



School Bell

Liverpool Central School District Volume 46, Issue 4
Preparing our Students for Tomorrow...Today Spring 2024

District Presents Capital Project to Voters

On March 14, the Liverpool Central School District will ask residents to vote on the 2024 Capital Project.

The 2024 Capital Project focuses on beautification and infrastructure upgrades of six district buildings: Donlin Drive Elementary, Long Branch Elementary, Elmcrest Elementary, Willow Field Elementary, the Soule Road Complex and the Morgan Road Complex.

This work will allow the district to continue to make the programmatic and infrastructure improvements necessary to serve the Liverpool community into the future.

State building aid will cover

approximately 84.3% of the total project cost. The district portion of the bond proposal will be covered by the 2021 and 2022 capital reserve funds. **There will be no additional cost to LCS D taxpayers.**



Please take a moment to review the information in this issue of the *School Bell* to learn more about the proposed project.

I encourage all District voters to carefully consider this bond issue and exercise your right to vote on March 14.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Henner
Superintendent of Schools

Project at a Glance

Estimated Cost: \$50,343,941

Renovation and site work at:

- Donlin Drive Elementary
- Long Branch Elementary
- Elmcrest Elementary
- Willow Field Elementary
- Soule Road Complex
- Morgan Road Complex

Tax Impact:
No Additional Tax Impact for LCS D Taxpayers

Important Dates

Public Hearing

Wednesday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m.
District Office Board Room
195 Blackberry Road

Vote

Thursday, March 14, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wetzel Road School
4246 Wetzel Road



Scope of Proposed Project: Donlin Drive Elementary

Selective Renovations/Upgrades

- ✓ Cafeteria Enhancements (Lighting, Paint, Ceilings, Drinking Fountains, and ...)
- ✓ Gymnasium Renovations (Basketball Backstop Replacement, Paint, Wall Pads, Drinking Fountain)
- ✓ Portable Wheelchair Lift Installation

Replacement/Upgrades

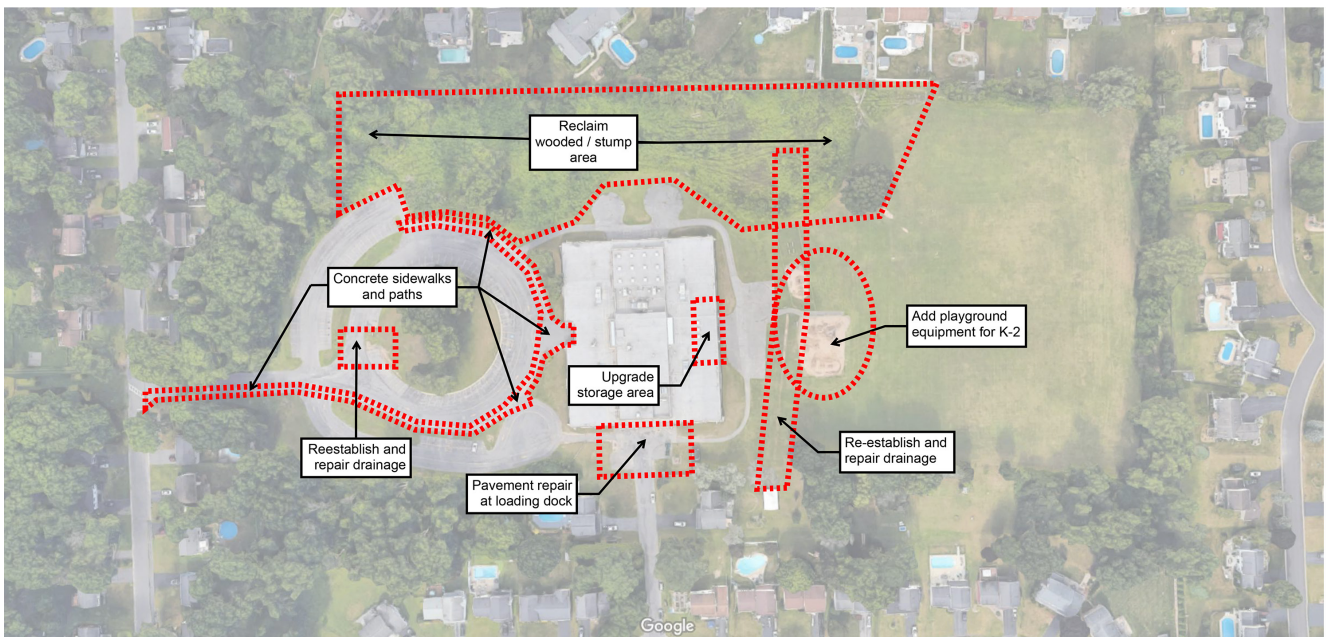
- ✓ Partitions Wall Infills (10 Locations)
- ✓ Boiler
- ✓ Select Office Ventilation System
- ✓ Select Plumbing
- ✓ Kitchen Exterior Grease Trap

