

# Lackawanna city school district

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## DISTRICT NEWS

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## TRUMAN ELEMENTARY

February 2012

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO RENOVATE TRUMAN ELEMENTARY

**“DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY  
FOR A ZERO TAX IMPACT CAPITAL  
PROJECT TO IMPROVE TRUMAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”**

The Lackawanna City School District believes that “Education requires the responsible commitment of students, staff, parents, Board of Education, and the community at large.” The Lackawanna community has an opportunity to honor those beliefs with a **fully funded** Capital Improvement project at the 1966 Truman Elementary School Building.

In 2006-2007, the NYS budget provided new enhanced building aid to ALL school Districts called EXCEL Funding, intended to be used to help Districts fund capital improvement projects. The Lackawanna City School District was allotted over \$1.7 million in EXCEL Funding. A portion of that EXCEL Funding was utilized for the 2008 Capital Improvement Project at the Middle/High School, **successfully minimizing** financial impact to the taxpayers of Lackawanna. Once again, utilizing a portion of remaining EXCEL Funds, the District can take advantage of this incentive, this time undertaking a **ZERO TAX IMPACT** project to improve our aging building infrastructure.

As the District's only Pre-K through 2nd grade school, Truman Elementary serves students and families from all across the District. Using 2% EXCEL Funding coupled with 98% State Building Aid, there is no better time to make these needed renovations - at **ZERO COST IMPACT** to the taxpayers!

**READ MORE INSIDE!**



Exterior Canopy at Truman.

**PLEASE  
VOTE!**

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

See inside for  
Locations and Times!



### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Code Conformance, Health, Safety and Security Improvements
- Replacement of major HVAC equipment
- Updates to Electrical Systems
- Replacement of Fire Alarm, P/A and Clock Systems
- Site Improvements: replace paving and walks, redesign bus loop for improved student safety
- Replace Entry Canopy

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- This important project can be completed at **NO COST** to the taxpayers of the District by leveraging EXCEL Aid and NYS Building Aid.
- EXCEL is enhanced aid provided by NYS for use in capital projects. EXCEL aid can be substituted for District share of project costs - in this case about 2% of the project cost. 98% of the cost comes from NYS Building Aid reimbursement.

### Informational Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 2012

6:00 PM

Martin Road Elementary

Auditorium

135 Martin Road

Lackawanna, NY

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAPITAL PROJECT****Q. How much will the Truman Elementary Renovations Cost?**

A. This proposed project will have a total cost of \$6,650,000. Although there is additional need beyond this amount, work will be prioritized and capped at this total. Further work would need to be addressed with a future project to be approved by the taxpayers.

**Q. How will the District pay for the Project?**

A. The District currently receives 98% Building Aid from NYS. That means for every \$100 the District spends on Capital Construction Projects, \$98 are reimbursed by the State. The other \$2 of every \$100 will come from EXCEL Funding, an incentive funding offered by NYS to ALL school Districts for Capital Construction Projects. This literally means that the **entire 100%** cost of the project is being provided through aid from NYS! This is an extraordinary opportunity!

**Q. What is the cost impact to Lackawanna Taxpayers for this proposed Project?**

A. Due to the use of EXCEL and regular Building Aid from NYS, there is **ZERO COST IMPACT** to Lackawanna Taxpayers!

**Q. How does this project benefit our students?**

A. Truman Elementary was constructed in 1966 and has had no major renovations. Many of the building's infrastructure systems are original and near the end of their useful life. The students will benefit from improvements in health and safety systems such as Fire Alarms, P/A Systems, replacement of major heating and electrical systems, and replacement of walks and paving including redesign of the current bus loop to facilitate safer student transfer to and from school.

**Q. What happens if the Referendum Vote is NOT approved?**

A. We would fail to take advantage of Building Aid and EXCEL Funding to cover the cost of these upgrades. The systems in the building would continue to degrade, and the District will be forced to make necessary repairs and replacements out of the general fund over time, **causing the taxpayers to foot 100% of the cost**. Costs will continue to increase over time, and your State tax dollars will go elsewhere!

