycling existing turf.*



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## UPDATING FACILITIES



These play areas are in need of repair and repaving. We will be reviewing possibilities for expansion of recreational uses.



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High School Classroom Cabinetry



IHS Girls Restroom



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## ADDRESSING SAFETY CONCERN



Windows that open outward  
into walkways



Middle School Basketball Court



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### WILL SPENDING FROM THIS RESERVE INCREASE TAXES?

This spending will strictly come from the funds set aside in the Capital Reserve and **will not impact the tax levy or tax rate**. Unlike a Capital Bond Project/Proposition, there is no borrowing associated with using the funds in the Reserve.

### WHEN WILL THE WORK BE COMPLETED?

After a successful vote, the District will work with our Architects to create the specifications needed to submit to the State Education Department so we can receive building permits and eventually state aid on projects that are aidable. This will take several months. Our best estimate is to plan on work commencing the **Summer of 2026**. It is possible that once we have permits and can bid out the work, some of this work might be able to get done over a break period.

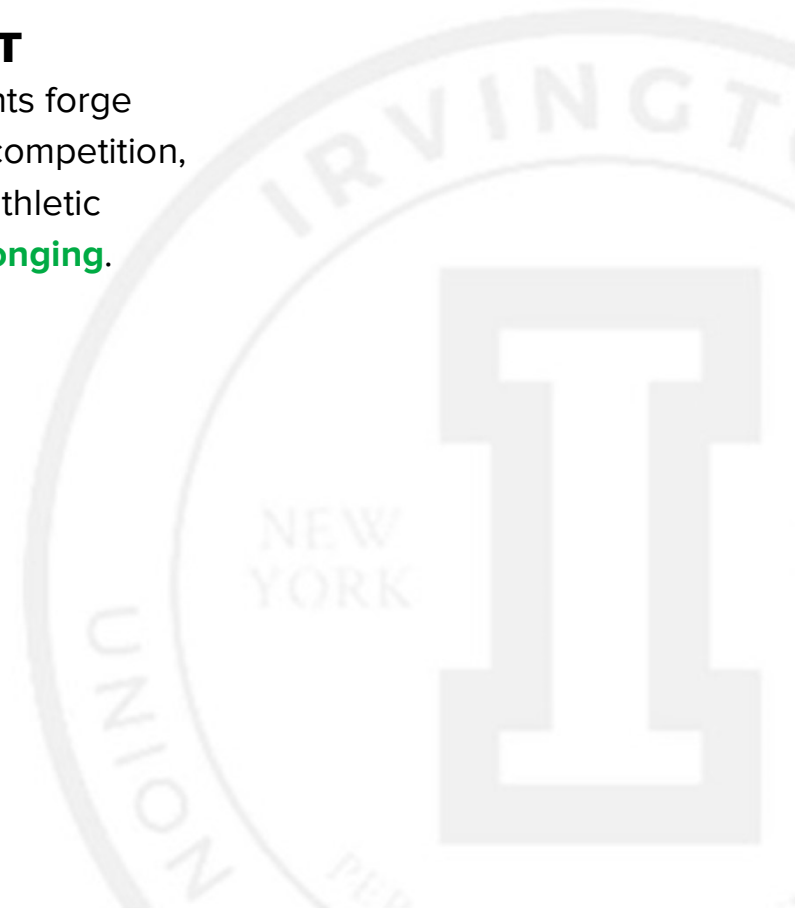
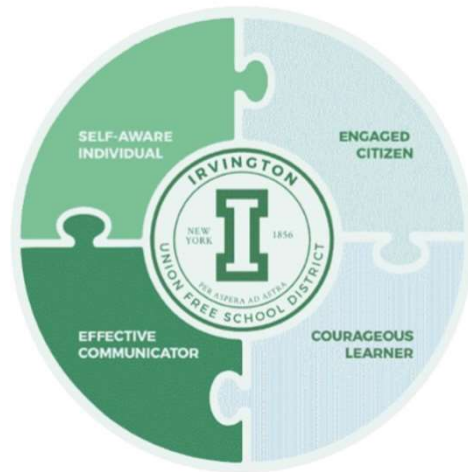
We will look to minimize construction cost which also means grouping similar work together (such as all paving and concrete repair) to get a favorable bid.