Site Improvements

- ✓ Sidewalk
- ✓ Playground Expansion

✓ Pavement Repairs

✓ Site Drainage



Scope of Proposed Project: Elmcrest Elementary

Selective Renovations/Upgrades

- ✓ Classroom (23 Classrooms – Floors, Casework, Paint, Sinks/Bottle Fillers, and Wall Infills)
- ✓ Art Room (Flooring, Casework, Lighting, and Other Enhancements)
- ✓ Cafeteria (Flooring, Ceilings, Lighting, Drinking Fountains, and Audiovisual)
- ✓ Gymnasium (Paint Walls, Paint Ceiling, New Wall Pads, and New Back Stops)

Replacement/Upgrades

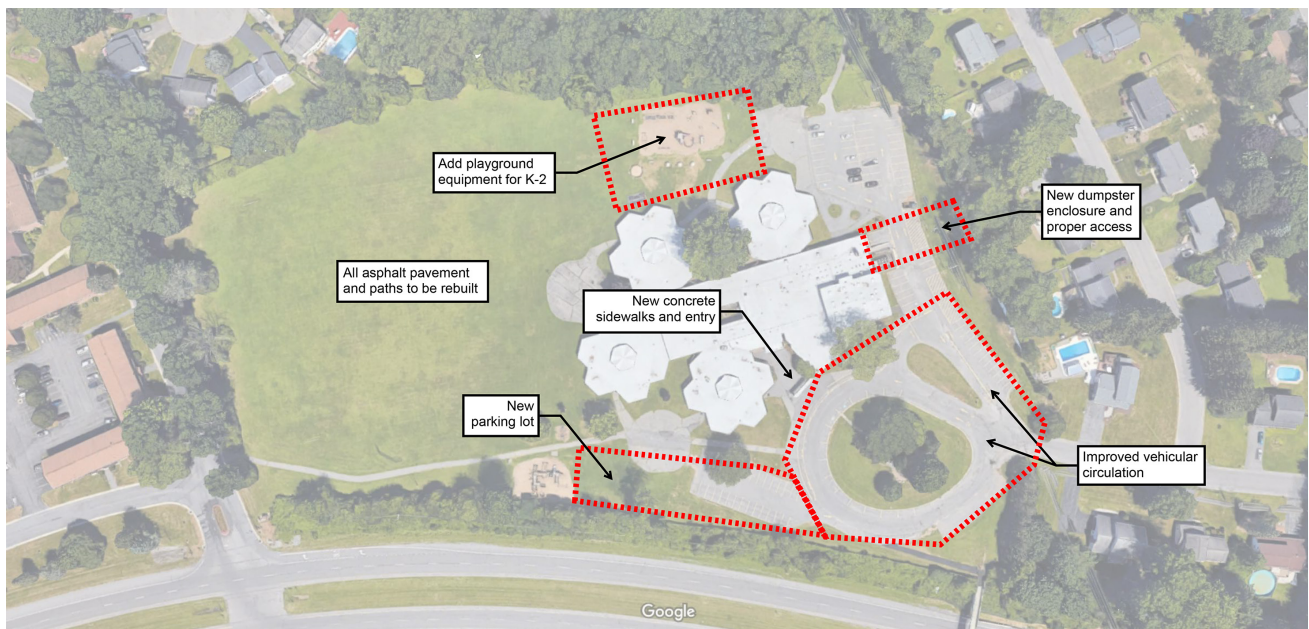
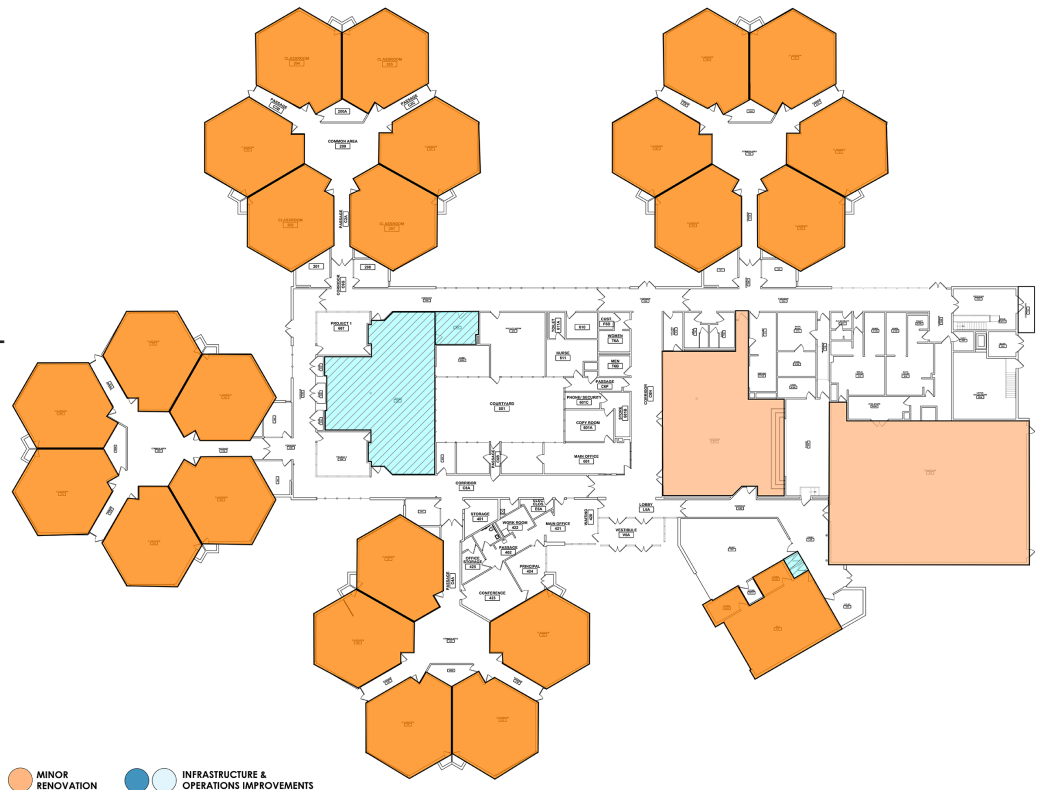
- ✓ Library Suite HVAC Systems Replacement
- ✓ Toilet Rooms – ADA Upgrades

