

# **FUTURE READY**

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**Proposed Capital Project Update**

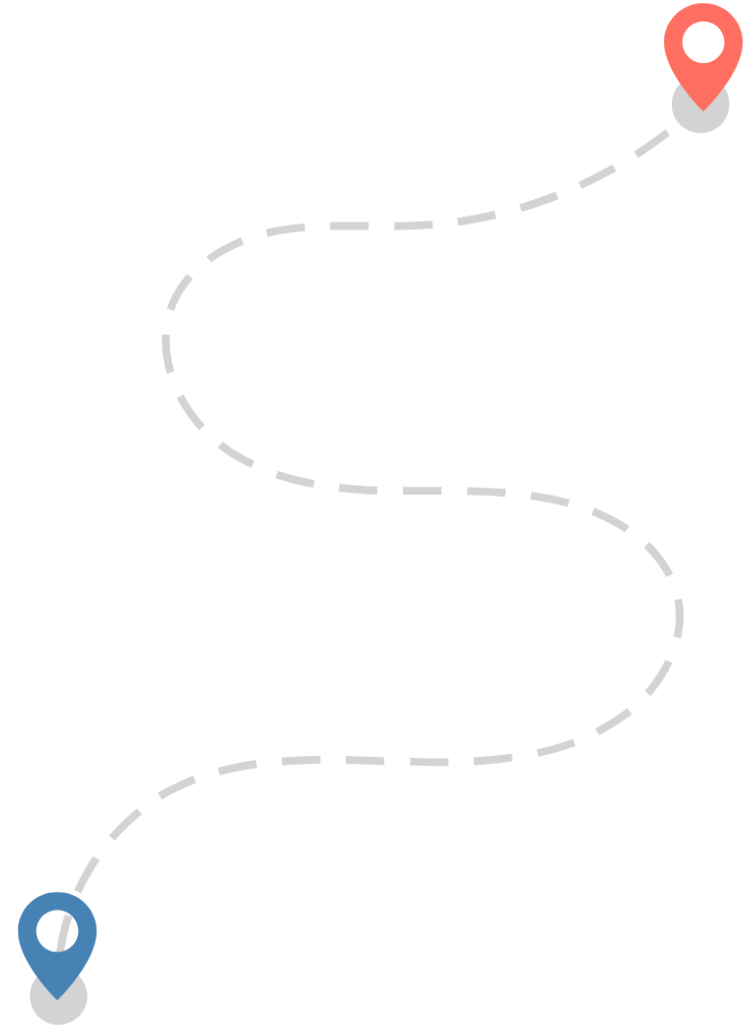
