



Albany High School facilities vote Tuesday, February 9, 2016

The City School District of Albany has proposed a **scaled-back renovation and construction project** for Albany High School. The current school was poorly planned and poorly constructed more than 40 years ago, and cannot meet the needs of students today or in the future without major additions and renovations. The proposal would create a supportive, up-to-date learning environment that will lead to significantly greater student success and accommodate anticipated enrollment growth of 500 students or more.

The reduced \$179.9 million proposal cuts \$16.1 million from the plan voters defeated by 92 votes in November. It also **cuts the proposed tax increase by more than half** compared to the previous plan.

TOTAL COST: \$179.9 million

- Albany taxpayers would pay \$62.7 million (35%). State aid would cover the rest – \$117.2 million (65%). The Nov. 3 proposal was for \$196 million with a local share of \$72 million (37%).

TAX IMPACT: The proposed tax increase has been cut by more than half compared to the Nov. 3 proposal. Here is a comparison:

| Home Value | Basic STAR | Enhanced STAR |
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| \$150,000 | \$19/year \$1.58/month or 5 cents/day (\$42 in original proposal) | \$14/year \$1.17/month or 4 cents/day (\$30 in original proposal) |
| \$200,000 | \$28/year \$2.33/month or 8 cents/day (\$60 in original proposal) | \$22/year \$1.83/month or 6 cents/day (\$47 in original proposal) |
| \$250,000 | \$36/year \$3.00/month or 10 cents/day (\$77 in original proposal) | \$30/year \$2.50/month or 8 cents/day (\$64 in original proposal) |

WHAT'S BEEN ELIMINATED?: \$16.1 million in the following areas:

- The new 1,400-seat auditorium in the Nov. 3 proposal has been replaced with renovations and a 200-seat expansion to the current auditorium; total capacity 850.
- An expansion of the main gym has been eliminated.
- Three of five distance-learning classrooms have been eliminated (two maintained).

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WHAT'S BEEN ELIMINATED?: *(continued from front page)*

- \$2 million in technology expenses. The district would redirect those funds from its district-wide Smart Schools Bond Act allocation to the new high school.
- \$1.5 million in furniture and equipment expenses.
- Less-expensive flooring materials will be used in hallways.
- An artificial-turf athletic practice field has been eliminated. This would remain grass.

WHAT HAS STAYED THE SAME: The scaled-back proposal has the same academic, safety and facilities/systems improvements as the Nov. 3 proposal. Those features include:

- **Classroom addition:** A three-story addition to meet anticipated enrollment growth.
 - Completed in the first phase, two years sooner than in the Nov. 3 proposal.
- **CTE move:** The career and technical education programs (CTE) currently three blocks away at Abrookin would move to the main campus, improving student safety and expanding CTE's exposure and relevance to all students.
- **Safety and security improvements:** Albany High's courtyard has 11 entrances at the center of campus, a major safety concern. The proposal would enclose the courtyard to reduce the number of entrances there to two.
 - The proposal also would redesign the interior to eliminate winding hallways and hidden stairways, and improve sight lines for staff.
- **Facilities improvements:** Albany High needs an estimated \$55.7 million in updates simply to replace old equipment and facilities, such as the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, roof, brick façade and other systems.
 - A successful vote Feb. 9 could allow roof replacement in time for next school year.

WHERE WILL I VOTE?

- **Voting locations** Feb. 9 will be the same as for the annual school budget vote in May. These locations may be different than voting locations for the general election in November.
- **Be sure to check your polling place.** Visit "REBUILDING ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL" at www.albanyschools.org to find your voting location, or call the board clerk at 475-6010.
- **Absentee ballot applications** also are available in the "REBUILDING ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL" section at www.albanyschools.org, or call the board clerk at 475-6010.

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Please remember to vote Tuesday, February 9!