

# The R-I-S-E Project



Reimagine — Inspire — Secure — Educate

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Over the past few years, the West Irondequoit Central School District has analyzed the state of our facilities, infrastructure and learning spaces. After working with strategic partners and gathering community feedback, we have developed a long-range vision for a multi-phased Capital Improvement Plan. The first leg in that plan is the R-I-S-E Project that is being proposed on May 16.

We recognize that to provide the best learning opportunities for our students, we must also be considerate of our taxpayers. This project will accomplish much-needed renovations in our schools with **NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT** on District residents and businesses. That is the result of smart planning, fiscal responsibility, and leveraging our capital reserves and available state building aid to fully fund the project.

The R-I-S-E Project will make dramatic improvements to areas of need in our District. It will revolutionize outdated Library Media Centers, bringing us up to speed with other schools. It will enhance safety and security in a variety of ways and help us make necessary upgrades to facilities and systems that need it. It will improve our schools and the learning experience for students, staff and our community. We invite you to attend the School Budget Hearing on May 4 to learn more about the R-I-S-E Project. You may also email any questions to [public\\_info@westiron.monroe.edu](mailto:public_info@westiron.monroe.edu). Please read on to learn more about the project. Cast your vote at the St. Paul Fire Department on May 16.



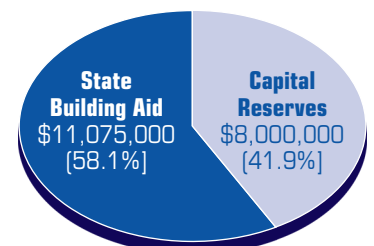
## Project Components At A Glance

- Bridge connecting Irondequoit High School to Dake Junior High School
- Playground additions at Rogers-Southlawn & Iroquois schools
- Library Media Center renovations at Rogers-Southlawn & Iroquois
- Mechanical system replacements (HVAC) at IHS, Dake, Rogers-Southlawn
- Interior door and hardware replacements at Dake & Iroquois
- Lighting and stage rigging replacements at IHS Auditorium
- Renovations at Lakeview site for Dept. of Environmental Services relocation



## Project Financing

The total referendum amount for the scope of work that is being proposed in the R-I-S-E Project is \$19,075,000. Due to careful project planning and consideration of our taxpayers, the proposed project's financing plan would be tax neutral, resulting in **no additional tax impact** on District residents and businesses. The proposed project will be paid for using a combination of available State Building Aid and \$8,000,000 from the District's capital reserves, which are designated to be used specifically for capital improvements.



**Funding Sources**  
No additional tax impact

## Anticipated Timeline

REFERENDUM  
MAY 16, 2023

SED SUBMISSION  
OCTOBER 2023

CONSTRUCTION  
BEGINS SPRING 2024

SUBSTANTIAL  
COMPLETION  
FALL 2025

PROJECT PLANNING

DESIGN  
PHASE

SED  
REVIEW

BID

CONSTRUCTION

## Project Highlights

### Bridge Connector/Walkway

An enclosed walkway bridge connecting Irondequoit High School to Dake Junior High School was initially planned to be included in our 2003 Capital Improvement Project. It was tabled due to funding limitations, and we are now able to revisit and accomplish this need. An enclosed, second-story walkway will improve safety and security so students will no longer need to exit and re-enter to change buildings.

### Playgrounds at Rogers and Iroquois

Our six K-3 playgrounds were replaced as part of our last Capital Project in 2018. The R-I-S-E Project will allow for new, age-appropriate playgrounds to be provided for grades 4-6.

### Library & Media Center Upgrades

The library and media center areas at Rogers-Southlawn and Iroquois schools will be re-imagined and renovated to provide Makerspaces and support our growing STEAM programs. In addition to reconfiguring and redesigning these program spaces, they will also be outfitted with more innovative and modernized learning tools and resources to complement our book collections.



New 4th-6th Grade Playgrounds



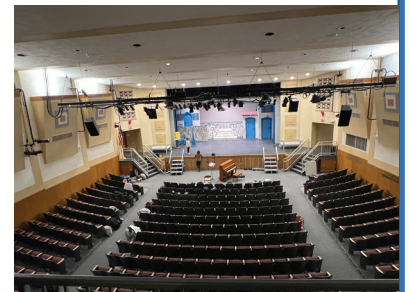
School Library Renovations

### Additional School Building Improvements

- Replacement of aging HVAC rooftop units at IHS, Dake and Rogers-Southlawn will improve classroom ventilation and temperature control.
- Various interior door/frame/hardware replacements at Dake and Iroquois will improve safety and security.
- Ground floor bathroom renovations at Iroquois will improve health safety and accessibility.
- Installation of security window film in various academic buildings will enhance building security.
- New lighting and rigging at the Irondequoit High School Auditorium will allow our actors, musicians, and other performers to shine even brighter.

### D.O.E.S. Building Relocation & Renovation

The District's Department of Environmental Services (D.O.E.S.) building on Washington Avenue is outdated and unsuitable for our current needs. The former Lakeview Elementary property at 330 Pattonwood Drive, which is owned by the District, would become its new and permanent location. The new location will provide ample space for vehicle maintenance/repairs and storage needs. It will also enable our D.O.E.S. staff, who are crucial to maintaining our buildings and grounds, to be housed together in one building rather than across the District.



High School Auditorium Upgrades

## Important Dates & Information



### 2023-2024 School Budget Hearing

There will be an opportunity to learn more about the R-I-S-E Project and ask questions at the Budget Hearing.

**When:** Thursday, May 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** District Office, 321 List Avenue

**Questions?** Email [public\\_info@westiron.monroe.edu](mailto:public_info@westiron.monroe.edu)

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**When:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023  
6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Paul Fire Department  
433 Cooper Road