

The logo for Averill Park Central School District is a circular emblem. At the top, the words "AVERILL PARK" are written in a semi-circle. In the center, the letters "AP" are prominently displayed. Below this, a yellow banner contains the motto "Meeting the needs of and creating opportunities for every student every day". At the bottom of the emblem, the words "CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" are written in a semi-circle. The entire logo is rendered in a light blue and yellow color scheme.

State of the District

**Presentation to the Board of Education
August 2021**

2020 - 2021

The Year in Review



Goals

Students will graduate college and career ready.

Students will productively engage in their school community.

Students will be digitally fluent by demonstrating the ability to live productively and safely in a technology influenced society.



Mission

*To meet the needs
of and create
opportunities for
every student
every day*



Vision

To create passionate learners who contribute positively to their community and the world



Core Values

Responsibility

Community

Growth

Respect



Budget

Preparation:

- \$61,456,847
- Below the Tax Levy Limit
- Focus on AIS and SEL

Result:

- 66% Passing Rate for the Budget
- 66% Passing Rate for the Bus Proposition Passed

MAY 2021 BUDGET NEWS

Averill Park



BUDGET VOTE
Tuesday
May 18, 2021
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Averill Park High School
AUXILIARY GYM
*Voting will take place
by scanning-type voting
machines, as required by law*



Whether students are learning in-person or virtually, they have put in a tremendous amount of work this year.

2021-22 Proposed Budget Addresses Pandemic-Related Needs; Stays Under Tax Cap

On Tuesday, May 18, Averill Park Central School District residents will vote on a spending plan for the 2021-2022 school year that addresses the educational and social-emotional challenges our

Highlights of the proposed budget include:
Increases: Originally, the budget reduced