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## IRVINGTON ATHLETICS PURPOSE STATEMENT

Our purpose is to **enrich our school community**, where students forge connections, pursue individual and collective growth through competition, and develop into well-rounded individuals. Through inclusive athletic programs, we instill character, confidence, **and a sense of belonging**.



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## BENEFITS OF LIGHTS

- **Extended Usage and Scheduling Flexibility**
  - Maximized Field Utilization
  - Accommodating Schedules
  - Reduce Game Cancellations
  - Irvington Rec & Youth Programming
  - Officials Shortage
- **Community Engagement**
  - “Homecoming” for All
  - Game Attendance
  - Broader participation

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## SECTION ONE

Section One is comprised of schools located in Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and parts of Dutchess Counties. **87% have or**

**will have lights in the near future.** The schools listed below have or will have lights during the 2025-26 school year.

### Currently Have Lights

- |                    |                  |                |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| ● Arlington        | ● New Rochelle   | ● Tappan Zee   |
| ● Bedford/Fox Lane | ● North Rockland | ● Valhalla     |
| ● Brewster         | ● North Salem    | ● Walter Panas |
| ● Carmel           | ● Nyack          | ● Westlake     |
| ● Chappaqua        | ● Ossining       | ● White Plains |
| ● Clarkstown North | ● Pawling        | ● Yonkers      |
| ● Clarkstown South | ● Pearl River    | ● Yorktown     |
| ● Edgemont         | ● Peekskill      |                |
| ● Harrison         | ● Pelham         |                |
| ● Hendrick Hudson  | ● Poughkeepsie   |                |
| ● John Jay EF      | ● Putnam Valley  |                |
| ● John Jay CR      | ● Ramapo         |                |
| ● Lakeland         | ● Roy C. Ketcham |                |
| ● Mamaroneck       | ● Rye            |                |
| ● Mahopac          | ● Scarsdale      |                |
| ● Westlake         | ● Somers         |                |
| ● Mt. Vernon       | ● Spring Valley  |                |
| ● Nanuet           | ● Suffern        |                |

### Approved For Installation

- Ardsley
- Byram Hills
- Croton
- Port Chester
- Tarrytown

### Currently Presenting to BOE

- Dobbs Ferry
- Hastings
- Pleasantville

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### ANTICIPATED USE

The District will publish a schedule of events where the Field Lights will be in use on the District website ahead of each season. Upon approval of the capital reserve proposition and installation of the field lights, the Facilities Use Policy/Regulation will be revised accordingly.

2024-25 Field Usage Breakdown				
District Teams	Season	Max Varsity Contests (Home Games)	Anticipated Lighted Home Games	Participating Athletes
Field Hockey*	Fall	8	2 – 4	21
Football*	Fall	4	2 – 4	27
Soccer - Boys*	Fall	8	2 – 4	23
Soccer - Girls*	Fall	8	2 – 4	20
Flag Football	Spring	8	2 – 4	19
Lacrosse - Boys	Spring	8	2 – 4	20
Lacrosse - Girls	Spring	8	2 – 4	21
Outdoor Track	Spring	3	1	99
Totals		55	15-29	250

