

RyeNeck Schools

LEARN • ACHIEVE • LEAD

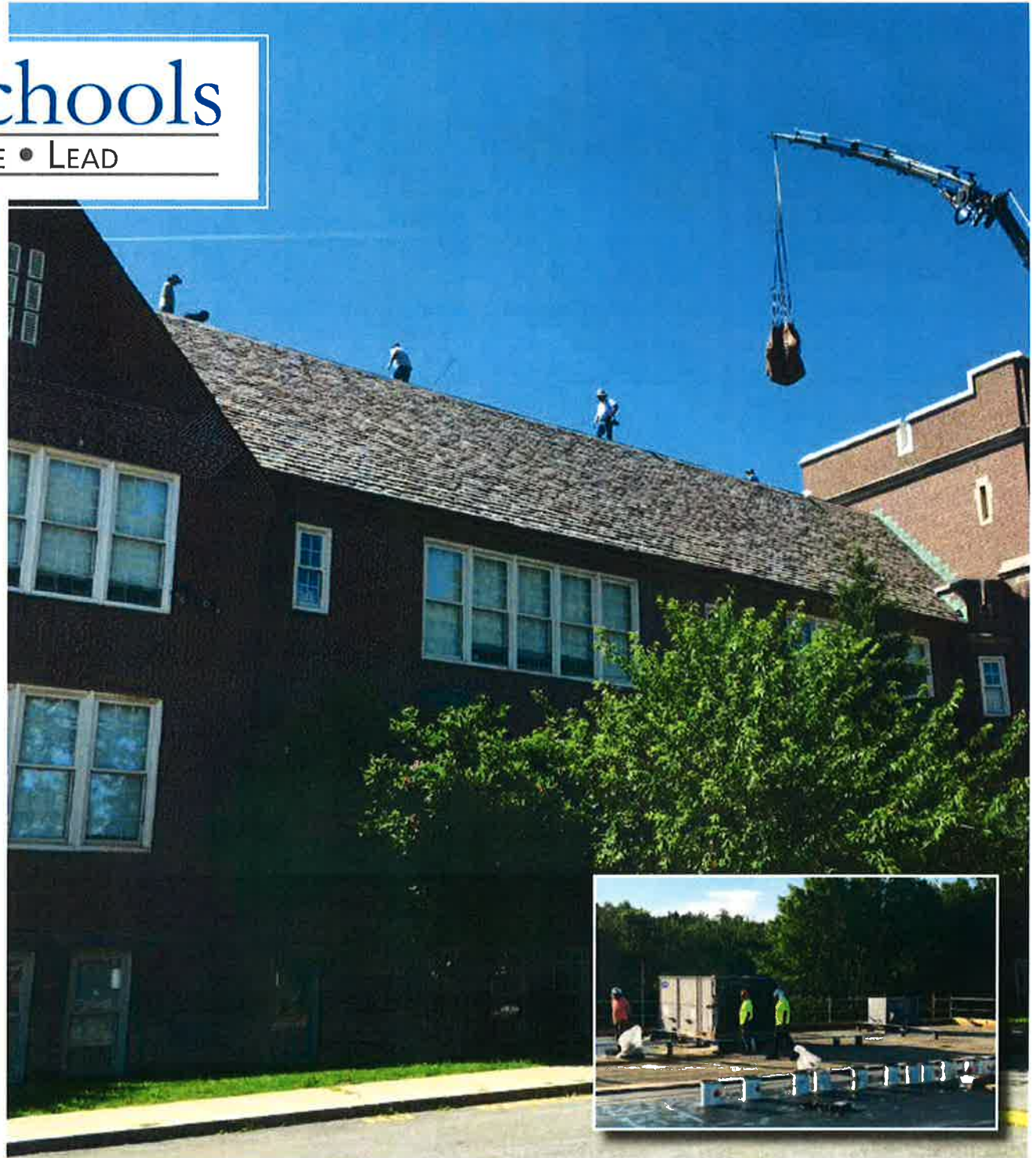
SUMMER CAPITAL BOND PROJECT UPDATE

As we move through the summer of 2019, the voter-approved capital project is proceeding apace. By September 1, roughly \$6 million in new roofs throughout the district will be substantially completed, which eliminates the ongoing annual physical impacts to building infrastructure like masonry and ceilings. In fact, the district has spent more than \$750,000 to address repairs over the past 10 years as a result of this roof deterioration, a sum that will no longer have to be anticipated for future budgets.

All Roof Work Substantially Completed by September 1

Residents will recall that there are two distinct roofing construction phases, or 'projects' in the capital improvement plan. Project A, which focuses on the replacement of roofing at the F.E. Bellows Annex and replacement of the roof on the Administration Building, is now complete. Project B is the larger component of roofing work in the project, and it concerns replacement of the 122,000 square feet of roofing at the Middle School/High School Building, 10,000 square feet of flat roofing at F.E. Bellows, and 12,000 square feet of flat roofing at Daniel Warren. Project B has been under way for several weeks and is expected to be substantially completed by September 1, before school begins.

Continued on back...



RyeNeck Schools

LEARN • ACHIEVE • LEAD

Preliminary estimates indicate that we are likely to be modestly under budget on the roofing component of the project, which is welcome news for those who are managing the bond plan. However, a relatively robust economy, low unemployment, and significant number of regional building projects have ticked the regional construction cost index higher, which has posed a challenge for those entities, like our school district, that must bid the project under strict state laws. Ongoing dialogue among our architect, construction manager, facilities committee, Board of Education, and district administrators is focused on how we can avoid being adversely impacted by these current conditions. More will be learned as the remaining projects 'hit the street.'

We were disappointed in the NYS approval delays on our new MS gym (known as Project C), which resulted in a lost summer construction season for this phase of the project. (As a result of this delay, there will be no scheduling impacts for the fall sports season.) However, the project is now approved and bid documents are being prepared for distribution. We anticipate an award of contracts sometime in late fall, with construction slated to start several weeks later. Our architects and construction professionals have created a schedule for this addition that will result in completion in Spring 2021.

The final phase of our capital improvement bond is Project D, the academic space improvements at the Middle School/High School. As you may recall, this project is an eight-classroom Collaborative Science Center to house STEAM (science, technology, engineering) classes that will advantage our students on their learning pathways and for their college prospects. Current overcrowding will be eased by returning existing science classrooms to general classroom use. These building plans are now being reviewed by the NYS Education Department, with anticipated approvals at some point this Fall. Construction on the new science center would begin next summer and our building construction team believes it will open during the 2021-22 school year.

We look forward to the next project update as developments are anticipated or occur. Please feel free to contact us at district office with any specific questions about the Capital Bond Project.

Rye Neck Public Schools
Administration Building
310 Hornidge Road
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Dear Rye Neck Resident

Board of Education

Pietro Fasolino, President
Jennifer Rubin, Vice President
Deborah Auffinger, Trustee
Patty Nashelsky, Trustee
Steve Silva, Trustee
Cloria Colle, Trustee

Administration 914-777-5252

Dr. Barbara Ferraro, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Bucci, Assistant Superintendent
for Business and Finance

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
White Plains, N.Y.
Permit No. 4374