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LETTER TO THE EDITOR 15-007

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New Paltz Board of Education Encourages Community to Keep Up-to-Date on Capital Project

Dear Fellow Community Members:

We are very pleased to announce that the early stages of our voter-approved Capital Project are well underway.

Our construction management firm and architects have made great progress in transforming the project's initial concepts into specific designs that will update our antiquated infrastructure, provide necessary network capacity to support modern technology, address health and safety concerns, and improve the inefficient or undersized building layouts that limit the educational opportunities we can provide to our students.

At this point, the State Education Department (SED) has approved the plans for replacing the non-functioning folding walls at the High School and Lenape, as well as the roof at Duzine. Work on the folding walls has already begun and the bid for the roof is anticipated to be awarded in February. Many other plans have already been submitted to SED and the bulk of the remaining project designs is expected to be submitted by the end of the year.

Given the magnitude of the work, the construction process will be extensive and must be very carefully coordinated. We are committed to keeping you informed of our progress every step of the way; focused on mitigating any significant disruption to our students.

Our architects and construction management firm provides a regular update to the Board of Education with detailed progress reports at each of our first monthly meetings. These are typically the first Wednesday of each month and we invite you to attend. These updates will also be posted in the Capital Project section of our website (by date) and will include presentation materials and video segments from BOE meetings. You can also expect to hear from us through additional Letters to the Editor, where we will share information on major milestones or important topics related to the project.

Questions regarding this media release may be directed to Dusti Callo, District Clerk, at 256-4031.

Please visit our website at www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/project for the most up-to-date information about the Capital Project and for any announcements about logistical impacts of the works in progress. If you have specific questions or concerns related to the project, we want to hear from you. The Board of Education typically meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month (the time and location can always be found on the website). Meetings begin and end with an opportunity for public comment. The Board can also be reached via email at BOE@newpaltz.k12.ny.us or by phone at (845) 256-4031.

Sincerely,

Your New Paltz Board of Education

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