\* Currently have access to Homecoming at Meszaros Field

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SAMPLE ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<b>MON</b>	4:30-6:00pm: Girls Soccer (JV) 6:30-8:00pm: Girls Soccer (V) (Night #1)	4:30-6:00 pm: Boys Soccer (V) 6:30-8:00pm: Field Hockey (V) (Night #1)	5:00-6:30 pm: Boys Soccer (V)	5:00-6:30 pm: Field Hockey (V)	5:00-6:30 pm: Field Hockey (V)
<b>TUES</b>	4:30-6:00pm: Cross Country	5:00-6:30 pm: Girls Soccer (V)	4:30-6:00pm: Cross Country	4:30-6:00pm: Girls Soccer (JV) 6:30-8:00pm: Girls Soccer (V) (Night #3)	4:30-6:00pm: Boys Soccer (JV) 6:30-8:00pm: Boys Soccer (Night #3)
<b>WED</b>	4:30-6:00pm: Boys Soccer (JV) 6:30-8:00pm: Boys Soccer (V) (Night #1)	5:00-6:30 pm: Field Hockey (V)	6:30-8:00pm: Field Hockey (Game #2)	5:00-6:30 pm: Field Hockey (V)	5:00-6:30 pm: Field Hockey (V)
<b>THUR</b>	5:00-6:30 pm: Girls Soccer (V)	5:00-6:30 pm: Boys Soccer (V)	5:00-6:30 pm: Boys Soccer (V)	5:00-6:30 pm: Girls Soccer (V)	5:00-6:30 pm: Boys Soccer (V)
<b>FRI</b>	4:30-6:00 pm: Field Hockey 6:30-9:00 pm: Football (Game #1)	6:30-9:00 pm: Football (Game #2)	4:30-6:00pm: Girls Soccer (JV) 6:30-8:00pm: Girls Soccer (V) (Night #2)	5:30-6:30pm: Boys Soccer (JV) 7:00-9:00 pm: Boys Soccer (V) (Game #2)	4:30-6:00pm: Girls Soccer (V) 6:30-8:00pm: Field Hockey (Game #3)
<b>SAT</b>	11:00am-12:30pm: Boys Soccer (JV) 1:00pm-2:30pm: Boys Soccer (V)	11:00am-12:30pm: Girls Soccer (JV) 1:00pm-2:30pm: Girls Soccer (V)	11:00am-12:30pm: Field Hockey (V)	11:00am-12:30pm: Girls Soccer (JV) 1:00pm-2:30pm: Girls Soccer (V)	11:00am-12:30pm: Boys Soccer (JV) 1:00pm-2:30pm: Boys Soccer (V)