► Proposed Budget

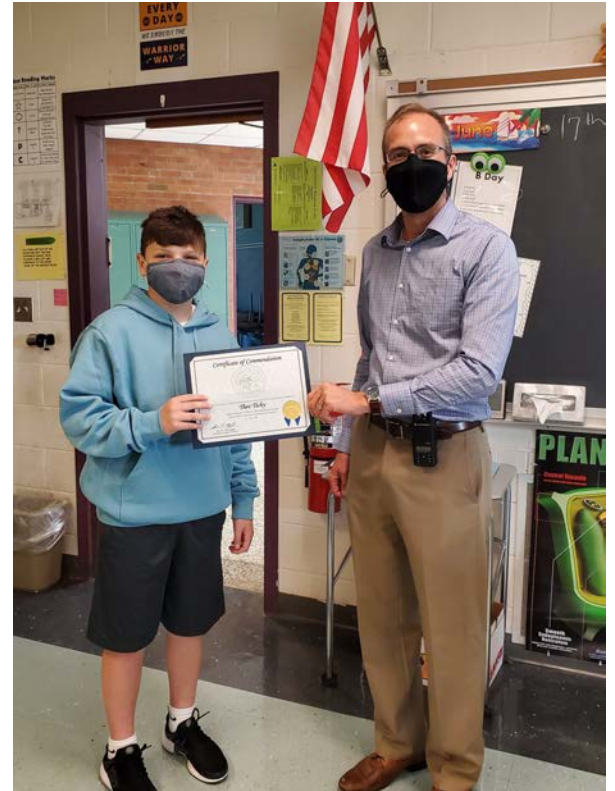
Labor Relations

Contract Rollovers

- CSEA
- MC

Stipends and Pay to Recognize Dedication Service

- Directors of Nursing
- Unused Vacation Days
- Athletic Coaches



Communication

Podcast

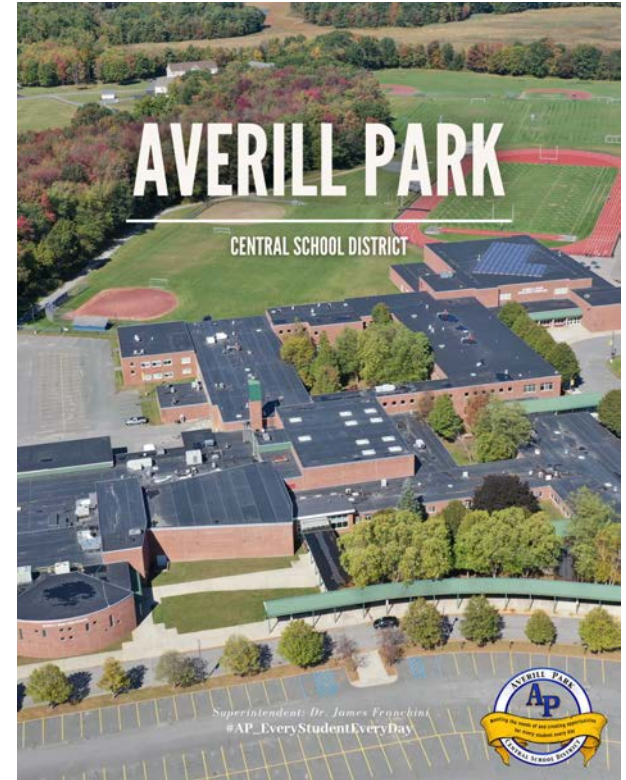
AP: The Magazine (Version 2)

Awards

- Honorable Mention for Finance Publication:
Averill Park Capital Project Newsletter
- Honorable Mention for Video:
Averill Park Capital Project



**Every Student Every Day
Podcast**
With Superintendent Dr. Franchini



Capital Project

Referendum Did Not Pass

Began the Process for Second Vote



Averill Park

EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY

Safety, Security, Accessibility, Opportunity

Our mission in the Averill Park Central School District is centered on, "Meeting the needs of and creating opportunities for every student every day." In furtherance of that mission, the Board of Education unanimously voted to present a \$45.5 million capital project to the community on December 8, 2020. The project encompasses two separate propositions focusing on Safety, Security, Accessibility and Opportunity for Every Student Every Day.

"Maintaining a safe and secure school environment is fundamental to ensuring educational accessibility and opportunity for our students and staff in the Averill Park Central School District," stated Superintendent Dr. James Franchini.

Proposition 1 is a \$32.7 million project increasing safety and security at each school building and addressing critical and high priority facilities needs identified in the District's Building Condition Survey. This proposition also resolves long-standing issues at Poestenkill Elementary School by eliminating the trailer as an educational space and at Miller Hill-Sand Lake Elementary School by expanding the undersized cafeteria.

Proposition 2 is a \$12.8 million project modernizing the 1967-era Practical and Fine Arts (PFA) wing at Algonquin Middle School; and bringing the first improvements to the Averill Park High School physical education facilities since 1996, including a multi-purpose turf field, a new softball field, spectator parking in close proximity to the back fields and tennis court lighting. Proposition 2 is contingent on the approval of Proposition 1.

"The Long Range Planning Committee and the Board of Education placed great effort into developing a capital project that addresses the safety of our school community, critical building needs and the growing needs of our students. For the Averill Park Central School District to continue to offer an exceptional level of education, we must invest in the care and maintenance of our facilities, as well as develop innovative learning spaces where our students and community can thrive," Board President Jessica Zweig said.

This project vote was originally scheduled to coincide with the May 2020 budget vote, but was postponed due to the pandemic. The rescheduled project vote for December 8 will be the first major district-wide project brought before our school community in more than 20 years.

"As a District, we understand that a capital project vote in the uncertain times of a pandemic may seem like unusual timing, however, we know the pandemic will end soon and I believe we have an obligation to our entire school community to continuously plan for their future so that we can meet the needs of and create opportunities for every student every day," Superintendent Franchini said.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

PROPOSITION 1:

Safety

- Security Upgrades at Building Entry Points
- Upgrade Intruder Hardware
- HS Construction Technology Lab

Building Condition Survey Replacements/Upgrades

- Fire Alarms
- LED Lighting
- Roofing
- Kitchen Equipment
- Heating/Ventilation
- Boilers/Pumps
- Electrical
- Masonry
- Bus Garage
- Overhead Door
- Replacement
- Water System
- Energy Control Systems

Enhancements

- Poestenkill Guidance Suite & Elimination of Detached Trailer
- Miller Hill-Sand Lake Cafeteria Renovation & Expansion

PROPOSITION 2:

Algonquin College & Career Readiness Center

- Upgrades for Art, Technology, Family & Consumer Sciences

Physical Education Outdoor Facility Improvements

- Development of a Multi-Purpose Turf Field
- New Softball Field
- Driveway to new 66 Space Parking Area



Pictured are areas of the district that are in critical need of repair.

