

**WANTAGH UFSD  
BOND REFERENDUM  
2022**



# Wantagh UFSD Bond 2022

The Wantagh UFSD is proposing a bond referendum to the Wantagh Community on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, to renovate and improve the school district's facilities.





Why is the district considering a bond referendum at this time?

In 2019, the district developed a strategic plan that included four pillars. One of the pillars focused on the improvement of instructional spaces for all students. The district's schools are aging and much of the infrastructure needs to be replaced.







Mandalay Elementary  
64 years old



Wantagh Elementary  
72 years old



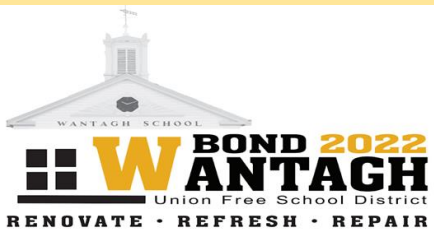
Forest Lake Elementary  
64 years old



Wantagh Middle School  
66 years old



Wantagh High School  
68 years old



# Expiring Bonds in 2023 and 2024



In 2023 and 2024 the district has debt service that will be fully paid and will be retired. If the bond referendum is successful, the district would replace this expiring debt with new debt service payments to accomplish much of the work that needs to be done. This allows the infrastructure referendum to be done in a budget neutral way.

## Wantagh Union Free School District

### Project:

- 2002 – \$15.4 Million Bond Referendum
- 2004 – \$158,000 Capital Improvements
- 2006 – \$144,000 Capital Improvements
- 2007 – \$14 Million Bond Referendum
- 2014 – \$468,000 Capital Improvements

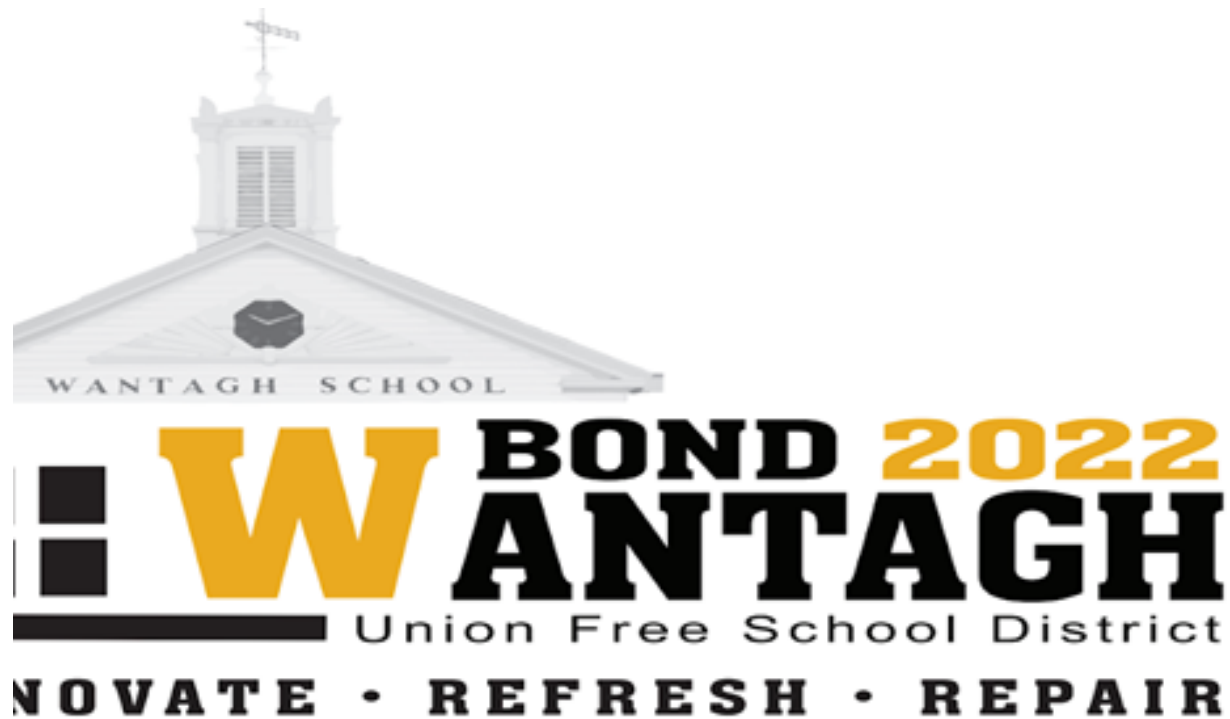
- Additions to (3) Elementary Schools
- New Gymnasium Addition at High School



