

DRAFT North Greenbush Common School District Community Advisory Committee – January 23, 2020

Community Member Feedback

- Community advisory members indicated that they heard positive things about the project from friends and neighbors.
- Others discussed questions with the cost, timeline and communications.

Update on Activities and Actions

- Environmental Quality Requirements (SEQR)
 - The district had to take additional steps before finalizing the proposed scope of work. This included completing a traffic study and meeting with Hudson Valley Community College.
- Board of Education Actions
 - The Board approved the SEQR and authorization to vote (on March 4) at its January 15th meeting.
 - While the timeline was delayed (due to the additional geotechnical, environmental and archeological testing and reports required by the age of the Little Red building), the architect continues to work on items to ensure that we remain on schedule for the opening of the new addition (if the project is approved by residents).
- Public Meeting – January 28, 7 p.m.
 - Community advisory members previewed the presentation that will be given at LaSalle Institute.
 - A video highlighting the project will be played at the meeting.
 - Note: this video is embedded on the district website at <http://www.northgreenbushcommon.org/> or is available directly at <https://youtu.be/yRzvEXW7YPE>.
- Communications
 - A letter providing an update on the project and vote date was mailed to all residents on January 16. This was the third of a series of letters.
 - A press release was also sent to the local media. The Record published an article on Sunday, January 19 (https://www.troyrecord.com/news/north-greenbush-csd-seeks-voter-approval-on-capital-project-land/article_9127f258-3963-11ea-a105-1fd589ca7979.html) and the Advertiser on Thursday, January 23.

Reactions and Questions

- Community advisory members said that it is important to stress that the tax rate is staying the same – that new tax revenue (from new residential units) can pay for the entire capital project.
- An advisory member asked if someone from the town could attend the meeting and discuss their role and/or interest.