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Capital Project Currently On Schedule and Under Budget An Update on the NPCSD Capital Project as of 4/22/2016

We are very pleased to share details about the progress we are making with our Capital Project. During our early-April meeting, Bill Wisbauer of Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers (the firm handling our Capital Project) gave his monthly update and complimented the level of collaboration and commitment found throughout the District, which he says has enabled the planning phase to move quickly.

This has worked to our advantage with regard to both schedule and budget. Since our project was passed, there has been a dramatic increase in community approvals of school construction projects across New York State. This has created a backlog of projects awaiting New York State Education Department (NYSED) approval and increased the demand on the construction industry. Since we moved quickly, many of our timelines are ahead of this influx of projects, which has enabled us to secure approval and conduct the bidding process for several of our projects at an optimal time.

Currently, bids for five of the eleven projects have been awarded, and have come in about \$1.1 million under the estimated budget. Project schematics for five additional projects are currently at NYSED awaiting review and approval.

Roofing work is on schedule to begin over the summer. The High School, Duzine, and parts of the Middle School roof will be replaced. The rest of the Middle School roof replacement will take place when the major building renovations are scheduled.

The new septic system at the Transportation Center is also nearly complete. The underground piping is finished and ready to be connected to a new septic tank that's being installed in the coming weeks. It's anticipated that this project should be completed in early May.

The folding partition doors at the High School were completed some time ago, and the Lenape doors will be completed after some remaining "punch list" items are finished.

The financial impact of the project, which consisted of a one-time, one percent increase in the tax levy, was already incorporated into last year's tax bills. There will be no further tax increases related to the project.

Please remember that Capital Project updates are included on the Board meeting agendas for the first Wednesday of each month, and we invite the community to join us. Meetings begin and end with an opportunity for public comment. Meeting times and locations are found on our website at www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us. The Board can also be reached via email at BOE@newpaltz.k12.ny.us or by phone at (845) 256-4031.

Sincerely,

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