



# The Blue D Quarterly Capital Project Edition

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## DCS residents to vote on \$15.8 million capital project on March 1

Project includes maintenance and renovations to aging facilities and new synthetic turf field

On March 1, Dolgeville Central School District residents will head to the polls to vote on a proposed \$15.8 million capital project that includes maintenance and renovations to aging facilities, upgrades to the bus garage and athletic facility, and a new turf field. The Board of Education approved the referendum at a special meeting on Jan. 6.

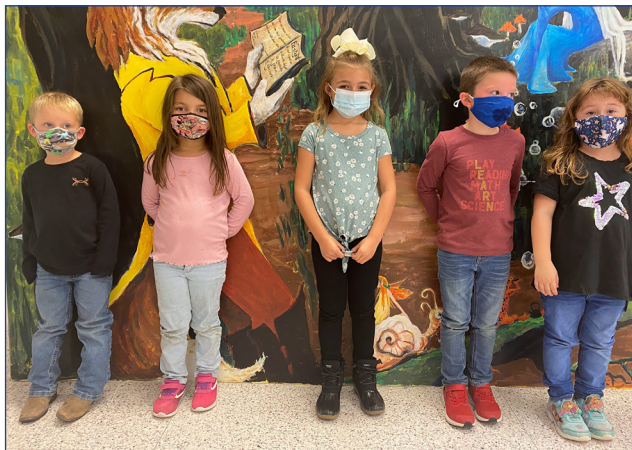
The \$15.8 million project includes two propositions. The first proposition for \$12,854,400 includes work at the school building and bus garage.

To pay for it, the district would use a combination of about 78 percent reimbursement in New York state aid and district reserves. The proposition would not increase local taxes.

The second proposition for \$2,957,300 would include athletic facility work, for which district would receive approximately 88 percent in state aid. The remaining money would come from reserves and an increase of 1.1 percent to local taxes.

**In order for proposition two to pass, voters must first approve proposition one.**

"We're doing this project because parts of our buildings are worn and aging and are



in need of renovations and upgrades," said Superintendent Joseph Gilfus.

"The buildings are heavily used day in and day out by both the school and the community, and just like a home, things wear out and are in need of replacement."

If voters approve the project, work would begin during the summer of 2023 and conclude around September, 2024.

### PROJECT DETAILS

The first proposition includes work on multiple areas of the main school building.

The work includes: additional energy efficient HVAC upgrades, which includes new boilers, controls, and unit ventilators; replacing aging sections of the roof; addressing damaged brick and mortar;

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### AT A GLANCE

**TOTAL PROJECT COST**  
\$15,800,000

### PROJECT DETAILS

**Proposition 1:** Maintenance/renovations to aging facilities, upgrades to the bus garage, and a new turf field.

**TAX INCREASE:** 0.0 PERCENT

**Proposition 2:** Renovations to the district's athletic complex, including replacing the "Big Blue" building.

**TAX INCREASE:** 1.1 PERCENT  
(See pages 2-3 for more info)

### PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, Feb. 15, at  
6 p.m. Sam Camardello  
Memorial Auditorium

### PUBLIC VOTE

Tuesday, March 1,  
2-8 p.m.  
High school cafeteria  
(See page 4 for voting info)

More project information can be found  
on the  
Dolgeville District website:  
[www.dolgeville.org](http://www.dolgeville.org)



**CAPITAL PROJECT***(continued from page 1)*

expanding the distribution of emergency power; and adding power panels in the elementary school.

The first proposition also calls for extensive bus garage renovations. That includes: roofing repairs; concrete apron and drainage work to the parking area; and a building addition, which would include a driver's training room, accessible rest rooms, and an office space.

Additionally, the first proposition includes upgrading the field in the center of the track from natural grass to synthetic turf. The district's goal is to use the field to provide extended programs for both the school and community youth programs (such as AYSO soccer, Pop Warner, Little League, etc.).

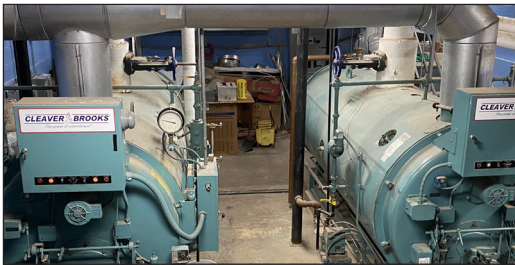
The second proposition calls for renovations and additions to the district's athletic facilities.

That would mean: replacing "Big Blue," the building between the track and football field with rest rooms, a concession stand, permanent seating for 500 spectators, and a press box; upgrading the track; and installing new field lighting.



"With this new state-of-the-art complex, both school and community groups would utilize the field and track, and the lights would allow for extended use. We envision this multi-use complex being used for music, academic, co-curricular, recreational, youth and community programs," Gilfus said.

"This project would allow us to address some pressing issues around the district while also creating new points of pride that our entire learning community can not only benefit from, but be proud of."

**What is proposed?****PROPOSITION 1 - WORK THROUGHOUT THE DCS BUILDINGS**

The boilers (above) would be replaced, spalling brick would be addressed, and controls to HVAC equipment would be upgraded.