- ✓ HVAC System Upgrades
- ✓ Electrical Upgrades
- ✓ Exit Signs Replacements

Site Improvements

- ✓ Site Lighting Replacements/Expansion

- ✓ Paving Improvements (Parking Lots/Pathways, Drives, Improved Circulation, and 30+ Additional Parking Spaces)
- ✓ Sidewalk Replacements
- ✓ Playground Enhancements (Expand and Add K-2 Playground Equipment)



Scope of Proposed Project: Willow Field Elementary

Selective Renovations/Upgrades

- ✓ Classroom (28 Classrooms – Ceilings, Floors, Casework, Lighting, HVAC, Sinks/Bottle Fillers, and Wall Infills)
- ✓ Library Upgrades (Carpet, Lighting, and Paint)
- ✓ Cafeteria & Stage (HVAC, Flooring, Ceiling, Lighting, Paint, and Audiovisual)
- ✓ Toilet Rooms – ADA Upgrades

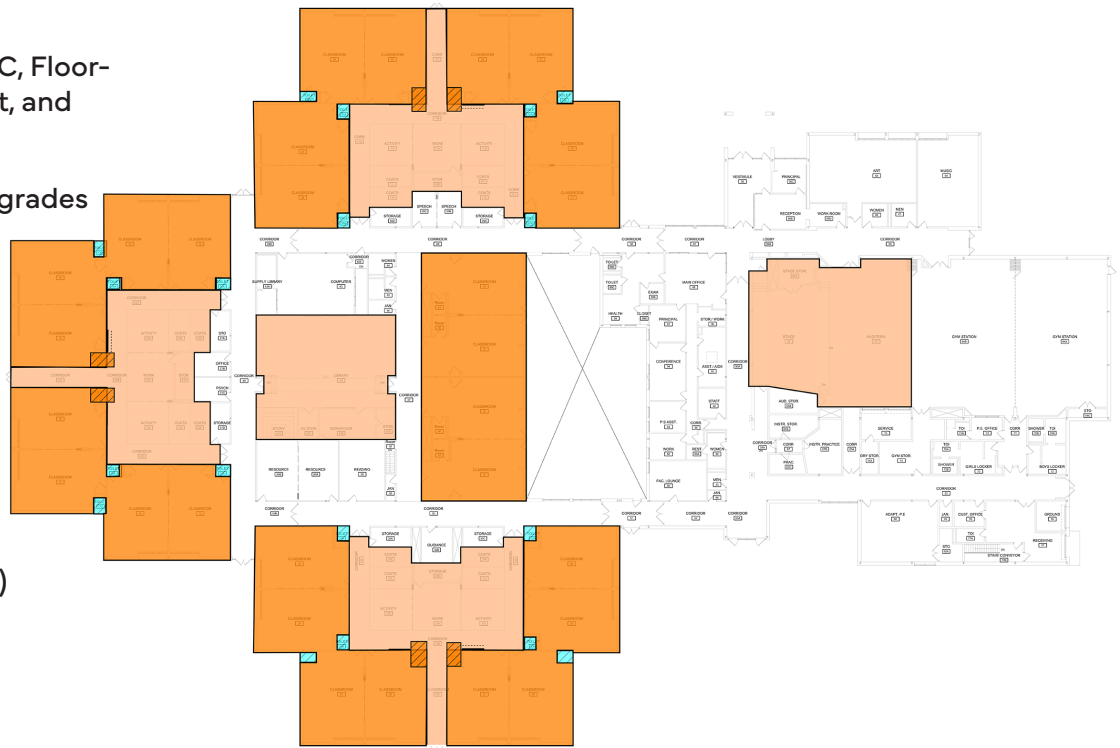
Replacement/Upgrades

- ✓ HVAC Upgrades
- ✓ Plumbing Upgrades
- ✓ Gymnasium Lighting
- ✓ Ceilings (Building Wide)

Site Improvements

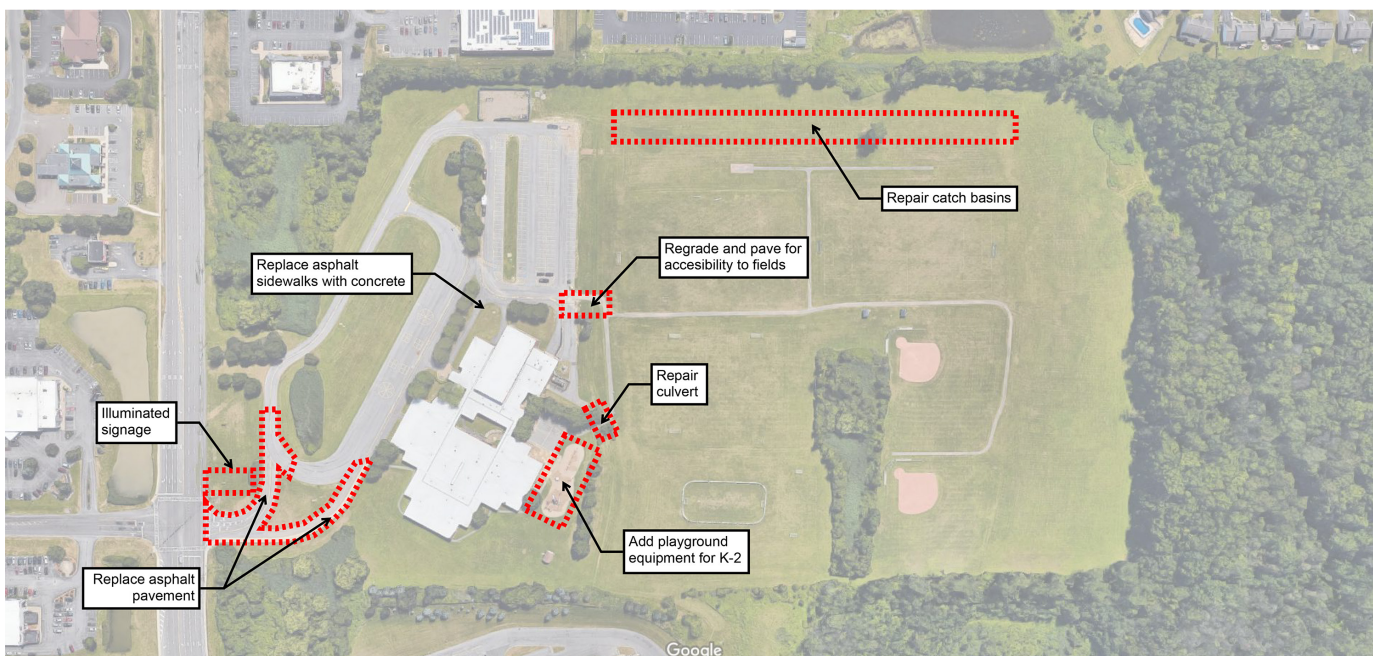
- ✓ Sidewalk Replacements
- ✓ Selective Paving
- ✓ Playground Enhancements (Expand and Add K-2 Playground Equipment)