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 • 146 Gettle Road, Averill Park, NY 12018

COVID - Reopening of Schools

Community Forum and Q&A Session

Reopening of School Plan

Faculty/Staff Forums

Reopening Task Force

Reopening Sub Committees

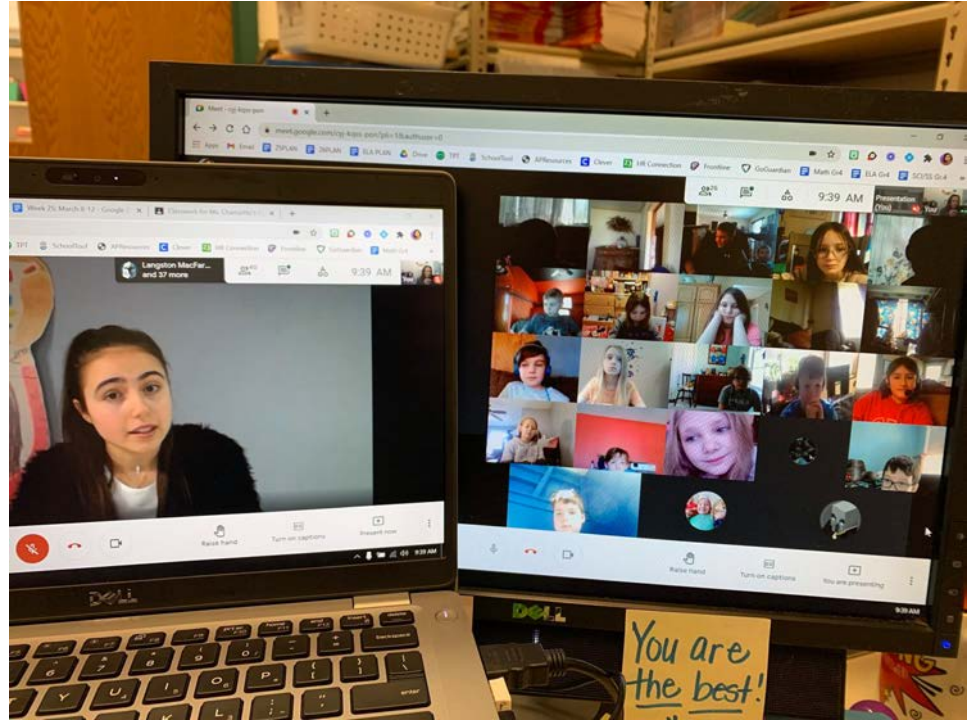
Mandatory Professional Development for all Instructional Staff



COVID - Academics

Offered Three Options

- In-Person
- Hybrid
- Virtual
 - Dedicated teachers for elementary students
 - Full course catalog offered at AMS and APHS



COVID - Student Experience

Testing of Student Athletes

Vaccine Clinics at AMS and APHS

Events and Activities

- Outdoor Concerts
- Senior Send Off (Picnic, Dance)
- In-Person Moving Up Ceremonies
- APHS Graduation



COVID - School Year

In-Person Instruction

- Elementary School
 - 92% of the school days
- Middle School
 - 87% of the school days
- High School
 - 78% of the school days



Safety

Camera Project

Planning Exercises to Test Internal Systems



Administration Retirements

WSL Principal

Assistant Superintendent for Business



Teaching and Learning

Kindergarten Screening

District Learning Team/Teaching and Learning Cabinet

K - 5 ELA Curriculum

Curriculum Renewal



Teacher and Student Supports

New Website

- Instructional Technology
- Standards
- Resources

Summer Programs

Reading Apprenticeship Program



Elementary Schools

PES

- Child Study Team Process
- Grade 5 Student Survey & Individual Student Meetings with Principal

MHSL

- Random Acts of Kindness Week and Kindness Poster Contest
- Virtual Author Visits and Performances

WSL

- Outdoor Learning Spaces and Mindfulness Trail
- Character Education and Community Service Projects



Algonquin Middle School

Student Support

- Virtual Warrior Fundamentals
- After School Academic Support
 - 65 students participated over 29 weeks
- “Wake-up calls” for Students Who Missed Morning Meeting
- Period Attendance Calls
- Warrior Wellness Wednesdays



