



HAMILTON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

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CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Noon–8:00 PM

Bus Garage

47 West Kendrick Avenue



Modernize
Learning
Environments



Improve
Infrastructure and
Efficiency



Enhance
Safety and
Security

A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Hamilton Central School District Community,

At Hamilton Central School, we take great pride in the care and maintenance of our facilities. However, after decades of daily use, many areas of our school require updates to meet modern standards for safety, accessibility, and educational excellence. To address these needs and invest in the future of our students, the District has developed a 2025 Capital Project Proposal that leverages significant state aid funding.

In collaboration with King + King Architects, this comprehensive facilities improvement plan focuses on critical upgrades in infrastructure, safety, and educational spaces across our campus. On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, voters will decide on two propositions totaling \$39.8 million, with approximately \$27 million funded through New York State Building Aid. This project has been designed to modernize learning environments, enhance safety and accessibility, and improve infrastructure and traffic flow, all while maintaining responsible financial stewardship.

Proposition I: PreK–12 Building Improvements (\$24.8 million)

This proposition addresses classroom and gym upgrades, kitchen and cafeteria improvements, auditorium enhancements, and campus-wide infrastructure, efficiency, and safety upgrades.

Proposition II: Transportation Facility & Traffic Safety Enhancements (\$15 million)

This proposition includes a new Bus Garage, improved traffic and parking patterns for pedestrian safety, updated fueling and storage facilities, and preparations for future electric buses.

Financials at a Glance:

- Total Combined Project Cost: \$39.8 million
- New York State Building Aid: ≈\$27 million
- Local Share: ≈\$12.8 million

Public Forums:

Community members are encouraged to attend one of several informational sessions to learn more about the project and ask questions:

- Tuesday, December 2nd – 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 3rd – 3:00 PM
- Monday, December 8th – 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 9th – Noon & 7:00 PM

Location of Public Forums:

- Sessions held at 3:00 PM or later will take place in the Large Group Instruction Room. For earlier sessions, please check in at the Main Entrance.

Next Steps:

December 16, 2025: Public referendum vote on Propositions I and II

Pending voter approval, the project will move into detailed design, submission to the New York State Education Department, and phased construction — ensuring that improvements are made efficiently and with minimal disruption to students and staff.

We are excited about the opportunities this project brings to enhance our school's learning environment, improve safety, and invest in our community's future. Your support and participation are vital as we continue to build a strong foundation for generations of Hamilton students to come.

Sincerely,
William Dowsland
Superintendent of Schools
Hamilton Central School District

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Qualified voters may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications for an absentee ballot or early voting ballot must be received by the District Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 P.M. prevailing time, on December 15, 2025 and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. prevailing time, on December 9, 2025 if the absentee ballot or early voting ballot to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 P.M. on December 9, 2025, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot or early voting ballot.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Proposition I

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$24,800,000

The proposed project will carry no tax impact until future school years, when taxes would increase approximately as follows, for a home with a full value of \$100,000.

