

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

UPDATE ON THE EXCEL CAPITAL PROJECT

Spring 2010 Launch of Modernization, Repair & Restoration Work Across Campus

At last night's regular monthly meeting, the Board of Education established a winter bid phase and a spring 2010 launch of the construction phase for the voter-approved EXCEL capital project. **EXCEL** Stands for Expanding Children's Education and Learning Aid.

Most of the Empire State's public school buildings – Peru Central included – were constructed forty, fifty or more years ago. As a result, the state requires school districts identify and report priorities for school building renovations, repairs and modernization every five years.

This EXCEL capital project was approved by voters March 12, 2008. The project uses State EXCEL Aid, building aid and capital project reserves to fund this project. Various top priority safety, health and energy conservation/efficiency items are included within this project. Prior capital projects addressed earlier priorities for modernization, repair and restoration. This EXCEL capital project will help make our schools better and safer in the years ahead.

The project scope includes security system improvements, interior signage, elementary grades exterior windows, hardware and door replacements, modernization of various elementary grades classrooms and modernization of the high school's auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium spaces. Various electrical, plumbing and heating updates are included, along with replacement of the 1960's vintage bleachers in the intermediate school and high school gymnasiums which are approaching the end of their usable life, due to safety concerns.

This capital project is a unique, one-time EXCEL funding opportunity from the State Legislature that provides Peru Central School District voters extra state aid for educational technology, health and safety, accessibility and energy efficiency, as part of voter-approved capital project work. It's **unlikely** that such a favorable financial package will ever again be available.

Details regarding the construction phase timetable will be established, published and distributed across campus in the months ahead.

Attached to this update is the **scope of work** associated with the EXCEL capital project. In New York State, public school district capital project reserve funds may be used only for capital project work. Such funds are **not** able to be used for paying salaries, purchasing goods or materials.

PRIMARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Kitchen renovations and improvements including drain line improvements;
- Floor tile replacement to facilitate more productive floor cleaning in kitchen;
- Cafeteria serving line renovations;
- Wall tile added to cafeteria walls;
- Fire alarm and security system improvements;
- Addition of emergency electrical generator capacity;
- Ventilation improvements;
- Stair access to primary stage mezzanine;
- Stage curtains for primary stage;
- Gymnasium improvements such as a folding partition;
- Covers in gymnasium for exposed piping and wall padding.
- Conceal exposed piping in cafeteria;
- Improvements to various classroom toilet rooms, such as ventilation units;
- Mechanical and environmental control improvements;
- Energy efficient lighting systems;
- Classroom window and screen replacements;
- Hardware and door replacements for various classrooms and other spaces;
- Renovated finishes and other classroom updating, such as classroom toilet facilities; casework, chalkboards, whiteboards, tack boards, some upgrading of lights and area rugs, modifying TV shelf design, modifications to particular cubbies/storage to increase space and efficiency.
- Replacement of classroom doors, frames and sidelites.
- Renovations to parking and walking areas;
- Heating and environmental control system improvements;
- Exhaust added to nurse's area;
- Add second exit from staff room;
- Security systems, emergency electrical generators, updated interior signage systems;
- Improved energy efficiency and mechanical controls;
- Improved energy efficient lighting, door locks and door hardware replacements;
- Various improvements to plumbing systems and toilet rooms;
- Replacement of various original classroom casework, chalkboards and floor finishes;
- Reconfigure and protect gas service entrance;
- Provide frost protection at new exit doors for cafeteria and wing exit doors;
- Install ceilings at entrance canopies;
- Improve landscaping design/screening of garbage/recycling dumpsters;
- Construct screen to conceal boiler room, piping, etc.;
- Various other interior and exterior renovations and improvements throughout.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Gymnasium bleachers and gymnasium sound system replacement;
- Replacement of ceilings and lights not replaced in prior capital projects;
- Fire alarm and security system improvements and emergency electrical generators;
- Additional electrical receptacles throughout;