Algonquin Middle School

Transitioned All Activities and Clubs to a Virtual Format

Student Experience

- Principal - Student Focus Groups
- "Minute Meeting" SEL Check In Surveys
- Annual "School Experience Survey"

Gold Star - No Place for Hate (8th Consecutive Year) by the ADL



Averill Park High School

Full Transition to Google Classroom

Implemented a 1:1 Chromebook Platform

Restructured Student Support Team Process



Averill Park High School

Do Nows

Student Supports

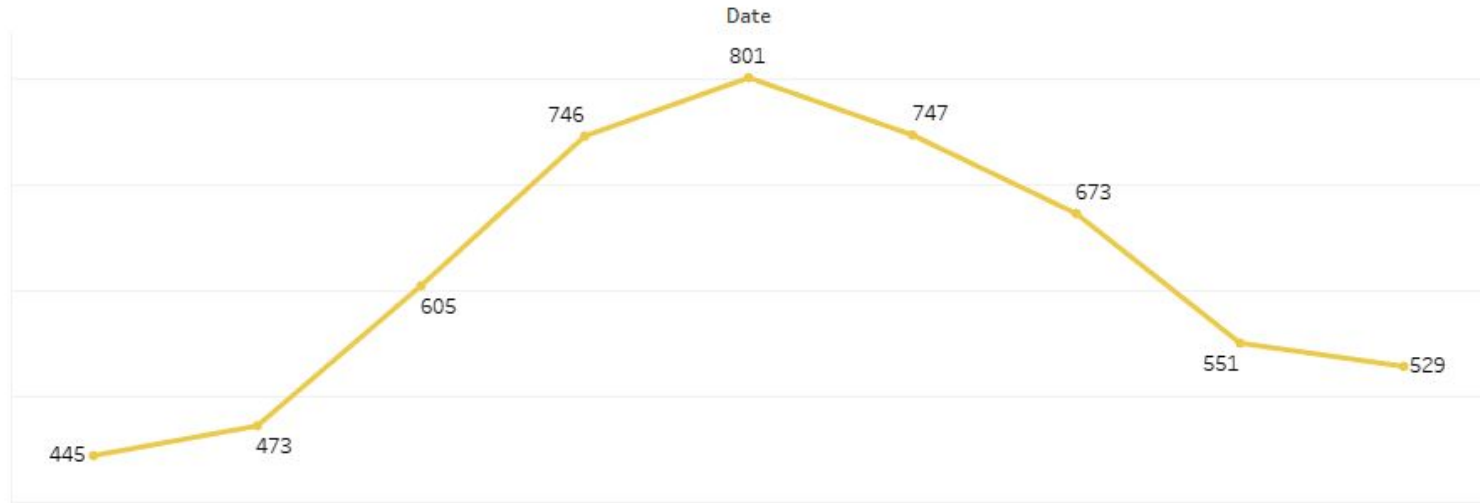
- Targeted Advisories for At-Risk Students
- Providing Everyday Attendance Opportunities for At-Risk Students
- Expanding Peer Tutoring Program and Restorative Practices Activities.
- On-the-spot Attendance Calling to Keep Parents Informed About Student Attendance in Virtual Learning.
- Creation of Alternative Social and Athletic Activities and Events in Virtual and Outdoor Formats

Virtual Learning

9 Full-Time Faculty for K - 5

Number of Students in Virtual Learning was Fluid

Monthly Hybrid/Virtual Counts (2)



Special Education

Creation of a Continuum of Services Across the District

Realigned Special Education Programs to Provide Equity of Services

Created an Aide and TA Handbook



Athletics

Every Sport, Except Indoor Track & Field, Had a Season

Tested 988 High-Risk Student-Athletes and Coaches

- Zero Positives

Girls Lacrosse Team Won the First Sectional Championship in Program History

15 Varsity Teams Named NYSPHSAA
Scholar-Athlete Teams



Transportation

All Employees Became CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Maintained Compliance with Training

Held First 30-hour School Bus Driver Course and 10-hour Attendant Course on Premises in Many Years