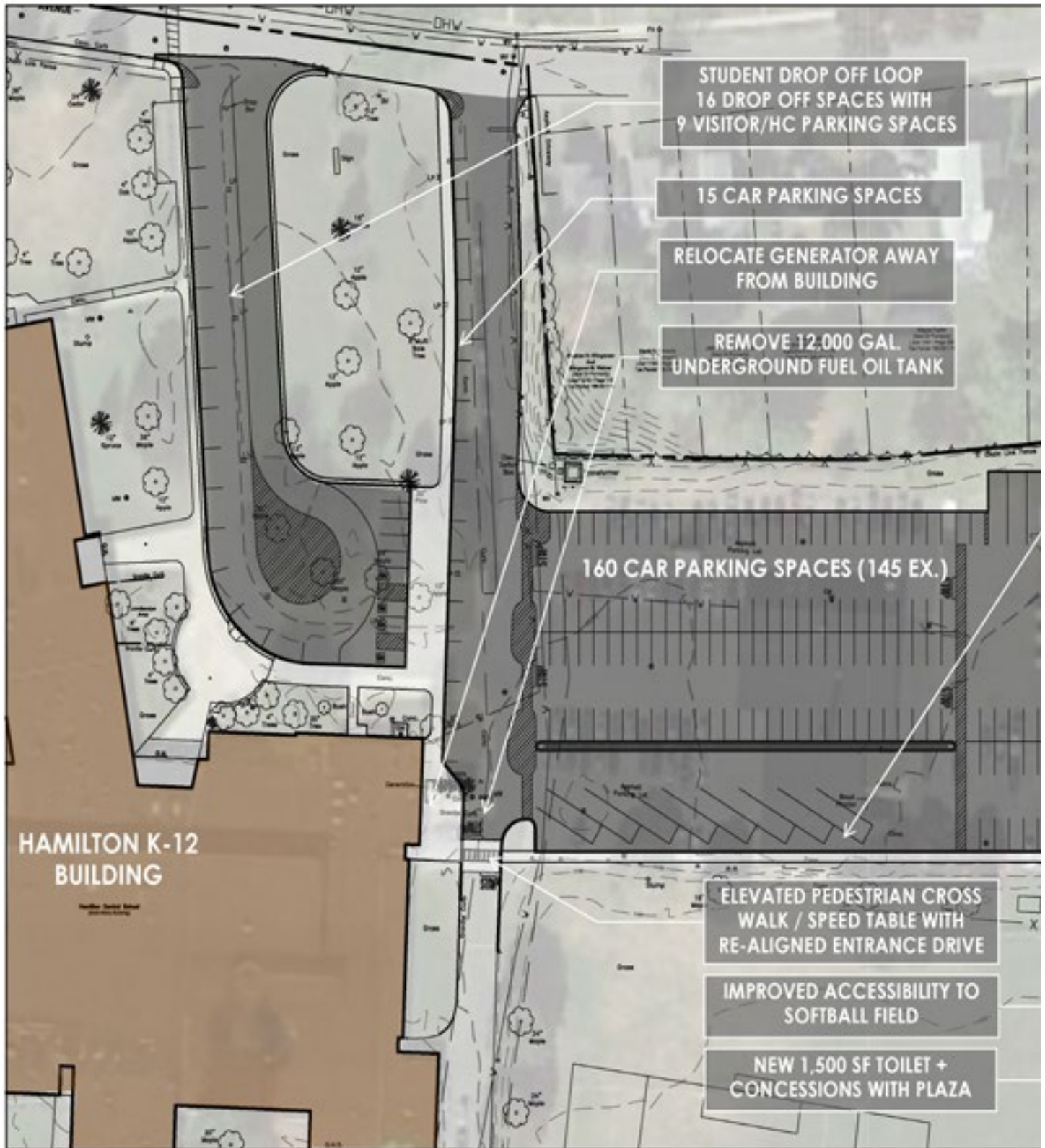
Year	Tax	with Basic STAR	with Enhanced STAR
2028–2029	\$64.55	\$45.18	\$8.97
2029–2030	\$65.43	\$45.80	\$9.09

Proposition II

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,000,000

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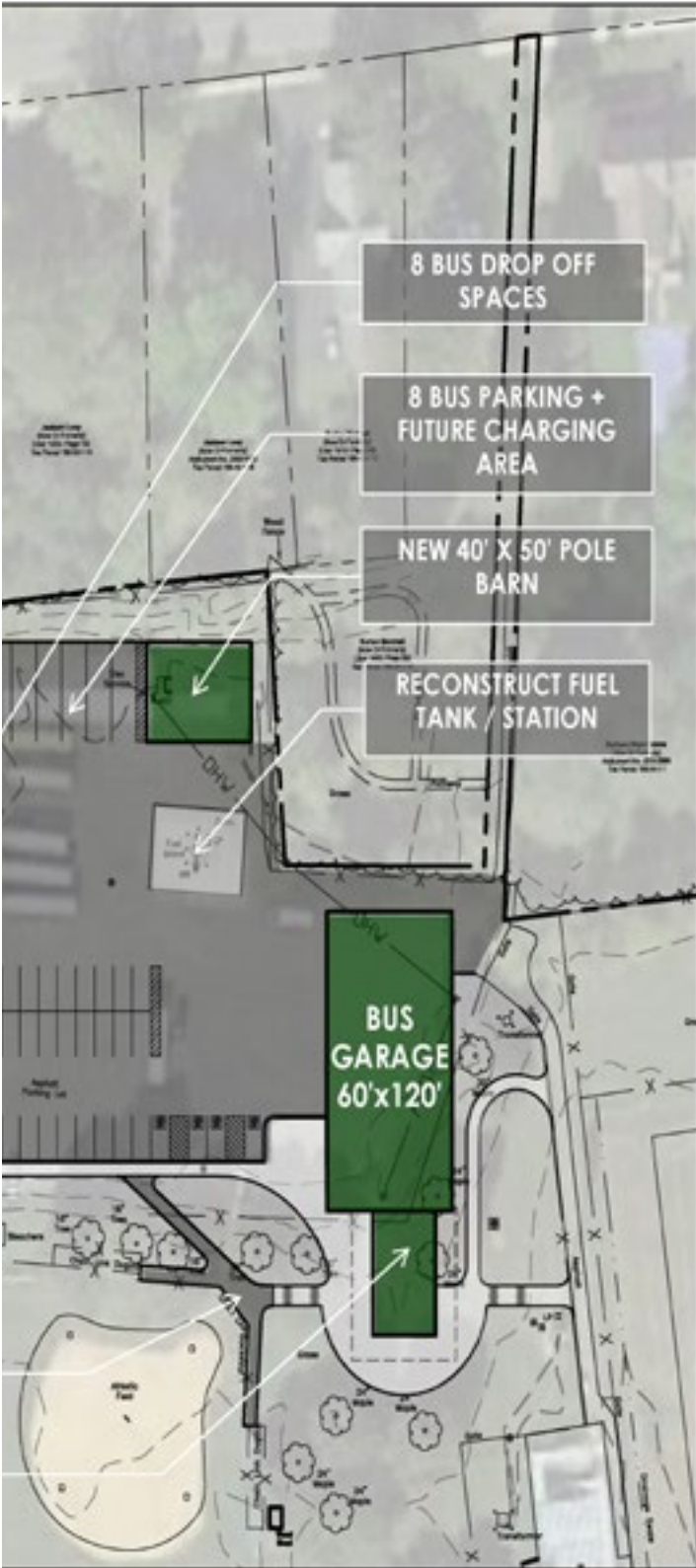
Year	Tax	with Basic STAR	with Enhanced STAR
2027–2028	\$44.32	\$31.03	\$6.16
2028–2029	\$12.57	\$8.80	\$1.75