**"We can't let this 100% funding opportunity pass us by. There is no better time to renovate Truman Elementary School than now!"**

**98% Building Aid  
+2% EXCEL Funding  
= ZERO TAX IMPACT!**

**PLEASE VOTE! - TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 - PLEASE VOTE!**

Exercise your right to vote between Noon and 9:00 pm at the following locations:

**First Ward:**

Bocce Court  
Bethlehem Park

**Second Ward:**

Queen of Angels Hall (St. Michael's)  
144 Warsaw Street

**Third Ward:**

McKinley School, 245 South Shore Blvd.  
(Use Orchard Place Entrance)

**Fourth Ward:**

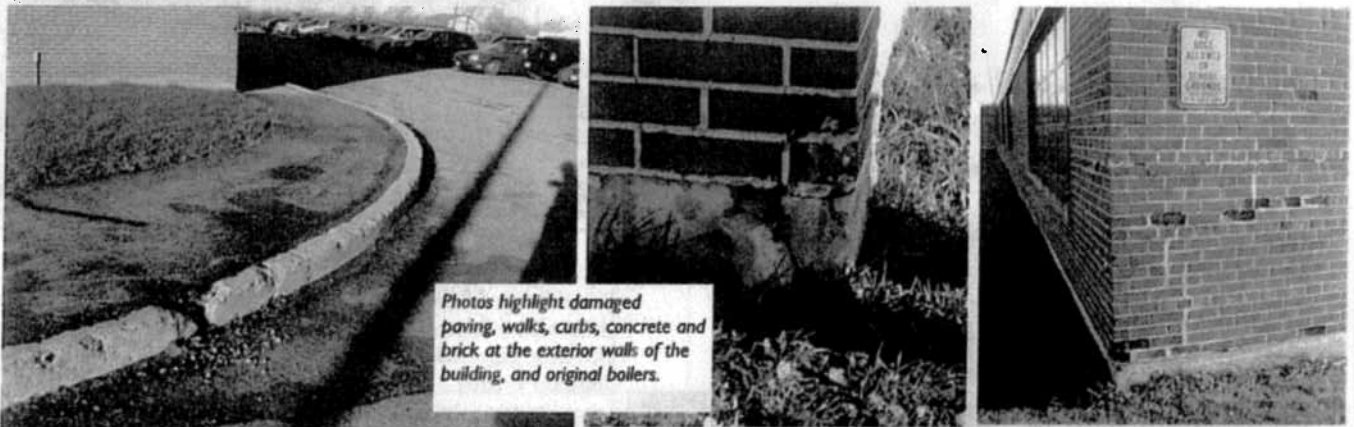
Lackawanna Senior High School  
550 Martin Road (Use Print Shop Entrance,  
Rear of Building)



## SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

As mandated by the NYS Education Department, the Lackawanna City School District updated its Building Condition Survey in 2010. The results of this survey indicated various areas of needed updates throughout the Truman building, including health & safety, structural, and deferred maintenance issues. Truman was built in 1966 and has had no major renovations since that time. In January 2012, the District retained the services of Kideny Architects to provide project scoping and cost estimating services. Working with the architect, the District has prioritized the following items as part of the preliminary scope for the proposed capital improvement project:

- Replacement of parking lot and drive areas
- Replacement of broken sidewalks and curbs, and improvements to handicap accessibility to the building
- Redesign of the bus loop to accommodate all buses and improve student safety
- Replacement of the deteriorating entry canopy
- Improvements to storm water drainage system
- Replace original heating boilers
- Replace/upgrade heating equipment in classrooms
- Replace original major ventilation equipment
- Replace original plumbing fixtures
- Upgrade student toilet rooms and improve handicap accessibility
- Replace original electrical service to the building and increase power capacity
- Replace original electrical panels and breakers
- Replace and upsize emergency generator & switchgear
- Replace Fire Alarm system
- Replace Public Address and Telephone systems
- Replace exterior doors and interior door hardware
- Exterior wall repairs including masonry repairs and re-pointing, control joints, replacing wall panels, etc.
- Replace Gymnasium floor and add window shades
- Replace Cafetorium stage curtain
- Miscellaneous interior finish upgrades