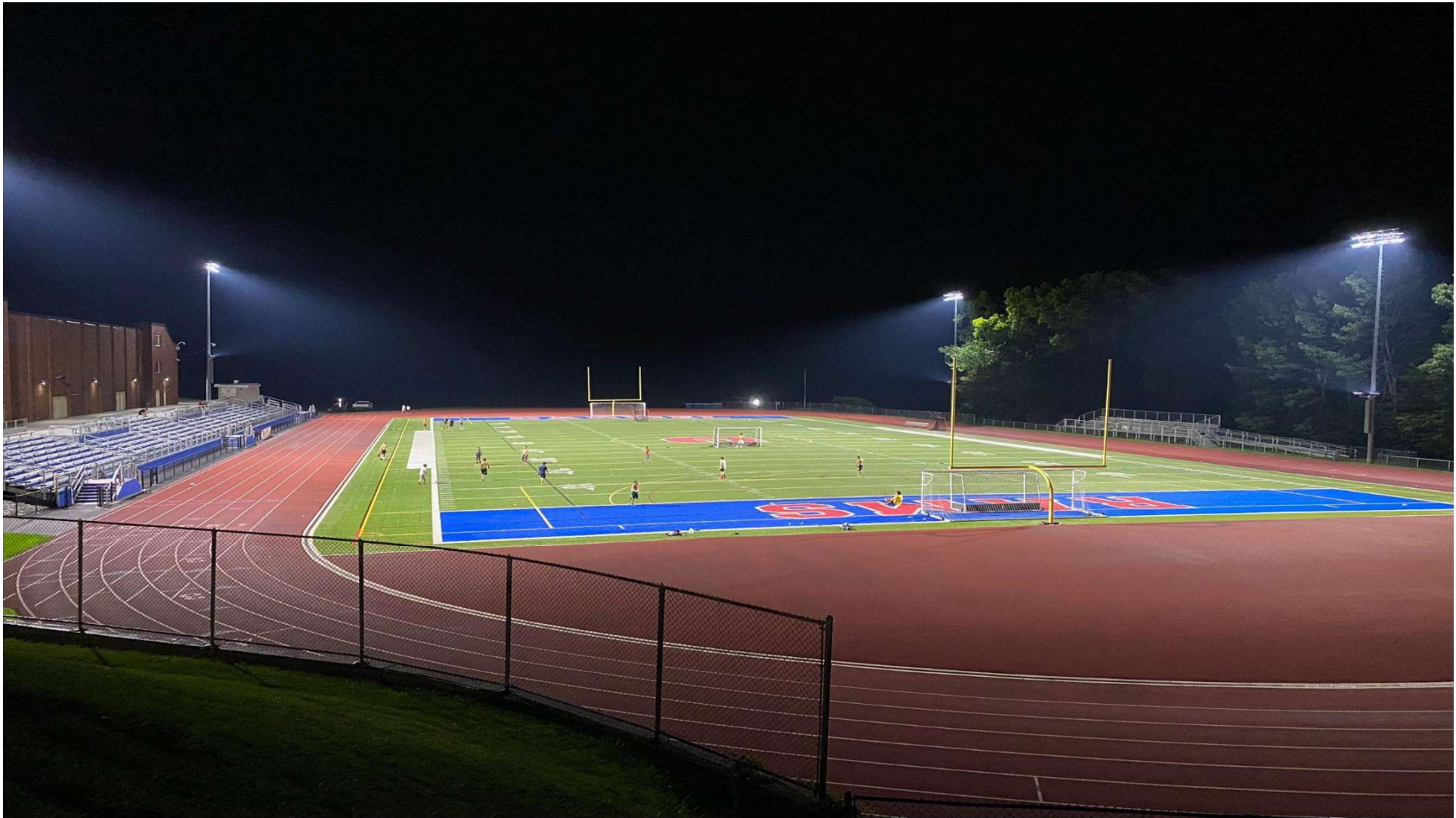


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## **When will the lights on Meszaros Field be in use?**

- The District intends to use the lights primarily for Irvington Athletics
- The latest lights would be on are 9:30 pm weekdays and 10:00 pm for Friday/Saturday use, inclusive of cleanup time
- Irvington Rec/Youth Sports may apply to use the field lights
- The months of lights use will be August, September, October, November, March, April and May
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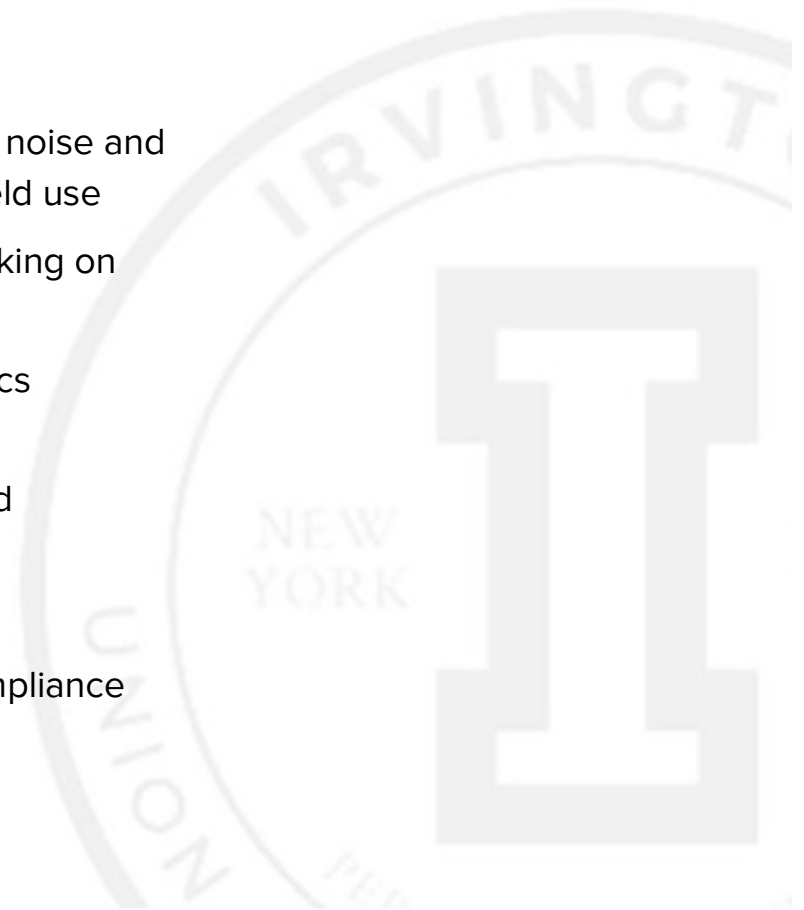
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## HOW WILL WE MANAGE EVENTS?