Maintained a DOT Passing Rate of 98.73%



Food Service

Introduced Several New Homemade Menu Items

50% Increase in Breakfast Participation Compared to 2018-2019

Removed Chocolate Milk as a Breakfast Option

- Reduce the Amount of Sugar

Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students



Food Service

Participated in the Department of Defense Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (DoD Fresh) & USDA Produce Pilot Program

Implemented a Classroom Ordering and Delivery System (Elementary)

Provided Meals to Virtual and Hybrid Students



Technology

Provided Devices and Internet Connectivity to Students in Need

Expanded 1:1 chromebook Program to All Students in Grades 6 - 12

Meet the Requirement of Ed Law 2d

Supported Students and Teachers Working
in Hybrid and Virtual Environments



Buildings and Grounds

Prepared District for Safe Working Environment

Renovated Technology Offices

Renovated APHS Weight Room

Managing the PFOA Issue at AMS



Human Resources

New Employee Check-Ins

Extensive Hiring for 2021 - 2022

Board Policies

- Coordinated Review
- Field Trip Policy



2021 - 2022

The Year Ahead



COVID-19

Back to School Plan

Staff Q&A

Community Q&A



COVID-19

Striving for Normalcy

- In-Person Instruction
- Buses at Full Capacity
- Eating in the Cafeteria
- Athletics and Extracurriculars
- Community Use of Facilities
- In-Person Open Houses



Teaching and Learning Cabinet

Formed a 9-Member Cabinet

Will Meet Monthly

Discuss Trends and Topics from the Education World

Research and Discuss the Impact for AP

Share Findings with Faculties

Develop Action and Implementation Plans



Curriculum Renewal

Curriculum Areas to be Reviewed and Analyzed Vertically

Opportunity for Revision of Curriculum and Incorporation of New Curriculum Materials and Instructional Practices

4 Year Renewal Cycle Includes Time to Renew, Revise and Evaluate

Eventually 2-3 Content Areas will be Operating at Each Phase Each Year



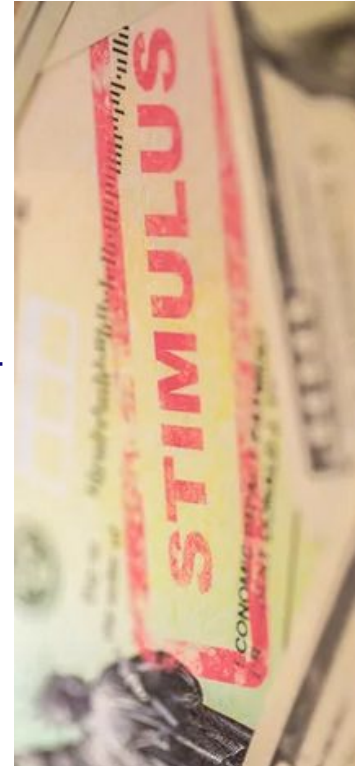
Stimulus Funds

Plan Presented Publicly at June Board Meeting

Spending Focused on Five Areas:

- Supporting academic growth
- Coordinating social-emotional learning efforts across district
- Promoting effective use of technology in the classroom
- Developing capacity of our instructional staff
- Returning from COVID logistics

Implementation over the Next 3-4 Years



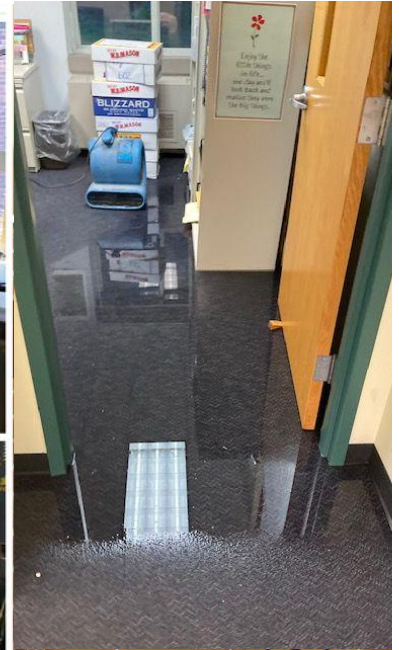
The Flood

Algonquin

- Gymnasium
- 8th Grade Wing
- Cafeteria

Averill Park High School

- Classrooms
- Library
- Guidance Suite
- Main Office
- Health Office



Capital Project

Vote Scheduled for the Fall

Focus on Needs

- BCS
- Security





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