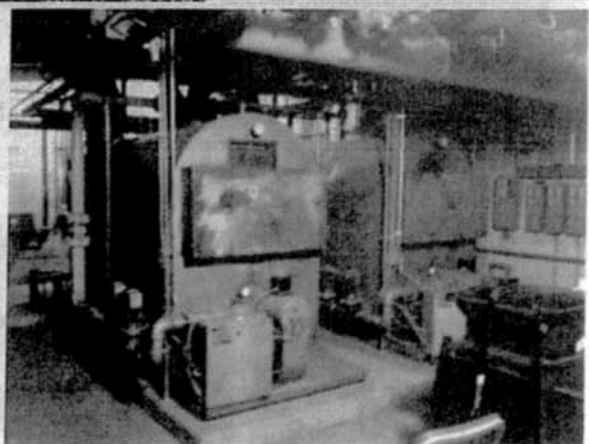


*Photos highlight damaged paving, walks, curbs, concrete and brick at the exterior walls of the building, and original boilers.*



**ZERO TAX  
IMPACT!**

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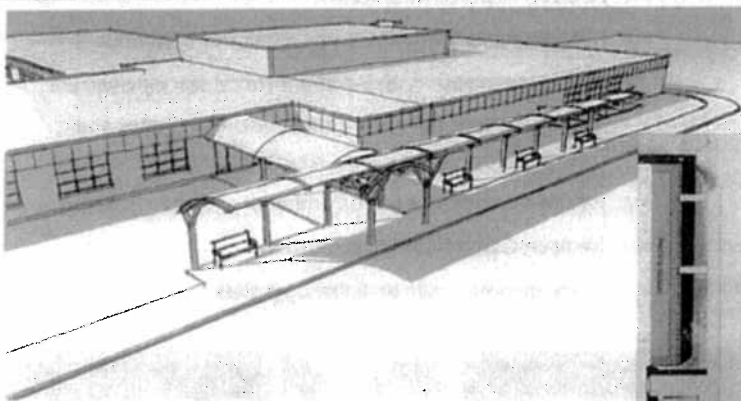
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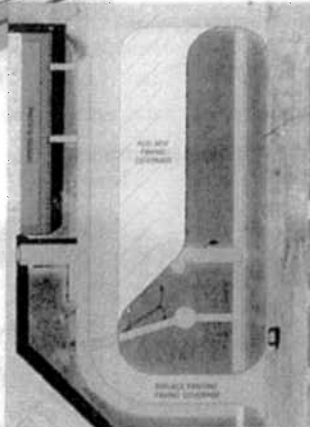
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Early Architectural Concept Rendering - New Entrance Canopy.



Concept Plan for New Bus Loop.

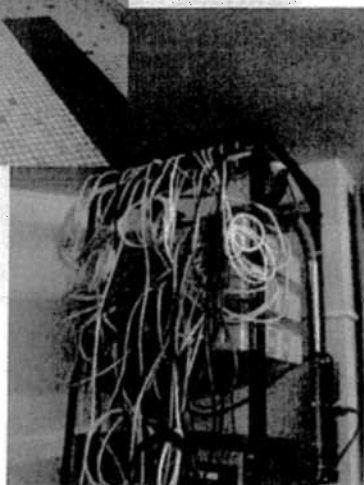
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**Noon til 9:00 pm**

**See inside for  
polling locations**



Damaged toilet room floor drain  
and tile.



Existing Data Rack  
and cabling.

**BOND PROPOSITION TEXT**

Shall the Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lackawanna, Erie County, New York on January 12, 2012 and was amended on January 19, 2012, authorizing the reconstruction of and improvements to the original Truman Elementary School Building and its site located at 15 Inner Drive, Lackawanna, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$6,650,000.00 and authorizing the issuance of serial bonds in the amount of \$6,650,000.00 (to be reduced by EXCEL Funding) of said School District to pay the cost thereof to be paid from taxes to be levied annually on all the taxable real property in said School District; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of principal of and interest on said bonds; determining that the period of probable usefulness thereof is thirty (30) years and limiting the length of the bonds maturity to a period not to exceed thirty (30) years to coincide with State Aid payment; delegating the power to authorize and sell bond anticipation notes and to fix the details of and to sell bonds; and containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?