- Replace roof areas that are draining poorly, leaking, and that are aging out.
- Continue to replace exhaust fans and aging unit ventilators and boilers.
- Upgrade controls to HVAC equipment to improve temperature efficiency.
- Address spalling brick and mortar.
- Expand generator distribution for emergency power.

**PROPOSITION 1 - BUS GARAGE RENOVATIONS**

- Create a driver's training room, rest rooms, and a new office space (includes fixing piping issues).
- Address storm water that sheets across the parking lot. The water that comes off the roof currently presents a safety issue during the winter and during heavy rains.
- Reconstruct concrete aprons (the area in front of the garage doors).



The proposed project includes parking lot work (above), new rest rooms, a training room, and office space (right) in the bus garage office.



PROPOSITION 1 - WORK AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC FIELD

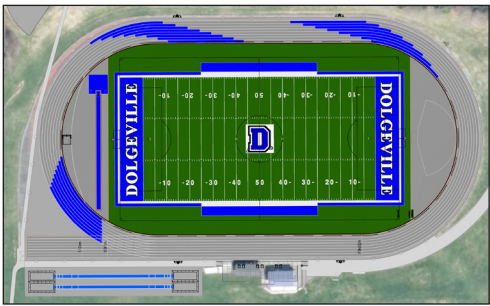
- Add power (panels and receptacles) to the elementary school.
- Upgrade field in the center of the track from natural grass to multi-purpose synthetic turf.



“We have trouble getting the heat to work when we need it. We have students who will come into class with a jacket. It’s hard for them to focus because they’re thinking about being comfortable.”  
- Grade 6 teacher Megan Williams

PROPOSITION 2 - RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE ATHLETICS FACILITY

- Replace “Big Blue,” the building between the track and current football field, with rest rooms, a concession stand, permanent seating for 500 spectators, and a press box.
- Upgrades to the track which will be used by school and community groups.
- Install new field lighting so school and community activities can be held in the evening.



A rendering of the proposed field and track.

The proposed new athletic complex that would replace “Big Blue” includes a new concession stand, rest rooms, permanent seating, and field lighting.



PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT Q & A

**Q.** What does the proposed project encompass?  
**A.** The \$15.8 million project includes two propositions. The first proposition for \$12,854,400 includes: maintenance and renovations to aging facilities; upgrades to the bus garage; and a new turf field, which will be used to provide extended programs for both the school and community youth programs. The second proposition calls for renovations and additions to the district’s athletic facilities. That would mean: replacing “Big Blue,” the building between the track and football field, with rest rooms, a concession stand, permanent seating for 500 spectators, and a press box; upgrading the track; and installing new field lighting.

**Q.** Why does this work need to be done?  
**A.** All of the school buildings and facilities at DCS are used heavily day in and day out by both the school and the community, and just like a home, things wear out and are in need of attention. We are in a position to address these needs now and do not want to miss out on this window of opportunity.

**Q.** How will the project be funded?  
**A.** To pay for the first proposition, DCS would use a combination of about 78 percent reimbursement in NY state aid and district reserves. The proposition

would not increase local taxes. The second proposition for \$2,957,300 would include athletic facility work, for which district would receive approximately 88 percent in state aid. The remaining money would come from reserves and an increase of 1.1 percent to local taxes. In order for proposition two to pass, voters must first approve proposition one.

**Q.** How would the project impact my taxes?  
**A.** Homeowners would see an increase of approximately 1.1 percent each year for two years, which is less than \$8 each year on a house assessed at \$50,000.

Estimated Tax Increase by Assessment Value

	House 1	House 2	House 3
Assessment Value	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Tax Increase	\$8	\$16	\$24

**Understanding this infographic:** If your home’s full total assessment value is \$50,000, your school tax bill could increase by \$8 the year after the project started (2024). This is the best estimate the school district can provide using existing data. Additionally, the estimated figures include primary STAR.



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Dolgeville, New York 13329

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### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

A qualified voter must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the Dolgeville Central School District for 30 days prior to the vote. No pre-registration is required, but it is recommended that all voters have a form of identification (e.g. a driver's license with current address) that indicates proof of residency.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Qualified district residents who are unable to go to the polls on March 1 can cast their votes by absentee ballot.

Applications for absentee ballots will be available for qualified voters from the district clerk at 38 Slawson Street, Dolgeville, N.Y. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day (other than Saturday, Sunday or a holiday) or by calling the district clerk at 315-429-3155 Ext. 3501. A completed application must be received by the clerk before a ballot can be issued. Call the clerk for details. All completed ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on March 1.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the proposed project, go to [www.dolgeville.org](http://www.dolgeville.org), and click on the "Capital Project 2022" link. A complete outline of the proposal is also available at the district office, 38 Slawson St. Dolgeville.

### SAVE THE DATES

The Dolgeville Central School District will be conducting public informational meetings for the proposed capital project at the following locations:

- **Salisbury Town Hall:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10.
- **Stratford Town Hall:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10.
- **Manheim Town Hall:** 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14.
- **Dolgeville Village Hall:** 5:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22.

### Public Hearing

Tuesday, Feb. 15

6 p.m.

Sam Camardello Memorial Auditorium

### Capital Project Vote

Tuesday, March 1

2-8 p.m.

James A. Green High School cafeteria