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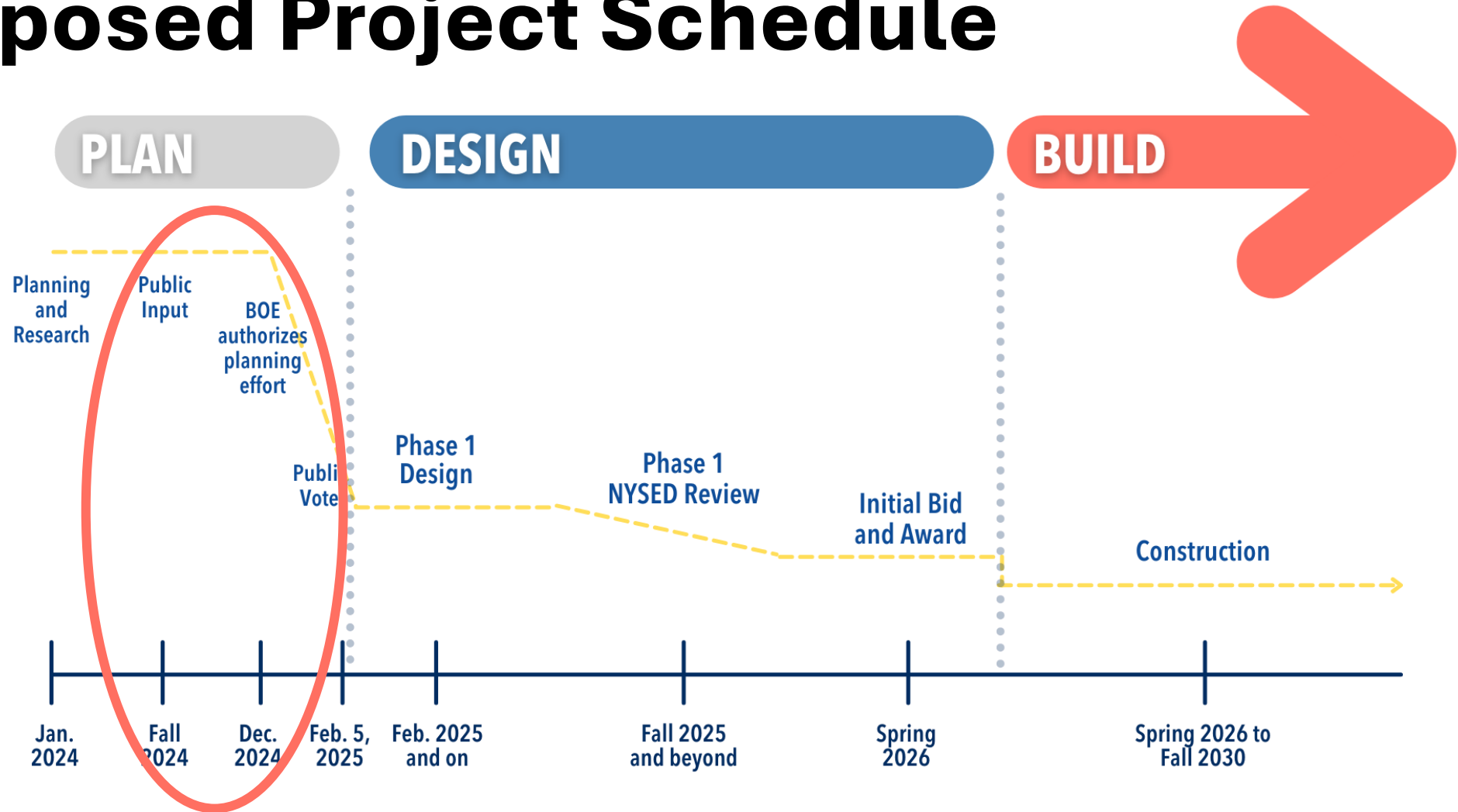
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# Agenda

