

# What's *New* in WANTAGH

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Capital Reserve 2018



## Capital Reserve Vote Scheduled for **OCTOBER 23**

The Wantagh School District will be presenting a special vote on Oct. 23, 2018, for the purpose of expending an amount not to exceed \$800,000 from the community-approved capital reserve fund for the replacement of the original boilers at Wantagh Middle School.

Registered voters within the Wantagh School District approved the establishment of a new capital reserve fund this past May for a maximum funding of \$7.5 million over ten years. That proposition authorized the District to set aside funds as needed to pay for security enhancements and building and site improvements.

In June, the Board determined that funds should be set aside immediately for the replacement of the original boilers in the Middle School. The estimated cost of this top priority project is \$800,000. Funds were set aside in the capital reserve for this project, and voters will now be asked to approve the expenditure of these funds.

With voter approval on Oct. 23, the District anticipates that the boiler replacement project will take place next summer.



**Q. What is a capital reserve fund?**

A. A capital reserve is the only state-approved mechanism that allows school districts to set aside funds for future capital improvement projects. Capital projects include major repairs, capital improvements, and construction or acquisitions. Expenditures from a capital reserve fund can only be used for specific purposes and must be authorized by the voters. In this instance, the funds would be used for middle school boiler replacements.

**Q. What is the timeline for this project?**

A. To limit disruptions to the school day, boiler replacement projects are completed during the summer months. Due to a backlog of construction projects currently under review by the New York State Education Department, in order to ensure the boiler replacements take place during the summer of 2019, the District must submit the project for approval by November.

**Q. What will happen if the voters approve the proposition?**

A. The District will proceed with plans to replace the boilers at Wantagh Middle School.

**Q. What will happen if the voters do not approve the proposition?**

A. The funds, which are dedicated for capital projects, will remain in the reserve.

**Q. Will my taxes increase if the voters approve the proposition?**

A. No. The tax levy will not increase.

**Q. What will happen if the estimated costs increase for the proposed project?**

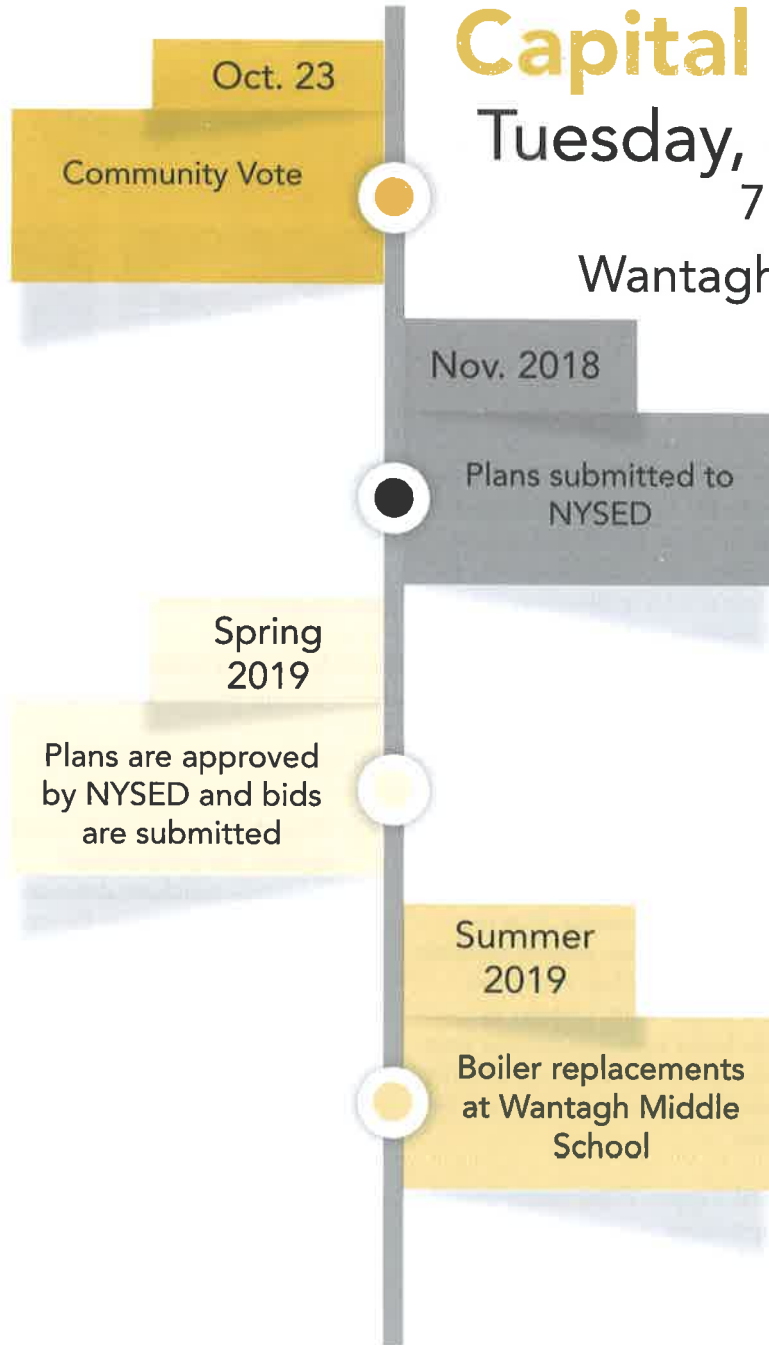
A. The District may not spend more from the reserve than the voters authorize, and the funds may only be used for the project listed on the proposition, which is the replacement of the Wantagh Middle School boilers.

Remember to  
**VOTE**

Tuesday, October 23, 2018  
7 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Wantagh Senior High School

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Wantagh, NY 11793

Projected Timeline, If Approved by Voters:



# Capital Reserve Vote

## Tuesday, October 23, 2018

7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

### Wantagh Senior High School

#### VOTER INFORMATION

If you are uncertain as to whether you are registered in the school district and eligible to vote on Oct. 23, 2018, call the District Clerk's office at 516-679-6310 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A special voter registration will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the administration building of the Wantagh Union Free School District, 3301 Beltagh Avenue, Wantagh.

The last day to register to vote is Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018.

#### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available from the District Clerk's office. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

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