- ✓ Additional Site Lighting
- ✓ New Exterior Site Signage
- ✓ Athletic Fields Site Accessibility Improvements
- ✓ Site Drainage Improvements



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
Not to Scale

- MAJOR RENOVATION
- MINOR RENOVATION
- INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENTS



Scope of Proposed Project: Morgan Road Complex

Selective Renovations/Upgrades

- ✓ Elementary School and Middle School Cafetorium Major Renovations (Asbestos Flooring Removal, Ceilings, Lighting, Stage, ADA Accessibility, and Audiovisual)
- ✓ Science Room Renovations
- ✓ Music Program Spaces Improvements
- ✓ Elementary School Gymnasium Renovations (Paint, Wall Pads, Basketball Backstops, Acoustic Panels)
- ✓ Middle School Gymnasium Renovations (Paint, Wall Pads, Basketball Backstops, Acoustic Panels)

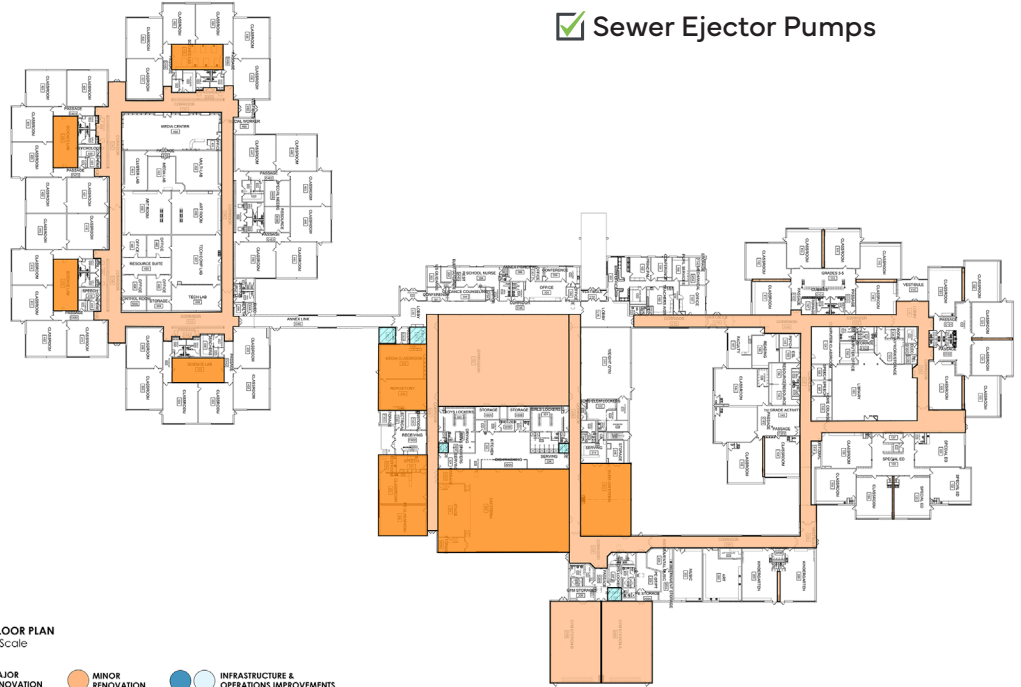
Replacement/Upgrades

- ✓ Middle School Corridor Ceilings and Lights

- ✓ Partition Wall Infills (9 Locations)

- ✓ Select Ventilation System Upgrades

- ✓ Sewer Ejector Pumps



Scope of Proposed Project: Long Branch Elementary

Selective Renovations/Upgrades

- ✓ Gymnasium (Paint, Wall Pads, New Basketball Backstop, and Drinking Fountains)
- ✓ Cafeteria Enhancements (Lighting, Paint, Ceilings, Drinking Fountains, and Audiovisual)

