



Budget and Capital Project Vote

- ✓ **Proposition 1:** Budget Proposition
- ✓ **Proposition 2:** Bus Expenditures Proposal
- ✓ **Proposition 3:** Capital Expenditures Focused on Students and Security
- ✓ **Proposition 4:** Purchase of Real Property Adjacent to Senior High School

Propositions 2, 3, and 4 - No Additional Impact to Taxpayers.

Rush-Henrietta's annual budget newsletter will be mailed soon. It will contain more information about the proposed budget and bus expenditures. In the meantime, here is information about two additional propositions on the ballot.



Learn More About Proposition 3

Enhancing Opportunities for Students, Safety for All

Rush-Henrietta proposes a \$26.6 million capital project that allows for important maintenance, renovations and security enhancements throughout the district. Improvements will be funded from reserve monies already on hand, meaning no additional impact to the taxpayer. **Over time, more than half of the funds expended will return to the district as state aid reimbursement.**

Adding Security Features to 137 Exterior School Doors

Rush-Henrietta would like to add electronic access to every exterior school-building door throughout the district. This ambitious project would make each school more safe and secure. At the high school, for example, the new system would alert main office staff whenever one of the 64 doors there are propped open. This notification will allow staff members to assess and address the situation. This system will be implemented at all of our schools to enhance safety and security. Our schools have about 180 exterior doors in total. Less than 25 percent have access control today, leaving 137 doors ready for this important upgrade.

Burger, Roth, and High School Auditorium Upgrades

Obsolete sound systems will be upgraded and LED lighting installed in Burger and Roth junior high schools, while the Senior High School auditorium would benefit from needed infrastructure work. This part of the project is designed to support the music and performing arts programs at our secondary schools.

Crane, Leary, and Roth Benefit from Maintenance Projects

Leary Elementary school would receive an expanded parking lot, refreshed classrooms, upgraded heating and windows, a new emergency generator and fire alarm system. Crane also would benefit from improvements, including replacement of the emergency generator, freezer cooler, and heating unit ventilators. Roth will see field work including a regrade of the cinder track and varsity baseball field to improve drainage.



With safety and security in mind, voter approval will allow for a much larger, more secure main entrance at the Senior High School.

High School Improvements Focus on Students, Safety

When the high school was built in the 1960s, main entrances often were little more than glorified hallways. This project allows us to create a more welcoming, spacious, secure and useful foyer. It includes creating an entrance with a secure door-double vestibule to help make the school more safe and secure. The project also calls for creating a larger main office area, including dedicated meeting space for administrators, students, and families. The existing main office space will be converted into bathrooms, changing rooms, and new space to support the music and theater programs.

Good Shepherd Programs Relocated to Webster Building

Programs located at Good Shepherd on East Henrietta Road will move to the Webster Building on Lehigh Station Road in 2026. At that time, Monroe One BOCES' lease of half of the building expires and the wing will be renovated to accommodate programs for our youngest learners. At a later time the Board of Education will determine future use of the Good Shepherd site. The former parish office, which does not meet school building codes, will be razed. The town owns the historic church and farmhouse, which will not be impacted in any way.

High School Pool Diving Headfirst into the Future

The pool area at the Senior High School will be redone if this proposal is approved by voters. Deteriorating tile will be removed and replaced, cracks will be repaired in the pool basin, and the lighting will be upgraded to an LED style. Windows will be added to provide natural lighting. In addition, the spectator area and locker rooms will be renovated. A broad cross-section of community members use the high school pool for everything from open swim and swimming lessons to swimming competitions and physical education. As part of this work, the high school roof also will be repaired.

For additional details regarding proposed expenditures, visit www.rhnet.org/budget23



With voter approval, the much-used swimming pool and pool area at Rush-Henrietta Senior High School will be significantly refreshed.



Learn More About Proposition 4

Purchase of Real Property Adjacent to Senior High School

The opportunity to purchase land to allow for the expansion of school-related programs is rare. The Board of Education is requesting permission to purchase 4.7 acres of land located at 1871 Lehigh Station Road, adjacent to the east side of the Senior High School. This property has the potential to be developed to enhance Senior High School programs and offer additional parking. If approved, the district intends to raze the house and barn on the property. Neither are suitable for educational purposes, nor do they meet state education building codes.

Update on Future Improvements to SHS Campus

In December 2021, voters approved a project that allows the district to:

- construct an artificial turf, multi-purpose field, including lights and a press box, to be located adjacent to Elmer Gordon Stadium.
- install eight tennis courts, a setup suitable for hosting regional tournaments.
- add bleachers and a press box to accompany the varsity soccer field.
- relocate the junior varsity softball field and Good Shepherd playground.
- make some immediate repairs to the high school swimming pool plumbing.
- build a connector road from East Henrietta Road to the high school west parking lot.

Each of these projects are in the detailed design and approval phases. Given the construction market's supply chain constraints and labor shortages, we anticipate the projects listed will be completed by the end of 2025. Some aspects of this project will take longer than others. The new drive, for instance, must go through a review by the Army Corps of Engineers because of the construction of a bridge over the small creek on that part of the property. Thank you for your patience as this important work is completed.

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When to Vote

6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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1133 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta

Voter Eligibility

- ✓ You must be a United States citizen.
- ✓ You must be at least 18 years old by May 16, 2023.
- ✓ You must be a resident of the school district at least 30 days prior to the vote.
- ✓ You do not have to own property in the district.