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Special Announcement

Cheektowaga-Sloan District Beautification & Athletic Facility Enhancement Capital Project 2023

February 8, 2023

Dear Cheektowaga-Sloan Families & Community,

It is with tremendous excitement that I am able to share wonderful news with all of our families, students, teachers, staff and greater community about an upcoming Capital Project that District residents will have an opportunity to vote on at our May 16, 2023 Budget Vote.

We have worked exceptionally hard to develop a plan where we are able to pay for this proposed \$8.5 million dollar project in full with money we have thoughtfully saved so that our community will not have any additional taxes imposed on them. If successfully approved in May, this project will have **no tax impact** to our community members.

The proposed highlights of this Capital Project include:

JFK Middle/High School

- Multipurpose Turf Field—to be used for football, soccer, practices for various sports, physical education classes, and outside events
- Multipurpose Field Lighting Installations—to be used for evening events
- Installation of a brand new Electronic/Video Score Board on our Multipurpose Field—this will have video capability for special nighttime events
- New Concession Building—this will include Restrooms, Concessions area & Storage—it will have a central location for access during sporting practices/games and District-wide events for all to use and enjoy
- Exterior Signage Upgrades—New modern electronic sign installed

Field House

- Interior Building Improvements—upgrades will be made to modernize our current Field House to create a fresh, updated appearance

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Woodrow Wilson Elementary School

- Installation of a brand new Playground—age appropriate equipment for our intermediate level students, grades 3-5
- Exterior Signage Upgrades—New modern electronic sign installed

Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School

- Installation of a brand new Playground—age appropriate for our primary students, grades PreK-2
- Exterior Signage Upgrades—New modern electronic sign installed

In addition to the above highlights, we have also been working on rebranding and modernizing athletics in our District. We have been working on purchasing new sporting equipment (new football helmets, new baseball hats, new pitching machine, etc.), ordering new uniforms for our athletes as well as new gameday apparel for our coaches, and we have partnered with a graphic designer, VSP, to create signage that will be displayed in the hallways of JFK and to design a standardized JFK Bear logo and beautiful school crest that will be consistently used on new uniforms and athleticwear District-wide. We want our athletes, coaches, families & our community to be filled with pride as they play and observe our JFK Bears excelling in athletics! **Go Bears!**

Our District Architects, *Young + Wright Architectural*, will be presenting at our next Board of Education meeting on **Tuesday, February 28th** to explain in more detail what this Capital Project will include. They will be sharing renderings of what the above proposed highlights may look like so that our community is informed and can share in our excitement with these possible new District-wide Beautification and Athletic Facility Enhancements. We hope that you can join us! We will also have Mr. Reiford, our Athletic Director, at the meeting to share more about the new JFK Bears logo and upcoming Spring Sports opportunities for our students.

In conclusion, I want to express how incredibly heartwarming it has been to develop a project that we know will bring joy, excitement, and a deep sense of pride to not just one school, but to **all of our schools** in the Cheektowaga-Sloan School District. It is a special time for me as the leader of our District to be proposing such an extraordinary project for everyone in our District and Community to enjoy for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Andrea L. Galenski, Superintendent of Schools

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