



SCARSDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS **PROPOSED 2018 BOND PLAN**

THREE YEARS OF PLANNING

Developing a comprehensive bond plan is a process that takes time, commitment and input from all stakeholders in a school district. Here in Scarsdale, the process that has resulted in the 2018 Bond Scope began back in 2014 when the decision was made to defer major work at Greenacres Elementary School. That course of action was taken so that additional studies and investigation could be undertaken to ensure that the best route forward would be taken to address Greenacres' educational spaces, infrastructure and expansion needs.

It was also understood that the 2014 Bond was never meant to address all of the District's facilities needs. With significant District debt service being retired in 2019, there would be an opportunity for proposing a new bond in late 2017/early 2018 that could focus on priority maintenance, repair and renovation work at all of the District's buildings. Over the course of these past three years, the Board of Education, District administration, faculty, parents and community members have invested literally hundreds of hours in developing a bond plan for the entire District, which would also include a major expansion and renovation of Greenacres. Driving factors for decisions made in developing the bond scope have been to:

- Address major health, safety and security issues District-wide;
- Address District-wide facility needs focusing on high priority items, including roofs, building systems, electrical upgrades and code compliance;
- Address the critical expansion and renovation needs at Greenacres; and
- Achieve tax neutrality by proposing a plan, that if approved, would result in new annual debt service that will be at or near the current annual debt service being retired by the District.

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2014

- **Greenacres Elementary School expansion and renovation issues are explored.**
 - The decision is made to defer this work for further study, and address building needs in the District's next bond initiative.
- **Greenacres Feasibility Committee is established.**
 - Engineering and building condition studies are undertaken.
 - The focus of future discussion is directed at building conditions and educational adequacy.

2015

- **Building Conditions Surveys (BCS) are performed at each of the District's seven schools by KG+D Architects.**
- **Greenacres Feasibility Committee is reconvened.**
 - The committee's charge is to provide additional input and comment on building conditions and educational adequacy, and to offer recommendations regarding building new and/or expansion/renovation options.

2016

- **Roof Master Plan is completed.**
- **Fields Master Plan is completed.**
- **Building committees are established.**
 - Meetings are held at each building. Members include administration, teachers and parent representatives. Committees are charged with reviewing identified building conditions items along with identifying and prioritizing those items that could have a positive impact on education and the overall building experience for students, faculty, staff, parents and visitors.

2017

- **District engages BBS Architects & Engineers (BBS Architects) in February 2017.**
 - BBS Architects is retained by the District and directed to do new, comprehensive building condition studies of all District school buildings. In carrying out its charge, BBS Architects conducts in-depth interviews with key District and building administrators, teachers, District-wide maintenance staff and individual building custodial staff. They also review the following:
 - Former architect's Building Conditions Survey report
 - Greenacres Feasibility Committee reports
 - Previous engineering reports
 - Building committees' priorities
 - Roof and Fields Master Plan studies

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7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

SCARSDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

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■ **Building Committees are reconvened in May and June 2017.**

- Building committees update recommendations and priorities after reviewing the updated building condition surveys and findings from BBS Architects.

■ **Initial Bond Scope considerations are explored in May and June 2017.**

- BBS Architects reviews its findings related to District-wide facility needs and offers initial design solutions to address major issues. Renovation and expansion to Greenacres is formally recommended over new construction. BBS Architects presents updated building master plans based on feedback from the Board of Education, building committees and community members.

■ **Board of Education moves forward with bond scope planning in July 2017.**

- Priorities established by the Board of Education include:
 - District-wide facilities needs focusing on building infrastructure and systems, health, safety and security;
 - the addition or upgrading of security vestibules;
 - the renovation and expansion of Greenacres; and
 - a final bond scope cost at or near tax neutral.

■ **Greenacres Building Committee is established in September 2017.**

- Nine meetings are held during the months of September through November.

■ **District-wide Facilities Committee is established in September 2017.**

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In addition to all of the above, 2018 Bond Scope planning has been the primary focus of Board of Education meetings throughout the months of September, October and November, as well as a public forum held on December 4, 2017.

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On December 11, 2017, the Board of Education unanimously adopted the 2018 Bond Referendum resolution. The 2018 Bond Scope includes air ventilation, roofing, boilers and burners, electrical upgrades, field and site work, building structure repair, ADA compliance projects, flooring and security related improvements District-wide, as well as a major expansion and renovations at Greenacres Elementary School. To read the full bond resolution, [click here](#). The total bond cost has been set at \$64,867,577. At this dollar amount, the projected new annual debt service from an approved bond will be at or less than the annual debt service being retired by the District.