Replacement/Upgrades

- ✓ Classroom Carpet
- ✓ Library Carpet
- ✓ Boiler
- ✓ Select Ventilation Improvements
- ✓ Select Plumbing
- ✓ Kitchen Exterior Grease Trap



Scope of Proposed Project: Soule Road Complex

Selective Renovations/ Upgrades

- ✓ Ceiling Replacements
- ✓ Carpet Replacements
- ✓ Corridor Door Replacements
- ✓ Ventilation Upgrades
- ✓ Kitchen Upgrades including HVAC Systems and Audiovisual
- ✓ Toilet Room

Replacement/Upgrades

- ✓ Boiler
- ✓ Chiller Plant
- ✓ Air Handling Units
- ✓ Emergency Exit Lighting

- ✓ Electrical Panels

- ✓ Domestic Hot Water Storage Tank

- ✓ Plumbing Upgrade

Site Improvements

- ✓ Drainage



Liverpool CSD Capital Project

Project Summary

Total Cost:
\$50,343,941

2021 Capital Reserve Fund:
\$4,327,686

2022 Capital Reserve Fund:
\$3,672,314

State Building Aid:
\$42,343,941

**Tentative & Estimated Tax
Impact:**

**No Additional Tax
Impact for Liverpool
Central School District
Taxpayers**

Public Hearing:
March 6 at 5:30 p.m.
District Office
195 Blackberry Road

Vote:
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If Approved...

Anticipated Timeline:
Design: 2024
Construction: 2025-2027

The Official Ballot Wording

ACTUAL WORDING: Shall the Board of Education of the Liverpool Central School District (the "District") be authorized to renovate, reconstruct, improve, rehabilitate, repair, furnish and/or equip the Donlin Drive Elementary School, the Long Branch Elementary School, the Elmcrest Elementary School, the Willow Field Elementary School, the Soule Road Complex, and the Morgan Road Complex, including, but not limited to, the renovation and reconstruction of building exteriors and interiors, refurbishment of HVAC, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; and, campus wide site improvement consisting of vehicular/pedestrian circulation improvements, redesign of parking lots, widening of existing curb cuts, ADA compliance, improvements to storm water management system, and grading or improvement of the sites and acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and improvements are to be used (the "Project"), at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$50,343,941; to withdraw \$4,327,686 from the District's 2021 Capital Reserve Fund and \$3,672,314 from the District's 2022 Capital Reserve Fund, respectively, to pay a portion of said costs; and to raise \$42,343,941 by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, which tax may be offset by New York State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, shall the District be authorized to issue up to \$42,343,941 maximum principal amount of obligations of the District?

Important Voter Information

Where to Vote

Liverpool Central School District elections are conducted at a single polling place - **Wetzel Road School**. Community residents who are properly registered may vote once. The Capital Project Referendum Vote will take place on **Thursday, March 14**. A handicap-accessible voting booth will be available for community members. **The Wetzel Road Polling Place will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Who Can Vote?

Voters must be:

- Citizens of the United States;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Residents of the school district for at least a 30-day period immediately preceding the election; and
- Registered with the district Board of Voter Registration or the Onondaga County Board of Elections.

Absentee and Early Ballots

Qualified voters wishing to vote early, who will be away from home, or are otherwise unable to vote in person may vote by absentee or early ballot. The District Clerk must receive absentee and early ballots no later than 5 p.m. on March 14. To obtain an absentee or early ballot application, or for more information, contact the Office of the Deputy Superintendent at 315-622-7148. Absentee and early ballots can be mailed to residents until March 7. After March 7, residents must pick them up in Room 1 of the District Office.

District Schedules Voter Registration Day on March 7

Residents living in the Liverpool Central School District who are not registered to vote may still do so before the Liverpool Central School District Capital Project Vote on March 14.

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- ✓ 18 years of age or older;
- ✓ Residents of the school district for at least a 30-day period immediately preceding the election; and
- ✓ Registered with the district Board of Voter Registration or the Onondaga County Board of Elections.

Residents who have registered to vote with LCSd, and have maintained that registration by voting in a school district election within the last four calendar years, are properly registered to vote.

Residents who are not registered with the district can do so on Thursday, March 7, at the District Office (195 Blackberry Road in Bayberry) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Anyone unable to register on Thursday, March 7, can visit the Onondaga County Board of Elections Voter Registration Web site (www.ongov.net/elections/voterRegistration.html) to learn how to register to vote by mail.

