

Capital Project Timeline

Below is a timeline of key milestones in Rye Neck’s capital project.

<p>February 2018</p>	<p>Capital Bond Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On February 13, 2018, the community’s voters overwhelmingly approved a \$27.6 million bond referendum to finance Rye Neck’s capital project. ● Voters approved two separate propositions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$6.3 million to replace aging roofs at all our school buildings, and ○ \$21.3 million to build a two-story, eight-classroom science center at the High School and a new gymnasium for the Middle School, as well as interior renovations.
<p>September 2018 – October 2019</p>	<p>Phase One Projects (Roof Replacements)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The first phase of the construction project – roof replacements and repairs – began in September 2018. ● Roof work at Daniel Warren, F.E. Bellows, the MS/HS building and the Administration building was completed in October 2019. More than 135,000 square feet of flat roofing across the district was replaced. ● In the ten years prior to 2018, the district had spent more than \$750,000 for temporary roof repairs. ● The roof work came in approximately \$1.2 million <i>under</i> budget.
<p>November 2019 - December 2019</p>	<p>Phase Two Construction Bids (Science Center and Gymnasium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The district solicited bids at the end of 2019 for the second phase of the capital project – the High School science center and Middle School gym. At this time, the construction market in the Westchester region had become overheated and the federal government’s steel tariffs had driven steel prices significantly higher. ● Despite two rounds of bidding (November and December 2019) the lowest bids received were well above the \$21.3 million that voters authorized in 2018. This market dynamic also forced several neighboring school districts to also seek additional funding to complete their ongoing capital projects.
<p>February 2020</p>	<p>Supplemental Bond Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Before beginning construction, the district asked the community for approval of a supplemental bond proposition to ensure that enough financing would be available to complete the science center and gymnasium projects. ● Voters were asked to authorize the district to apply the \$1.2 million surplus from the first-phase roof work to the second-phase gym and science center projects, and to authorize an additional \$2.9 million in borrowing capacity to ensure that sufficient funds would be available, if needed. ● On February 11, 2020, the supplemental bond proposition was overwhelmingly approved by voters.

<i>March 2020</i>	<p>Phase Two Construction Begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The district signed a construction contract with Piazza, Inc. of Hawthorne, NY to serve as general contractor for the science center and gym projects. • On March 16, three days after Rye Neck closed its schools in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, preparation began for the construction of the High School science center and the Middle School gymnasium.
<i>September 2020</i>	<p>MS Gym “Goes Vertical”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the gym’s foundation is completed, construction cranes begin lifting the building’s steel framework into place.
<i>January 2021</i>	<p>HS Science Center “Goes Vertical”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The foundation of the science center is completed and the two-story steel framework of the two-story, eight-classroom building begins to emerge.
<i>September 2021</i>	<p>MS Gym Ready for Student Use</p>
<i>Early 2022</i>	<p>HS Science Center Ready for Student Use</p>