

Facilities Plan

August 2003

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Building Project UPDATE

This is an exciting and busy time for the City School District of Albany as its \$185 million voter-approved building project continues to move full-steam ahead. The project, which will fund the rebuilding and modernizing of nearly every school in the district as well as fund the construction of a third middle school, will be carried out over the next six year. In doing this, the district will put an end to inequity and give every school the resources it needs to help students succeed in the 21st Century.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Harriet Gibbons High School

This school was relocated in September 2002 to 75 Watervliet Avenue in a newly renovated building that provides students with more spacious classrooms and modern science labs, media center/library, art room, and fitness center. To learn more about Harriet Gibbons, please visit our web site at www.albanyschools.org.

Schuyler "A" and Schuyler "B"

This past spring, the district held it's first ground breaking ceremony to mark the start of the renovation of former School 21, which will be the new Schuyler "B" Elementary School. The ceremony also kicked off the demolition of the former Harriet Gibbons High School at the Our Lady of Angels site and the construction from ground up of the new Schuyler "A" Elementary School.

Construction of the new buildings began in June with the drilling of pilings at Schuyler "B" and the pouring of foundation at Schuyler "A". Construction is now in full swing, with the buildings expected to be enclosed by the end of the year. In the winter and spring of 2004, internal work will be done at both schools. In September 2004, the schools will be ready for occupancy.

Third Middle School

In June, voters approved a proposition that allowed the district to purchase 18.6 acres of land bordering Kelton Court and to construct a third middle school at that site (\$6,120,000). In addition, voters approved a proposition to construct athletic fields and related structures (i.e. bleachers, score boards, water fountains, etc.) at the Kelton Court site (\$2,650,000). Construction of the new middle school is slated to begin this fall after Education Department approval is received and bids are granted. Completion and occupancy of the third middle school is anticipated for September 2005.

Montessori Magnet, School 20, and School 27 (and School 26)

Design plans for the Montessori Magnet School have been submitted to the State Education Department for approval, and plans for School 20 and School 27 will be submitted in mid-August.

In June, the district closed School 26, Tremont Avenue, and will tear it down this fall after SED approval to make room for the new 45,000-square-foot Montessori Magnet School. In September, students who attended former School 26 will be bused to School 27. Furthermore, School 26 Principal Kathleen Brown has moved over to School 27 replacing retired School 27 Principal Jack Canty.

Arbor Hill Elementary

This summer, construction crews have been working at Arbor Hill Elementary School putting on a new roof and replacing skylights. This project is expected to be complete this September. The interior work planned for this school is expected to be complete in 2009.

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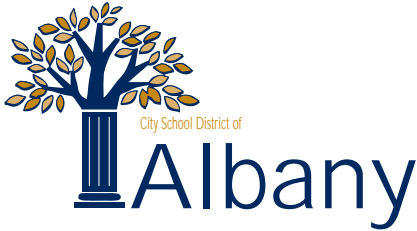
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High School Athletic Work

This past spring, a new 8-lane running track with all-weather synthetic surface was installed at the high school. The field work is also complete and includes a new softball field; an expanded multi-purpose field; the relocation of the southeast field (moved further to the east); new space for such track activities as discus, shot put, long jump and triple jump; and the refurbishment of the bleachers.

Hackett Middle School & School 18

The preliminary design and program studies for these two schools are currently underway. The plans are expected to be submitted to SED in September 2004, and completed and ready for occupancy in September 2006.

Philip Livingston Magnet Academy & School 16

Program studies for these two schools are also underway, but submittal of the plans to SED is yet to be determined. These two schools are expected to be complete and ready for occupancy in September 2007.

If you would like more information about what is planned for each school building, please log onto www.albanyschools.org for a thorough explanation of the renovation and constructions plans. If you have specific questions, please contact the district's Director of Capital Project Planning Ken Gifford at 482-5306.

Facilities Investment

The Schuyler and Montessori buildings will be the first to be vacated and will become swing space. Students and staff in the single starred (*) schools below will be transferred to Schuyler while their buildings are being constructed or renovated. Students and staff in the double starred (**) schools will be temporarily moved to the current Montessori facility, Park Avenue & Eagle Street.

Approved by voters, December 2001	
Land Acquisition	\$3,400,000
Harriet Gibbons Alternative HS	0
Schuyler "A" at School 21 site	\$8,958,000
Schuyler "B" at Gibbons site	\$11,620,000
*Montessori at School 26 site	\$9,204,000
**School 16	\$10,979,000
**School 18	\$9,907,100
*School 19	\$8,541,000
*School 20	\$9,643,000
*School 27	\$8,759,000
Thomas O'Brien Academy	\$7,420,000
Giffen Elementary	\$9,966,000
Arbor Hill	\$8,545,000
New middle school	\$30,914,000
*Hackett Middle School	\$17,450,000
*Livingston Middle School	\$19,422,000
High school athletic fields	\$527,000
Sunshine School	\$1,215,000
TOTAL COST	\$176,470,000

Approved by voters, May 2002	
Purchase Harriet Gibbons site	\$3,684,775
Reallocate funds from land acquisition to fund portion of Harriet Gibbons site acquisition (\$693,160)	
Reallocate fund from new middle school to fund portion of Harriet Gibbons site acquisition (\$2,991,615)	
Approved by voters, June 2003	
Purchase of Kelton Court site & construction of 3rd middle school	\$3,620,000
Purchase the renovated building and land at the Harriet Gibbons site	\$2,500,000
Athletic fields at Kelton Court	\$2,650,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$185,240,000

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