Those who currently are registered to vote with the Onondaga County Board of Elections also may vote in school elections with no further registration. However, those who are not also entered in the school district register of voters may experience a slight delay at the polls because they will be asked to execute poll records for the district voter file before they will be permitted to vote.

Qualified voters who wish to vote early, will be away from home, or are

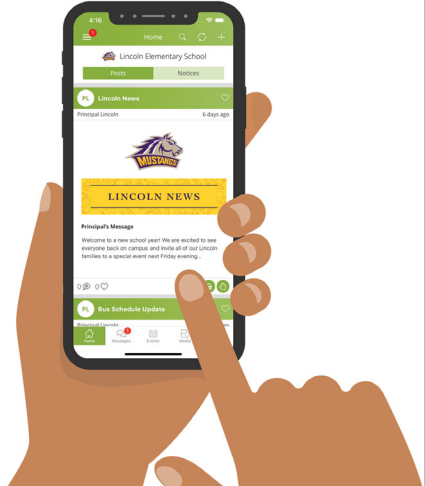

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The District Clerk must receive absentee or early ballots no later than 5 p.m. on the Liverpool Central School District Capital Project Vote Day (March 14).

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LHS Singers Light Up the Stage in New York City

The Liverpool High School Concert Chorale and MMSquared Quartet recently took part in the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Next Generation Junior Chorus Festival and Quartet Contest in New York City. They were one of only 15 high school ensembles invited world-wide to participate

Chosen for the festival through an extensive application process, the LHS Concert Chorale is an auditioned ensemble made up of 50 LHS students. Each ensemble invited was required to prepare a three-song set of a cappella music, including two songs in the traditional American art form of 4-part barbershop harmony and a third from any a cappella tradition.

The LHS Concert Chorale, under the direction of Sky Harris, selected three pieces to share their story of love and hope that opened with the 1946 Peggy Lee chart, "It's a Good Day," with student-generated parody lyrics introducing the Liverpool group to the New York City crowd. "We're doing things the Liverpool way," wrote the students.

Song two was a world premiere arranged by Melody Hine specifically for the Concert Chorale and originally written by Syracuse songwriter Caroline Bergan who student taught at LHS last spring. The song, "Dear Stranger," is an original by Bergan that the Concert Chorale students fell in love with about the power of being a bright light in the lives of

those around us, whether we know them or not.

The set closed with an 8-part arrangement of Rihanna's "We Found Love" originally written for the University of Chicago's Voices in Your Head that brought the message of love for each other, in spite of all the turmoil in the world to a stunning close that had the audience jumping to its feet.

The Concert Chorale received a rating of Outstanding and finished in second place in the Large Chorus Division.

MMSquared Quartet, made up of LHS freshmen Molly Jaquin, Mia Humphrey, Mia Cabrey, and Madison Humphrey qualified to represent LHS through a video contest last fall and were selected as one of the top 15 quartets in the world under the age of 18.

Singing to a standing room only hall, MMSquared was one of the youngest quartets in the contest and inspired the audience with their rendition of Disney's "When You Wish Upon a Star," earning them a rating of Excellent.

MMSquared, made up of four friends, including a set of twins, started singing together when they were eighth graders in the Morgan Road Middle Chorus with teacher Alicia Caron.

In addition to the competition, singers from LHS also were able to take in a Broadway show, hear and see an amazing a cappella perfor-

mance every night as a part of the festival, receive in-person coaching from members of the judging panel, meet and bond with other young singers from around the world, explore all that New York City has to offer, and rehearse and perform as part of a mass choir of all the youth chorus and quartet participants. The students loved that they not only got to know each other better, but now have singing friends all the way in Ireland.

Support for the trip became a community affair with major grants coming from both the Barbershop Harmony Society, as well the Liverpool Foundation for Education. Other sponsors also included Sugar Blossom Cake Shop, CNY Latino, Krzyzak Eye Care, Hayden Jewelers, Family-Care of Cicero, and the Liverpool Redemption Center, as well as several families and individuals who helped contribute to keep costs down for students.

"I am incredibly proud of how well our students represented the program and the wonderful impact they had not only on the audience at the festival, but on everyone we came across while we were traveling," says Harris. "The students truly understood the message we were there to deliver: that every person we come across has value, that love can be found in spite of all odds, and that each of us has a responsibility to use our talents to make the world a better place."



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Matthew LaCombe



Joelle Wike

LHS Seniors Named Candidates for Presidential Scholars Program

The United States Department of Education recently announced that Liverpool High School seniors Matthew LaCombe and Joelle Wike are candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program at the national level.