- The District is cognizant that events may create traffic and noise and will take measures to mitigate any potential issues from field use
- For larger scale events, the District intends to disallow parking on Heritage Hill Road
- Outdoor PA system use will be restricted to School Athletics contests
- Custodial staff are on hand for cleanup and more trash and recycling receptacles will be placed in area.

## CURRENT BUDGET ESTIMATES

- Cost of the lights - \$666,750 which includes Dark Sky compliance
- Electrical - \$350,000 We anticipate less here.



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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Community feedback was solicited from nearby neighbors at a meeting on March 5
- Dr. Ratesic presented the Capital Reserve Proposition to the PTSA, IEF and Booster Club committees at their March meetings in addition to presenting at the March 11 and March 25 Board Meetings.
- The District shared an FAQ document addressing questions or concerns and posted this on the District website. This document will be updated throughout the process ahead of the May 20 vote.
- The Board and District heard comments and concerns at the March 11 and March 25 Board meetings and will continue to do so at meetings ahead of the vote.
- The Board and District have responded and will continue to respond to emails.
- Community feedback will be further gathered at the other scheduled Budget Presentations given at various community locations (Senior Center, Village Hall, and the PTSA)



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## 2025-26 Budget Discussions

Please join the Board of Education and the Superintendent to learn more about the 2025-26 budget. We look forward to your participation! All Board of Education meetings listed below will be facilitated in-person. Board of Education meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are recorded and can be viewed by going to [www.irvingtonschools.org](http://www.irvingtonschools.org) and selecting the BoardDocs link.



**IRVINGTON**  
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Meeting/Topic	Date	Time	Meeting Information
Board of Education Meeting: Budget Landscape & Operations	Tuesday, February 25th	7:30 pm	IMS/IHS Campus Presentation Room 40 North Broadway, Irvington
Board of Education Meeting: Curriculum Budget	Tuesday, March 11th	7:30 pm	IMS/IHS Campus Presentation Room 40 North Broadway, Irvington
Board of Education Meeting: Superintendent's Proposed Budget	Tuesday, March 25th	7:30 pm	IMS/IHS Campus Presentation Room 40 North Broadway, Irvington
Board of Education Meeting: Budget Discussion	Tuesday, April 8th	7:30 pm	IMS/IHS Campus Presentation Room 40 North Broadway, Irvington
Board of Education Meeting: Budget Adoption	Tuesday, April 22nd	7:30 pm	IMS/IHS Campus Presentation Room 40 North Broadway, Irvington
PTSA General Membership Meeting Budget Discussion	Wednesday, April 30th	7:00 pm	Virtual - Please use this link: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3041933746">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3041933746</a>
Irvington Senior Center	Thursday, May 1st	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Irvington Senior Center 29 Bridge Street, Irvington
Superintendent to Present Budget to Village Trustees	Monday, May 5th	7:00 pm	Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington
Board of Education Meeting: Budget Hearing	Tuesday, May 6th	7:15 pm	IMS/IHS Campus Presentation Room 40 North Broadway, Irvington
2025-26 Budget Vote & Member Election	Tuesday, May 20th	7:00 am - 9:00 pm	Main Street School Gym 101 Main Street, Irvington

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Where can I get additional information?

[Capital Reserve Proposition Questions & Answers Document](#)

Address questions to:

[Budget@IrvingtonSchools.org](mailto:Budget@IrvingtonSchools.org)

