

CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

INSIDE THE SQUARE 23-24

Newsletter



"Making a difference and impacting the futures of our students and district."

In spring 2022, district voters overwhelmingly approved a Capital Improvement Project worth a proposed \$25 million, all covered by state aid with no tax increase to the community. Since then, CSSD and its Operations and Maintenance team have been hard at work across all six school buildings in addition to the Transportation and Maintenance centers.

Throughout this newsletter, you will find updates, notes, photos and stories about this much-needed work. We will continue to provide further updates as we have throughout the process at [CSSD.org/capitalproject](https://cssd.org/capitalproject).

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Central Square Intermediate School saving taxpayers millions

A mountain of a task for O&M, conquered

The once-vacant Central Square Intermediate School has proven itself to be a critical building for Central Square School District, saving taxpayers millions as it has been utilized as a space for students to learn while 2022 capital project improvements continue.

Hastings-Mallory Elementary School is spending the entirety of the 2023-24 school year at CSI, and A.A. Cole Elementary will do the same in 2024-25 while construction teams gut and renovate everything from classrooms, bathrooms, vents, parking lots and more.

The logistics of these plans have been in the works for years, with CSSD Operations and Maintenance Department team members working extra hard to prepare the space to operate an entire elementary school.

"I am truly amazed at the amount and quality of work that was completed by my staff," said Director of Facilities Paul Brissette. "Our Operations and Maintenance Department has the best team of clerical employees, custodians, maintenance workers, messenger custodians and grounds workers — there is nothing that they cannot accomplish."

CSI saves CSSD taxpayers millions

Without CSI, Superintendent Thomas J. Colabufo said the only other options would be to hire companies that could work a third shift to clean the building in time for student use each day or lease a space from another district or organization.

Brissette said Turner Construction, one of the teams working on the capital project, estimated a \$500,000 per year minimum for an alternate space that did not

require alterations, and there were none available meaning the expense would have been far greater.

Both Colabufo and Brissette noted that construction and site teams, inundated with a logjam of project requests for bid and facing similar staffing issues being seen nationwide, are finding it tougher to bid on projects requiring a second shift of workers. Second shift work also typically costs about 15 percent more for labor, Brissette added.

"Not having space would have dragged the project out for possibly two more years," Brissette said.

On top of cost concerns, the logistics for buses to get students to the new location and all the extra time needed could have potentially taken away from the instructional day.

As other districts in the area sell buildings and old district office spaces, keeping CSI and investing time and resources into it has made all the difference, said Colabufo.

"We really could not have done it without CSI," said Colabufo. "We would have spent millions more and bused students out of the district to whichever district might still have an empty space for us, and logistically that's a nightmare."

Preparing for a whole school

The school was last used in 2019-20 when grades four and five from Millard Hawk Elementary were housed there during the previous capital project. But preparing for an entire school was a different ballgame.



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Preparation of CSI for this year began during COVID after a building condition survey found \$130 million in needed work across the schools, some of it to bring areas up to code. Knowing students would likely need to occupy CSI again, Brissette had two staff members regularly painting and working to prepare the building.

Then, in 2022 when voters overwhelmingly approved a proposed capital project and plans were put in motion, the team shifted into high gear to get things moved and ready for staff and student needs.

Brissette said his team rose to the occasion, and this past summer, they painted and cleaned, waxed floors, set up items like ClearTouch panels and bulletin boards, and set up rooms to teacher specifications all within three short weeks.

"CSI looked amazing for the start of school," he added, while noting that all the hard work and success could not have been achieved without help from administrators, the business office, student services, technology, transportation and food services.

School officials and administrators report the year so far has gone well for Hastings-Mallory Elementary at CSI.

"Students, parents and staff – they seem to love CSI. It's a very nice, large building that's very bright with a courtyard in the middle of it," said Colabufo. "It's a great building. Nobody likes to have change, but it's very important that the CSSD made these changes."

Construction updates, A.A. Cole's turn is next

Work will continue throughout the spring and summer at Hastings-Mallory Elementary, where students will move back in September 2024. HME's upgrades have included new asphalt and drainage, two new basketball courts, an updated septic system, bathroom remodels and more.

While working on the project, the district wanted to add extra one-on-one spaces on the second floor of HME but the work was not part of the capital project plan,

Brissette said. To help offset the cost, all painting was removed from the project team's docket and will instead be done by the CSSD Operations and Maintenance Team – allowing the five rooms to move forward.

The summer will be another busy one for the district as they move all the elements back to Hastings-Mallory Elementary, and simultaneously transition all of A.A. Cole Elementary to CSI while it gets a makeover like HME did.

Work at A.A. Cole includes corridor reconstruction, reparation of concrete deck panels, HVAC and plumbing upgrades and replacing the gym divider wall with a divider curtain in addition to other planned items.

There will be a parent meeting at A.A. Cole Elementary School at 6 p.m. Feb. 29 to outline the plan for the community and answer questions and concerns.

