



Superintendent's Bulletin

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Dear RCSD Community Member,

At the November 10 Board of Education meeting, Robert Gimigliano, the District's Director of Facilities, provided the Board with an update on the progress of the capital projects taking place in the Rye City Schools. With all the other things going on in the schools related to COVID-19 and the management of hybrid learning, the District might be forgiven for putting facilities concerns to the side. I am happy to report that this school district has not done that and has instead been very focused on moving the ball forward in terms of capital repairs and improvements.

For those of you who have never experienced a capital project at a school district, you may not know there are a number of steps the District must go through for each project. As a reminder, the processes for all school construction are outlined below:



Because the projects are timed differently, they have been broken out into buckets, or phases.

Phase 1A – which includes the highly visible projects that everyone knows about: the replacement of the turf and track at Nugent Stadium, the installation of the tarping system, and, along with those, the installation of new Middle School gym lighting – is complete, and down to the punch list items. The final piece of the project is an ornamental fence at the corner of Parsons Street and Boston Post Road that can be removed for graduation, etc. Once that fencing is complete, it will be safe for the public to use the field.

Phase 1 includes air conditioning at the Performing Arts Center and bathroom renovations for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility at the High School/Middle School; both of these projects are complete. Also included is the North field drainage system, re-grading, and irrigation at Midland School. These are complete; the field has just received a new layer of sod and will be ready for use soon. Electrical upgrades at Osborn School are also included in Phase 1. This work is starting over the Thanksgiving break so as not to disrupt in-person learning.

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CAPITAL PROJECT - PHASES AND PROCESS STATUS



Phase 2 includes a variety of projects at all the schools due to begin in 2021. These projects are currently under review at the State Education Department. The District hopes to receive approval on these Phase 2 projects soon so it can begin the bidding process with contractors. Phase 2A includes the removal of the portable trailers and building the additions to Midland and Osborn Schools. These projects are considered “new construction,” so they have a different process than do the projects that are considered renovations to existing structures.

ANTICIPATED PHASE 2 PROJECTS: 2021/2022

Phase 2				Phase 2A*
High School & Middle School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure Vestibule Entrances Atrium (RHS) 3rd Floor Renovations for Code Compliance (RHS) New HS/MS Elevator (ADA Accessibility) Gymnasium A/C (RHS & RMS) Cafeteria A/C & MA Unit (RHS) Multiple bathroom renovations 	Midland School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure Vestibule Entrance Library Renovation Gymnasium A/C Multiple Bathroom Renovations Boiler and heating system upgrades Heating & Fresh Air Ventilation 	Milton School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure Vestibule Entrance Library Renovation Electrical System Exterior Envelope: Shingle roof replacement Boiler Plant Replacement 	Osborn School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure Vestibule Entrance Library Renovation Exterior Envelope: Windows, Doors, Building Façade Gym roof replacement and skylight reconfiguration Heating & Fresh Air Ventilation 	Midland School & Osborn School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decommissioning of Portable classrooms Additions to main building
Anticipated Launch Date: Summer 2021				Anticipated Summer 2022

*Phase 2A currently in Architectural Schematics, full design phase begins upon completion of Phase 2 bidding review

As Board President Jenn Boyle reminded us during the meeting, we have to keep moving forward as a school district, despite this incredibly disruptive time and all that comes with it. These projects serve to remind us all that it's important to look ahead to the future and to prepare for the day when we will get back to “normal” school life.

To watch the complete presentation, click [here](#). The presentation begins at 9:55.

Sincerely,

Eric Byrne, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



A photo of the Nugent Stadium turf and track taken by drone

Spelling Bee Buzz

Congratulations to RMS 7th grader **Calvin Holler** and RHS senior **Elizabeth Fink**, winners of the middle school and high school portions of the annual Rye Free Reading Room Spelling Bee, held this year on November 11. Calvin won a \$500 scholarship by correctly spelling the word "hustings." Elizabeth won a \$2,500 scholarship with the word "pagination." Congratulations to them both! ■



Above: Middle School Spelling Bee winner Calvin Holler with Rye Free Reading Room Director Chris Shoemaker (left) and Mayor Josh Cohn (right).



Right: High School Spelling Bee winner Elizabeth Fink with Rye Free Reading Room Director Chris Shoemaker (left) and Mayor Josh Cohn (right)

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday, December 15
Board of Education Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23
to January 1
Winter Recess
Schools Closed

Milton School Salutes Veterans

In years past, the elementary schools have welcomed veterans to come to the schools to talk to students and teachers about their experiences serving in the armed forces. This year, Milton School honored the nation's veterans by creating a Veterans Museum. In the entry lobby cabinets, the school displayed over 115 pieces of military memorabilia on loan from Milton families, each representing a tremendous personal sacrifice. Teachers took turns visiting the museum with their classes. Thank you to all those who contributed to the display to honor those who have given so much for the United States. ■



A few pieces from the Milton Veteran's Museum

Commendations

- The Rye High School **girls varsity soccer team** clinched a double-overtime win over Scarsdale to earn the Southern Westchester Large School Regional Championship title on November 23rd. The team also won the league title for the 10th straight year in a row
- The Rye High School **boys varsity soccer team's** season ended with a 7-0-2 record, earning them the league title
- The Rye High School **varsity field hockey team** ended the season with a 9-3 record and a number five ranking



All Hail the Southern Westchester Large School Regional Champs!



Senior class members of the Rye High School girls tennis team

- The Rye High School **boys and girls cross country team** had some great results at the Milton Regional Cross Country meet. Junior Taran Agarwal placed first with a time of 17:15.9. Rye had four male runners in the top ten, and two girls in the top 15
- The Rye High School **girls varsity tennis team** sent two doubles teams to the semifinals: Catharina and Charlotte Ausfal and Courtney Lopp and Juliette Stone. The doubles team of Sofia Nunez and Liz Peron made it to the quarterfinals!