Proposition II Traffic Safety Enhancements

- Dedicated parent drop off loop with its own entry/exit from West Kendrick Ave. Includes 16 curb side pull up spaces and 9 visitor parking spaces directly adjacent to the school main entrance.
- Separate bus entry and protected bus drop off location allows students to safely unload without limiting vehicles from circulating in the expanded parking lot.
- All pedestrians have easy access directly to sidewalks for safe passage to the main entrance of the school.
- Car, bus and pedestrian safety greatly enhanced; while also improving efficient access to the school for all modes of arrival.

To view more information pertaining to the project, please visit our website by clicking on the QR code below.



PROPOSITION I

Project Scope

K-12 BUILDING

Modernizing Learning Environments

- Classroom and weight room unit ventilator and casework replacement
- Primary Wing corridor locker and classroom flooring replacement, 1950s casework replacement, and classroom toilet room finish/fixture updates
- Kitchen renovation and full equipment replacement
- Cafeteria improvements including removal of stage, replacement of glass “greenhouse” structure, and updated interior finishes
- Auditorium upgrades including new ductwork, A/C, stage and house lighting, rigging, sound system, and assistive listening system
- Main Gym upgrades including glass block window replacement and floor sanding/refinishing
- Elementary Gym improvements including new bleachers, scoreboard, basketball hoops/control system, and retractable batting cage
- Agriculture Suite renovation including welding station upgrades and new ventilation/safety systems
- Greenhouse addition of independent heater

Infrastructure and Efficiency Improvements

- Existing bus loop pavement and entrance drive reconstruction to loading dock area
- Maintenance shop ramp replacement
- Curtain wall, storefront, and window replacement (including screens)
- Stadium lighting upgrade with LED fixtures
- Athletic field surface improvements
- 1989 Wing elevator cab and machinery replacement

Safety and Security Enhancements

- Main entrance security upgrades
- Door entrance ADA accessibility corrections at four building locations
- Fire alarm system replacement continuation
- Analog PA system replacement with IP-based emergency system, including blue light notification and access control lockdown

Current Conditions



Casework is from the 1950s



Outdated lockers



Secure vestibule is in need of upgrades



Inaccessible entrances



Kitchen in need of renovations and new equipment



Welding stations in need of ventilation/safety upgrades

PROPOSITION II

Project Scope *Proposition II is contingent upon Proposition I being approved by voters.*

TRANSPORTATION FACILITY & TRAFFIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

- Parking and traffic pattern reconfiguration with separate bus and parent drop-off areas for enhanced pedestrian safety
- Bus Garage demolition including site benches and retaining walls
- New Bus Garage construction with new stadium toilet and concessions building at entrance area to provide services and create entry
- Bus Garage east and west parking lot reconstruction
- Site lighting installation as needed after building removal
- Underground fuel tank removal and site restoration
- New relocated bus fueling area installation with underground tank
- Existing shed demolition (two) and site restoration
- New cold storage pole barn construction with electric, lighting, and bus parking area
- K-12 Building generator replacement and relocation
- Preparation for transition to electric school buses

Current Conditions



Demolish outdated sheds and add new cold storage pole barn with electricity and lighting



Parking lot in need of reconstruction



Outdated office environment in Bus Garage



Bus Garage to be demolished in its entirety and the new construction will include improvements for the stadium



Outdated toilet room in Bus Garage

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Voter Requirements

A qualified voter is one who is:

- (1) a citizen of the United States of America, and
- (2) eighteen years of age or older, and
- (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election, and
- (4) not otherwise disqualified to vote by applicable law.

The School District may require all individuals voting in the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency, in accordance with Education Law Section 2018-c. Acceptable forms of identification include a driver's license, non-driver ID card, utility bill, or voter registration card. Voters are also required to provide their signature, printed name, and address at the time of voting.

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