"When June comes and the students go home for the summer, we will spring into action," said Brissette. "We will start moving ClearTouch panels, boards and the contents of two buildings to prepare for the 2024-25 school year. A.A. Cole educational spaces will need to be totally emptied. The contractors will want to start as soon as possible so we will prioritize getting those spaces cleared out."

It may seem like quite the undertaking, but Colabufo said he's sure they are the right team for the job – calling Brissette and his staff "simply outstanding" and a group that collaborates well together.

"Not only are they cleaning all of the buildings and their normal workload but now they're doing that during major capital project work," said Colabufo. "That's a massive undertaking on their part and they are amazing. They are making a difference and impacting the futures of our students and district alike."



CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

A.A. COLE



Completed work: No work has been completed in phase 1

Planned work:

- Reconstruct corridor walls including floor replacement
- Reconstruct/repair concrete deck panels
- Update classroom sinks to be handicap accessible
- Replace built-in casework in classrooms
- Replace ceilings in classrooms
- Upgrade HVAC
- Upgrade plumbing
- Replace gym divider wall with divider curtain

Anticipated work dates: Summer 2024/2025

Special notes: We need State Education Department approval and then need to competitively bid the project.

Something special about the school? Originally built in 1958 with an addition in 1964 and 1991. 47,682-square-foot building on municipal water and septic system.

BREWERTON



Completed work: No work has been completed in phase 1

Planned work:

- Replace loading dock stairs and railing
- Upgrade plumbing

Anticipated work dates: Summer 2024/2025

Special notes: We need State Education Department approval and then need to competitively bid the project.

Something special about the school? Built in 1952 with an addition in 1976 and 1991. 52,600-square-foot building on municipal water and sewer.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

HASTINGS-MALLORY

Completed and in process work, Phase 1

- Installed new asphalt and drainage along roadway to the back of the building including back parking lot
- Added two new outdoor basketball courts
- Replaced septic system
- Upgraded plumbing
- Remodeled bathrooms
- Added unit ventilators
- Installed boiler heating plant
- Created new office spaces
- Abated old floor tile and replaced with new LVT
- Replaced casework along windows
- Replaced gym divider wall with divider curtain

All indoor painting will be handled by the district to save capital project funding for other needed improvements.

Anticipated work dates: Currently working on the building with a completion date in September 2024.

Special notes: Students move back in September 2024

Something special about the school? Built in 1968 with no additions. 52,600-square-foot building with municipal water and septic system.



MILLARD HAWK

Completed work: No work has been completed in phase 1

Planned work:

- Renovate nurse's office to create an ADA bathroom
- Upgrade plumbing
- Install new valve for boiler
- Resurface tennis courts

Anticipated work dates: Summer 2024/2025

Special notes: We need State Education Department approval and then need to competitively bid the project.

Something special about the school? Built in 1959 with an addition in 1991. 90,125-square-foot building on municipal water and sewer.





CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Phase 1 work to be completed summer 2024

- Replaced hallway locker
- Replaced library flooring
- Replaced rubber flooring in stairwells

Planned work:

- Resurface main road coming into complex
- Add an additional drive coming into the complex
- Replace sign at route 11
- Upgrade plumbing
- Replace gym divider wall with divider curtain

Anticipated work dates: Summer 2024

Special notes: We need State Education Department approval and then need to competitively bid the project.

Something special about the school? Built in 1991 with no additions. 194,936-square-foot building with municipal water and sewer.



PAUL V. MOORE



Work completed in Phase 1

- Built new parent drop-off loop
- Added new drainage and blacktop in front circle and student parking lot
- Replaced site lights
- Added new water service into the building
- Installed new carpet in the library area

Planned work:

- Upgrade to HVAC control system
- Replace generator with a natural gas generator
- Remove existing underground tank
- Upgrade plumbing
- Resurface retaining wall
- Install washing machine connections in basement

Anticipated work dates: Summer 2024

Special notes: We need State Education Department approval and then need to competitively bid the project.

Something special about the school? Built in 1953 with an addition in 1973 and 1998. 227,189-square-foot building on municipal water and sewer.



CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

TRANSPORTATION & MAINTENANCE CENTER

Completed work: No work has been completed in phase 1

Planned work:

- Replace underground tanks at Transportation Center
- Replace high bay heating in garage at Transportation Center
- Upgrade electrical panel Maintenance Center
- Replace underground tanks Maintenance Center
- Upgrade garage exhaust Maintenance Center
- Replace electric heaters and rezone heat at the Stadium

Anticipated work dates: Summer 2024/2025

Special notes: We need State Education Department approval and then need to competitively bid the project.

Something special about the school? The Transportation Center is on the same campus as the middle school. The building was built in 1991.



A.A. COLE PARENT MEETING

LEARN ABOUT PLANS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT
CENTRAL SQUARE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FOR
THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR AND ASK QUESTIONS!

THURSDAY • FEB. 29 AT 6 P.M.
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