



# LYNCOURT

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Capital Project Overview



### NO ANTICIPATED LOCAL TAX IMPACT

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Tuesday, March 10th  
5:15 PM  
District Conference Room

### VOTE



Thursday, March 19th  
12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

District Conference Room,  
2707 Court Street,  
Syracuse, NY

Dear Lyncourt Community,

It has been my privilege to serve the Lyncourt Union Free School District for the past fifteen years as your Superintendent. During this time, I have been continually impressed by the district's thoughtful planning and strong fiscal stewardship, which have allowed us to maintain our facility in a safe, efficient, and student-centered manner.

Over the years, the district has completed numerous infrastructure projects focused on preserving the integrity of our building, enhancing safety, and ensuring our facility remains compliant with evolving legislation and educational needs. These investments have supported our daily operations while responsibly upgrading critical systems. As our student population has steadily increased, it has become increasingly important to address our aging infrastructure to maintain a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.

The proposed capital improvement project places a strong emphasis on infrastructure and safety upgrades identified through our Building Condition Survey. This survey is required by the New York State Education Department, is conducted every five years by licensed architects and engineers, and evaluates the overall condition of our facility to help identify anticipated capital needs and guide responsible long-term planning.

The driving forces behind this proposed project include:

- Health and Safety Issues
- Building Condition Survey findings
- Facility limitations and aging infrastructure
- Instructional needs that support current and future student learning

Together, these factors highlight the importance of proactively addressing our facility to ensure we continue to support a high-quality instruction in a safe and effective learning environment.

Most importantly, this project represents a significant opportunity to make these critical improvements with **no anticipated increase to local taxes**. Through careful financial planning and the strategic use of available state aid, we can strengthen our infrastructure and improve safety without placing an additional burden on our Lyncourt taxpayers.

We encourage all community members to learn more and share their input at our **public hearing on March 10 at 5:15 p.m.** Your participation and engagement are important to us, and we hope you will join the conversation.

We are excited about this opportunity to invest responsibly in the future of the Lyncourt Union Free School District while continuing to provide our community with a high-quality, safe, and modern learning environment.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,  
James Austin  
Superintendent





## Capital Project Voter FAQ

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS CAPITAL PROJECT?

This project focuses on updating essential Lyncourt School building infrastructure. Many of the systems date back to the 1930s and 1950s and are now at or beyond their useful life. The proposed upgrades ensure the school remains compliant with New York State building, health and safety requirements.

### WHAT IS THE DISTRICT'S GOAL?

The District's goal is to responsibly maintain the Lyncourt School building. We are proud of the building which has served generations of Lyncourt families, and it is past due for several upgrades to essential infrastructure. The Lyncourt School's mission is "Building Foundations for Lifelong Success". Having a building that is safe, efficient, and ready for the future is essential.

### WHAT MAJOR UPGRADES ARE INCLUDED?

The proposed improvements are core infrastructure upgrades to our building, not cosmetic:

- Replacement of a 20-year-old steam boiler plant with a modern hot water heating system
- Installation of air conditioning in areas prone to extreme heat, including upper floors
- Replacement of original domestic, storm, and sanitary piping dating back to the 1930s
- Replacement of air handler in the 1930's auditorium and gymnasium
- Addition of security doors to the large gymnasium annex
- Upgrades to the electrical service and panels across the building
- Replacement of damaged parking lots and sidewalks

### WHY IS THIS WORK NEEDED NOW?

If made in a timely fashion, the proposed improvements allow the District to:

- Comply with New York State laws for heat, cooling and building access
- Reduce long term costs associated with repairs to aging systems
- Minimize instructional disruptions due to failing infrastructure
- Maintain fiscal responsibility, no increase to local taxes
- Preserve the Lyncourt School building which has served our community for generations

### WILL THIS CAPITAL PROJECT INCREASE TAXES?

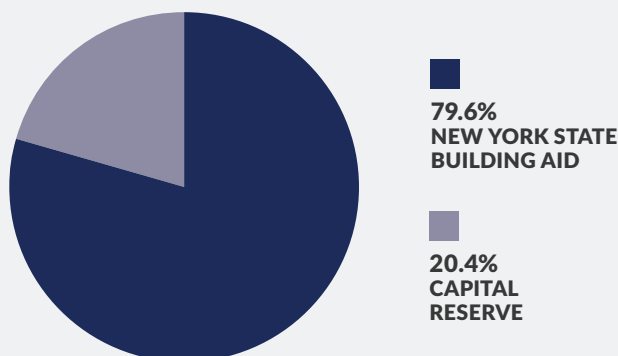
No, this capital project results in no increase to local taxes. Through careful long-term planning, the District is able to complete this work with the use of existing savings and state building aid only. No increase to taxes is needed to complete these critical building improvements.

## Financial Information

### No Anticipated Local Tax Impact

The proposed project has no anticipated taxpayer impact through use of building aid and capital reserve funds.

**Total Project Cost: \$19,000,000**





## Project Scope Highlights

- 20-year-old building steam boiler plant replacement with hot water plant
- Add air conditioning to top floor and partial eastern classrooms
- Replace 1930s domestic, storm, and sanitary piping original to the building
- New electrical service
- Classroom and office space ceiling and lighting abatement and replacement related to HVAC work
- Large gym security door installation
- Parking lot reconstruction
- Sidewalk reconstruction
- Auditorium work related to new HVAC unit



Stair and foundation restoration



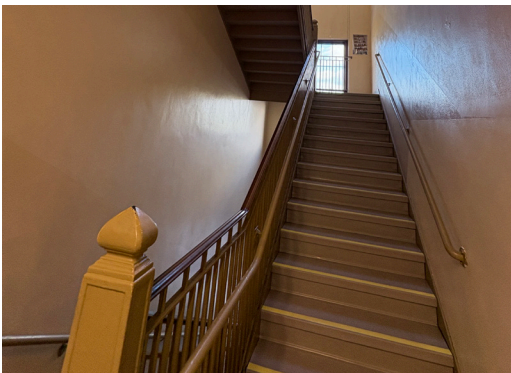
Foundation restoration



Replace 20-year-old steam boiler plant with hot water boilers



Floor and ceiling replacement to accommodate HVAC upgrades



Update finishes in stairs and hallways



Refinish floor and update ceiling and lighting

## Vote Information

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

03/12/2026: Absentee Ballot Application to be mailed must be received by District Clerk.

03/18/2026: Absentee Ballot Application in person must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 pm.

03/19/2026: Absentee Ballots Due to District Clerk by 5:00 pm on day of vote.

### VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Legal resident of the District at least 30 days prior to vote
- You do NOT need to be a registered voter

### MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our website at [lyncourtschool.org](http://lyncourtschool.org) or call the District Office at (315) 445-7571.



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