- Replace five original drinking fountains with modern water coolers;
- Redirect visitor traffic to main office with locking interior doors at main vestibule;
- Renovate and improve utility of Intermediate School main office area;
- Heating, ventilation and temperature control improvements;
- Replacement of the clock in the clock tower;
- Install a canopy over the exterior landing and stair leading to school bus area;
- Renovations corridors, such as replacement of drinking fountains;
- Replacement of stair handrails and guardrails;
- Reconstruction of information technology center;
- Mechanical and environmental control improvements and updating;
- Energy efficient lighting systems, stair railing replacements;
- Classroom window, screen and window shade replacements;
- Hardware and door replacements for various classrooms and other program spaces;
- Renovated finishes and other classroom updating;
- Provide exhaust in all restrooms;
- Provide grab bars missing in rear of several new disability toilet rooms;
- Asbestos abatement associated with various renovations & improvements;
- Complete renovations and improvements to basement restrooms;
- Paint finishes in various spaces and hallways within the school;
- Add storage units in various spaces within the school;
- Upgrade corridor wall finishes;
- Replace kitchen exhaust fan;
- Provide hookup to dishwasher booster heater;
- Modernize and improve various fire alarm devices within the school;
- Replace gymnasium side basketball backstops & folding partition;
- Replace classroom clocks and speakers which were not previously replaced;
- Add power receptacles throughout the school;
- Provide built-in storage units to various classrooms;
- Replace ceilings and lighting systems not replaced in prior capital project;
- Renovations and improvements to technology center heating and cooling;
- Various other interior and exterior renovations and improvements.

HIGH SCHOOL- MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Major renovations to the original high school gymnasium and gymnasium flooring;
- New gymnasium bleachers, sound system and added lighting in the gymnasium;
- Major renovations to the high school cafeteria and auditorium and high school office;
- Major renovations to the business office and district office areas of the high school;
- Stair railing replacements and stair treads throughout various corridors;
- Replacement of door hinges and adjustments to electro-magnetic hold open devices;
- Separate bell systems for the high school and the middle school;
- Replace window units that open into adjoining classrooms;
- Installation of speed bumps at the high school;
- Replacement of all remaining original lockers in the back high school corridor;
- Band room renovations and improvements to the control booth in auditorium;
- Comprehensive renumbering and signage replacement throughout this facility;
- Replacement and improvement of teacher mailboxes area;

- Painting of interior systems including partitions and door frames;
- Differentiated painting schemes for middle school and for high school;
- Seal leaking window units;
- Walk-in freezer replacement;
- Additional lighting in middle school gymnasium;
- Replace grout with flexible fill at roof joist/wall connections;
- Upgrade middle school gymnasium sound system and various other gym detail items;
- Repair cracked precast concrete plank units;
- Provide detail for infill behind science cabinetry where backs project above sills;
- Various general classrooms receive replacement cabinetry and boards;
- Replace original drinking fountains with modern water coolers;
- Conceal first floor level heat supply and plumbing piping;
- Install ceilings and chase pipes;
- Replace and improve various classroom doors, frames and sidelites;
- Conceal junction boxes and repair cracked interior joints throughout facility;
- Replace ceilings in language rooms;
- Replace and/or improve door hinges and electro-magnetic hold open devices;
- Provide durable transition between new floor tile and existing terrazzo;
- Provide corner protection at ceramic wall tile;
- Ceramic tile wall repair and improvements;
- Replace 50 remaining original lockers at back corridor of high school;
- Reconstruct middle school canopies to direct water and ice away from sidewalks;
- Add catch-basin at stadium entrance area;
- Provide concrete pads at middle school exit doors;
- Various other interior and exterior renovations and improvements.

CROSS-CAMPUS REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Ventilation, heating and environmental control system improvements;
- Re-pointing of window sills;
- Repair of cracked concrete ramps;
- Security systems, emergency electrical generators, updated interior signage systems;
- Improved energy efficiency and mechanical controls;
- Improved energy efficient lighting, door and door hardware replacements;
- Various improvements to plumbing systems and toilet rooms;
- Replacement of various original classroom casework, chalkboards and floor finishes;
- Repair of cracked and missing wall tiles in corridors;
- Painting of various finishes;
- Install concrete bases at exterior light poles;
- Asphalt topping of remaining parking areas not previously addressed;
- Construct concrete pad and/or surround for dumpsters and recycling centers;
- Information technology improvements and replacements.