

Capital Project Timeline

Updated February 2022

Below is a timeline of key milestones in Rye Neck’s 2018 capital projects.

<p><i>February 2018</i></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><i>September 2018 – October 2019</i></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 – begins (September 2018). ● Roof work at Daniel Warren, F.E. Bellows, MS/HS, and the Administration building is completed in October 2019. More than 135,000 square feet of flat roofing across the district is replaced. ● The roof work is estimated to be approximately \$1.2 million <i>under</i> budget.
<p><i>November 2019 - December 2019</i></p>	<p>Phase Two Construction Bids (Science Center and Gymnasium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The district solicits bids at the end of 2019 for the second phase of the capital project: the High School Science Center (STEAM Wing) 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 above the \$21.3 million that voters authorized in 2018. Market dynamics also forced several neighboring school districts to seek additional funding to complete their capital projects.
<p><i>February 2020</i></p>	<p>Supplemental Bond Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Before beginning Phase Two 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 a \$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 is 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>Summer 2021</i>	<p>Work continues at both projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing gymnasium roof is replaced. • Interior work and site work at the gymnasium is completed. • Contractors connect the Science Center to the existing E-Corridor at the MS/HS • Oil tank replacement project begins at the gymnasium
<i>August 2021</i>	<p>MS Gymnasium is substantially completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS Gym receives Certificate of Occupancy • MS Gym Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is held on August 25, 2021
<i>September 2021</i>	<p>MS Gym officially opens for school year 2021-22</p>
<i>Fall 2021</i>	<p>Majority of the construction crews shift to the Science Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior work continues at the science center.
<i>January 31, 2022</i>	<p>HS Science Center officially opens</p>
<i>February 2022</i>	<p>Renovation work in the existing HS science classrooms commences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is expected to continue into spring 2022.
<i>February 2022</i>	<p>Oil tank project work continues, new pump installation begins</p>