



SACHEM SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE... BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

Planning for the Future... Building for Success EXCEL Bond Update

In March 2008, the Sachem community approved the EXCEL bond referendum, providing \$5,000,000 in New York State funding for districtwide capital projects. The EXCEL aid, combined with State building aid and existing capital reserve funds, provided for the completion of these projects at no additional cost to district residents. The majority of Phase 1 construction, including extensive upgrades to the athletic fields at High School East and High School North, was accomplished during this summer. Please take a look inside this newsletter for more details on the finished construction, as well as a listing of upcoming Phase 2 projects. If you have any questions regarding construction, please call Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent, at 471-1321.



Additional Savings on Construction

Two Significant Factors Contribute to Lower Costs

Continuing our economically sound practices, Sachem School District has taken steps to guarantee further cost savings to residents in the upcoming years. By hiring our own highly qualified in-district staff to perform the work, we have avoided the higher expenses linked to outside contractors. As a result, the district will benefit from significant savings over the course of the construction. And finally, because Phase 1 contracting bids received were lower than anticipated, we are happy to report that recent construction was completed at a much lower cost.

For an updated building-by-building listing of projects, please visit the district's website at www.sachem.edu.

EXCEL: What We've Accomplished

The community's vote to take advantage of EXCEL Aid provided the Sachem School District with funding for critical infrastructure renovations and repairs. Our students and the Sachem community now benefit from the following improvements...

Completed Projects

High School North:

- New Turf Field
- Locker Room Reconstruction
 - Public Address System
 - Fire Alarm System
 - Roof Replacement
- Auditorium Seating Repair
 - Site Drainage

High School East:

- Site Drainage
- New Turf Field
- ADA Parking (lower athletic field)

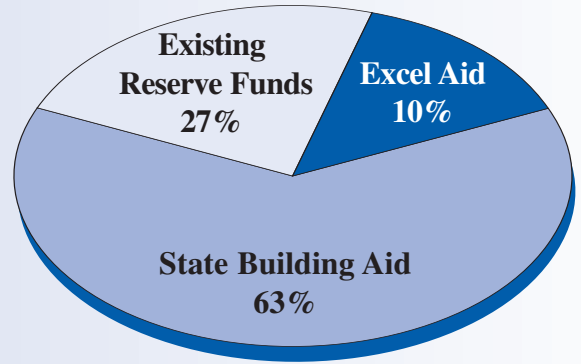
Gatelot Ave. Elementary School:

- Crawl Space Asbestos Abatement

Lynwood Ave. Elementary School:

- New Gymnasium Floor Replacement
- Roof Replacement

Replacing aged, worn lockers, new hallway lockers at Samoset Middle School are a welcome addition to the 09-10 school year.



Total tax impact: \$ 0



Before...
Aging cushions separated from base

Auditorium seats with broken arms and missing cushions at Sachem High School North and Samoset Middle School have been replaced with completely new seating.



After

EXCEL: What We've Accomplished



Completed Projects

(continued)

Samoset Middle School:

- Locker Room Reconstruction
- Corridor Locker Replacement

Seneca Middle School:

- New Little Theater Seating
- New Gymnasium Floors
- New Gymnasium Bleachers
- Locker Room Reconstruction

Sagamore Middle School:

- New Little Theater Seating
- New Gymnasium Bleachers
- Girls' Locker Room Reconstruction

Turf field installations at Sachem High School East (above) and Sachem High School North (below) provide safer, all-weather playing surfaces that will also save future costs on maintenance and irrigation.



Turf installation at Sachem North

Ongoing Projects

Districtwide

- **Elementary School Playgrounds**
- **Tech Upgrade: Storage Area Network**
 - New Telephone System (VOIP)

High Schools East and North

- **Press Box**

Press box is scheduled to be delivered in November

Full view of field renovation at Sachem North



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Phase 2 Projects

With nearly all Phase 1 projects completed, Sachem School District now looks forward to upcoming renovations to be completed in Phase 2.

These projects include:

District Office

Asbestos Abatement

(Crawl Space and Ceilings)

Replace Rooftop Fans

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Elementary Schools

Cayuga

Replace Rooftop Fans

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Chippewa

Replace Rooftop Fans

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Gatlot

Foundation Support

(Kitchen and Nurse's Office)

Window Replacement

Replace Rooftop Fans

Reroute Hot Water

Underground Piping

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Grundy

VAT Asbestos Abatement

Replace Rooftop Fans

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Hiawatha

Replace Rooftop Fans

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Lynwood

Asbestos Abatement

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Replace Damaged Sink Basins

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Waverly

Upgrade Fencing

Replace Rooftop Fans

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Replace Damaged Sink Basins

Wenonah

Replace Rooftop Fans

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Middle Schools

Sagamore

Replace Rooftop Fans

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Samoset

Window Replacement

Replace Rooftop Fans

Men's and Women's Bathrooms
near Auditorium

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

Seneca

Replace Rooftop Fans

Replace Track

Locker Room Toilets - ADA

Pavement and Sidewalk Upgrades

High Schools

Sachem North

Replace Football Bleachers

Replace Rooftop Fans

Updates on Energy Efficiency at Sachem

Energy Conservation Project Nears Approval

Last year, Sachem School District proposed the largest energy-conservation project of its kind in New York State. The \$16 million project includes over 25 conservation measures within the Sachem Central School District, including the retrofitting of districtwide lighting, the installation of a 10 kW wind turbine at Sachem East, insulation of Gatlot's building exterior, and automatic pool covers at both high schools. Best of all, the project will be carried out at no cost to the community. Through a performance contract with Johnson Controls, the work will result in energy cost savings that are equal to or greater than the cost of the project. Johnson Controls has estimated a savings of \$858,374 annually for the district. Furthermore, the district will generate an \$11,165,508 cash flow over 18 years as the district gains 66 percent state aid on energy projects.

As of now, the project is still being reviewed by New York State Education Department. This is the normal approval process for a proposal of this magnitude and nature; it is envisioned that the approval process will be completed by November 2009.

Operation Save New York Cuts District Spending by \$40,000

The Sachem School District also enrolled in a program with Energy Curtailment Specialists (ECS) – the largest authorized administrator of demand response programs in the United States. ECS's *Operation Save New York* is an initiative to reduce energy consumption by paying businesses and organizations to voluntarily reduce electric usage during electricity crises. Sachem Schools voluntarily reduced energy consumption during traditional periods of high usage this past summer, and as a partner in the *Operation Save New York* program saved approximately \$40,000!