Presidential Scholar recognition is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students who represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people. Each year, the Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars from among the top high school seniors in the country based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations, and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and commitment to high ideals.

Petitions Available for Board of Education Seats

Three terms of office on the Liverpool Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2024. Successors to these offices will be elected to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, at the annual school district election on May 21, 2024. These board seats currently are held by Richard Pento, Joseph Morawski and Katherine Roberts.

Board of Education vacancies are not considered to be separate specific offices. The nominating petition does not describe a specific vacancy for which the candidate is being nominated.

Each petition is considered for a seat on the Liverpool CSD Board of Education as a whole and not as applicable only to a specific office presently held by a particular individual.

Candidates may be nominated only by petition. Each nominating petition shall be filed with the Office of the Deputy Superintendent, in Room 1 of the District Office, 195 Blackberry Road, no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 22.

Petition forms to nominate candidates for election to the Board of Education will be available beginning March 18 in the Office of the Deputy Superintendent, located in Room 1 of the District Office.

Each nominating petition must state the name and residence of the candidate. Additional candidate requirements will be included in the board petition packet.

For additional information about Board of Education membership or the upcoming Budget Vote and BOE Election, contact the Office of the Deputy Superintendent at 315-622-7148 or visit www.liverpool.k12.ny.us.

Ride 360 App Being Replaced

This spring, the Ride 360 transportation app the Liverpool Central School District uses to provide families with student transportation information will be retired, and an updated app is now available to all users.

This new app, My Ride K-12, will allow Tyler Technologies to provide

new features and updates more quickly.

My Ride K-12 is available for download in the Apple and Android app stores. You will need to download the new app to access updated transportation information for your students. Usernames and passwords from Ride 360 will carry over into My

Ride K-12. Additionally, parents can use existing log-in information to access a web version of My Ride K-12 at myridek12.tylerapp.com.

App users will need to download the new app by May 1, when the Ride 360 app will be retired. Current user names and passwords will remain the same.



Apple App Store



Google Play Store

LHS Athletic Hall Seeks Nominations

The Liverpool High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is looking for former Liverpool graduates who have distinguished themselves on the athletic fields at LHS. The gymnasium lobby at LHS displays the Hall of Fame inductees who have been honored since the first class of inductees in 1987. More than 200 individual plaques honor past inductees for their athletic achievements and contributions to the athletic program.

To be eligible, a candidate must:

- A) have attended Liverpool High School
- B) have participated in at least one Varsity Sport at LHS
- C) submit, or have submitted on their behalf, a written resume of his/her athletic achievements at LHS
- D) be at least 5 years out of high school (before the class of 2019)

Nominations will be accepted for:

- 1) **INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES...** with emphasis on their accomplishments at LHS.
- 2) **CONTRIBUTOR...** an outstanding contributor to athletic programs of LHS, either in coaching or other service related to Liverpool athletics. Coaches must be **RETIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR INDUCTION.**

- 3) **TEAM NOMINATIONS...** those teams that have won state championships or were ranked #1 in the state at the end of the season before there were state playoffs.

Nominations for induction will be accepted until June 30, 2024. The submission guidelines list the information the committee needs for evaluations. Once the nomination is submitted, the nominee will remain eligible for the next five years. Nominations can be submitted online by visiting the Athletic Hall of Fame Web site at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/departments/athletics/athletic-hall-of-fame.

Submission Guidelines

- Name of Nominee
- Age
- Year Graduated from LHS
- Years at Liverpool
- Address of Nominee
- Sport(s) nominee participated in
- Awards and Recognition (League, Section III, Region, State or All- American designation)
- Records Set
- Nominee's Accomplishments after High School
- Current Employment of Nominee
- Personal Comments
- Person Making the Nomination (include address and contact information)

Non-Public Transportation Requests Due April 1

Requests for school district transportation to non-public (private or parochial) schools for the 2024-2025 school year must be filed at the Liverpool Central School District Transportation Center by Monday, April 1.

Applications must state the name, address, telephone number, date of birth and grade of the student for whom the request is being submitted, as well as the name, address and telephone number of the private or parochial school to which transportation is requested.

Babysitter arrangements must be located within the LCSD boundaries and within the public school enrollment area and/or quadrant boundaries that the requestor resides.

Request forms may be obtained at the various non-public schools, at the Transportation Center located at 4101 Long Branch Road, Liverpool, N.Y. 13090, and online at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us.

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