



February 12, 2020

Dear Rye Neck Community Members,

Yesterday, voters of Rye Neck cast their ballots in support of the supplemental bond proposition to increase borrowing capacity for the second phase of our capital improvement plan at the MS/HS. This approval allows the district to complete the MS gymnasium addition and the two-story HS Collaborative Science Center. We are gratified by the overwhelming support of the community for the supplemental bond and, in general, for the capital projects approved in February 2018.

This morning, the Board of Education approved the award of Phase II contracts to the construction vendors who bid on our projects in December. Rye Neck UFSD has assembled a cadre of top-tier, experienced construction professionals to bring these projects to fruition.

The construction team working with our administrators is as follows:

- Architect: Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers (Farmingdale, NY)
- Construction Manager: Savin Engineers, P.C. (Pleasantville, NY)
- General Contractor: Piazza, Inc. (Hawthorne, NY)
- Plumbing: TWP Plumbing & Heating (Elmsford, NY)
- Mechanical: J & M Heating & A/C, Inc (Bedford Hills, NY)
- Electrical: Healy Electric Contracting, Inc. (White Plains, NY)

In addition, I want to acknowledge the Facility Advisors to the district: Michael Geary, Ray Romani and Matt Tauber, who meet with the district, board committee members, architect and construction manager monthly to review and discuss all aspects of the projects. For more than two years this team has generously given of their time to benefit the school district, our students and the Rye Neck community.

In this next phase we will be focused on accomplishing our projects as expediently as possible, fulfilling our enduring safety commitment and limiting the disruption to the delivery of instruction to the greatest extent possible. This Spring – and as construction evolves – we will be implementing the site logistics plan developed by the construction manager in conjunction

with district administrators. That plan addresses vendor controls, parking, traffic and pedestrian flow, including on-site safety management by specific construction personnel.

Additionally, as we have with the first phase of the project, the Board of Education and our building leaders will communicate regularly regarding construction progress and site impacts to augment the safety of all.

We have much to anticipate this Spring as construction begins and our vision takes shape. Delivering the next generation of facility improvement is a community-based process, and on behalf of the Board, my administrative team, and the entire staff of the district, we thank you for your ongoing contributions to this effort.

My best wishes to all Rye Neck families and residents for an enjoyable February break!

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