

## A Message from the Superintendent of Schools-Capital Project Update

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Dear Irvington School Community,

It has been a while since the District had the opportunity to provide an update on the capital bond project. Over recent months more critical issues have consumed our communications; however, the District Administration and the Board of Education's Buildings and Grounds Committee has continued to advance the project.

To refresh your memory this necessary capital project will provide for increased safety and security, modernized learning spaces, enhanced energy efficiency and improved district infrastructure. However, the impacts of COVID-19 have had unfortunate and unforeseen delays on the required approval process that is led by the New York State Education Department. Despite the delays in project approval the District and its professional partners have met all timelines that we set to achieve.

By design, the capital project was divided into two phases in which projects were intended to be completed during the summer months of 2020 and 2021. As a result of the pandemic, many of these projects will be delayed, but the District is doing everything in its power to advance the project despite the SED's delays in its approval process.

By design, all safety and security projects were given top priority and will be initiated as soon as approval is granted so long as the construction can be completed safely. Thus, most significant construction will be limited to the summers of 2021 and 2022. At this point in time, the only work that is confirmed for this summer is the replacement of the Dows Lane boiler. For a current update on the status of all of the individual projects included in this initiative, <u>please click here</u>.

As more updates are available and construction timelines are confirmed, the District will provide the necessary details. In the meantime, please feel free review project details on the <u>Capital Bond Project webpage</u>.

Truly yours,

Kris

Dr. Kris Harrison Superintendent of Schools



