

Capital Project to Invest in Our Students' and District's Future

January 4, 2019

Dear Irvington School Community,

Happy new year! We hope you had an enjoyable break. As we start the new year, the Board of Education and District administration want to bring to your attention an important initiative that will benefit greatly from your participation.

Over the past year, the Board of Education identified the need to address essential facility improvements in our schools by introducing a state-aided, debt-neutral capital project. Supported by the work of a representative committee, the Capital Projects Planning Committee, that included community members, District staff and administration, BOE members, and industry experts such as the District's architect H2M, security consultant Altaris, and technology partner EduTek and Triton, a construction manager, the following areas of focus were identified:

- Safety and Security
- District Infrastructure
- Energy Conservation
- Modernization of Learning Spaces

Led by the Board of Education's Buildings and Grounds Committee and the District Administration with the ongoing support of our professional partners, the recommendations made by the community-based Capital Projects Planning Committee are being thoroughly reviewed and fine tuned. The results of this work have been updated at numerous Board of Education meetings. Many supporting documents, including Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on the District website or by clicking here.

This winter, the Board of Education will make a determination as to the scope of the proposed capital project that will be voted upon by school community members at the annual District Budget Vote and Member Election on May 21, 2019. Leading up to this date, community participation is valued and needed. To promote community engagement, the Board of Education and District Administration will be hosting a number of important meetings where updates on the project will be shared and your feedback will be sought.

<u>Upcoming Capital Project Meetings</u>

Tues, Jan 8, 2019, 7:30 pm, CPR
Tues, Jan 15, 2019, 6:00 pm, Campus Library
Thurs, Feb 7, 2019, 8:00 pm, CPR
Sat, Feb 9, 9:30 am, CPR
Tues, Feb 12, 7:30 pm, CPR
Tues, March 5, 7:30 pm, CPR
March-May TBD

BOE Meeting/B&G Committee Project Update Capital Projects Planning Committee Meeting Special BOE Meeting/Public Forum Public Forum/Q&A Event BOE Meeting/B&G Committee Update Approval of Project Scope Additional Information Sessions

Community voice in this process is critical and appreciated. All school community members are strongly encouraged to attend the many upcoming events to learn about

this important project and to share your thoughts and priorities related to the future of the District's school facilities.

As always, should you have any questions, you should feel free to email the Board of Education at Board@IrvingtonSchools.org or CapitalBond@IrvingtonSchools.org. There are other important initiatives you can learn about at www.IrvingtonSchools.org and via weekly email updates from the School District.

Sincerely,

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