- Review of Community Input Forum(s) Feedback
- SEQRA: State Environmental Quality Review Act
- Anticipated Propositions



# Proposed Project Schedule



# Community Input Forums



Two opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed project:

- Monday, Nov. 4 at 12 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.

A total of nine community members attended the two sessions.



# Forum Feedback and Questions



## Project Scope and Needs

- Questions about why certain projects were prioritized and how the district identified infrastructure needs.
- Clarifications sought on the balance between infrastructure upgrades and new construction.

## Cost and Funding

- Inquiries about the project's impact on local taxes and how the district plans to fund the improvements.
- Concerns regarding state funding approval and the use of capital reserves to minimize tax impact.



# Forum Feedback and Questions



## Timeline and Construction Phases

- Questions about the project timeline, including expected start and completion dates.
- Requests for clarity on the sequence of renovations across different school buildings.

## Impact on Students and Operations

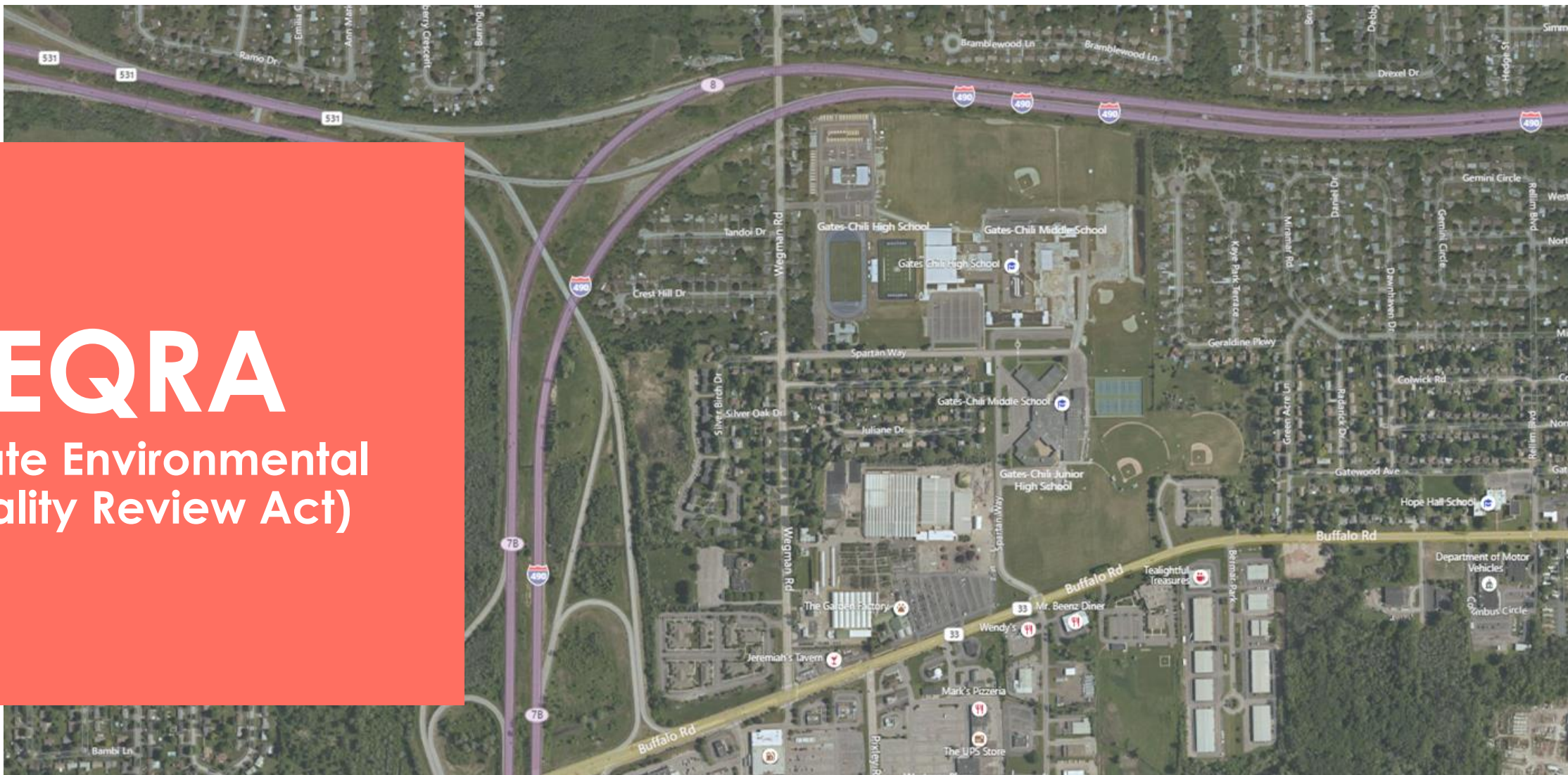
- Concerns about how construction might affect student learning and daily operations.
- Requests for information on safety measures during construction.





# SEQRA

(State Environmental  
Quality Review Act)



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# What is SEQRA ?

- Adopted in 1975, recently edited in 2018 (6 NYCRR Part 617)
- All NYS school work requires a SEQRA determination
  - Prior to setting a public vote on bond resolution for a capital project you must have a resolution from the Board of Education on SEQRA
- Three types:
  - Type 1: Full on project (new build/exterior renovations, etc.), potentially impacting community
  - Type 2: Things inside building, no real community impact
  - Unlisted: Something in between





# Action item for approval tonight

1. The District preliminarily classifies the Project as an Unlisted action; and
2. The District intends to undertake a coordinated review of the Project; and
3. The District's consultants are authorized to send Part 1 of the EAF to any Involved and/or Interested Agencies as those terms are defined in the SEQRA Regulations, requesting concurrence with the Authority's serving as lead agency and requesting comments regarding the Project; and
4. The District, through its staff and/or consultants, are authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to carry out this Resolution.



# Timeline leading up to vote

9/24

BOE Review of Scope

→ 11/12

**BOE SEQRA Declare Intent for Lead Agency**

12/17

BOE SEQRA Determination, Resolution for Referendum

2/5

Voter Referendum



# Anticipated propositions on the ballot

## Proposition 1: \$88M

Authorization for the district to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements, additions and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities.



## Proposition 2: \$4M

Authorization to Appropriate and Expend Monies from 2023 Capital Reserve Fund for Security Infrastructure



# Questions?



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