Expiring Annual Debt Service Payments  
\$2.3 million



# New York State Aid on Capital Projects



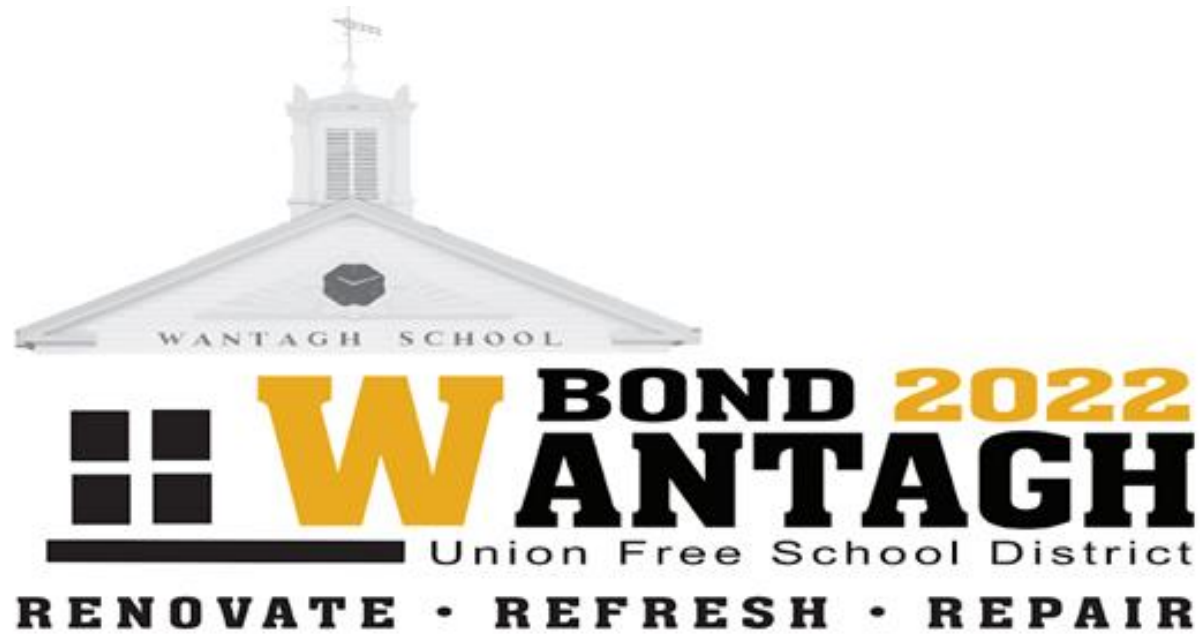
- New York State reimburses school districts for much of the capital work that is completed.
- Our district's reimbursement rate is 62%.
- Over \$42 million

# Why hold a bond vote in December?

This will allow the district the lead time needed to accomplish some projects in the summer of 2023. It typically takes 8-12 weeks for NYSED approval of projects and lead time is needed to go out to bid and order needed materials.







Bond Referendum: Proposition # 1

Infrastructure Project: \$39.5 million

What infrastructure projects are contained in Proposition #1 of the bond?

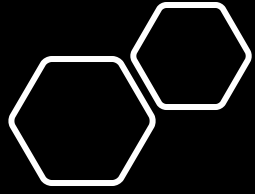
## Bond Referendum Proposition #1

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Window Replacement	\$16,691,000.00
Unit Ventilator Replacement	\$19,800,000.00
Electrical Service	\$3,009,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,500,000.00</b>

# Window Replacements

Window Replacement	
Wantagh Middle and High School	\$7,947,000.00
Forest Lake	\$2,682,000.00
Mandalay	\$3,803,000.00
Wantagh Elementary	\$2,259,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,691,00.00</b>





# HVAC Upgrades: Unit Ventilator Replacements and Electrical Upgrades

The district will replace unit ventilators across every school and add air conditioning to all instructional spaces.

## UV Replacement

Wantagh Middle and High School	\$10,350,000.00
Forest Lake	\$2,745,000.00
Mandalay	\$2,520,000.00
Wantagh Elementary	\$4,185,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,800,000.00</b>

## Electrical Service

Wantagh Middle and High School	\$1,040,000.00
Forest Lake	\$589,500.00
Mandalay	\$589,500.00
Wantagh Elementary	\$790,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,009,000.00</b>







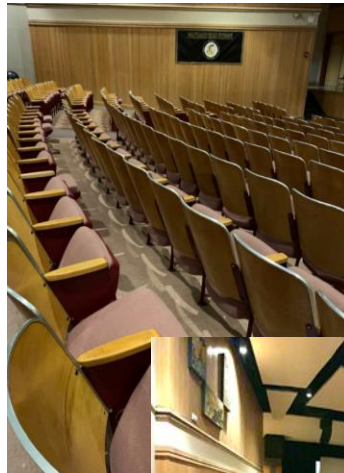
# Bond Referendum: Proposition #2

District Auditorium, Athletic Fields, and Playgrounds:  
\$16 million

Bond Referendum Proposition B	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Athletic Fields	\$12,000,000.00
District Auditorium	\$3,100,000.00
Playgrounds	\$900,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,000,000.00</b>

# District Auditorium

There is one auditorium in the district. It is located at Wantagh High School and is used by every school for concerts, shows and end of year celebrations. The space is very dated and needs significant renovations.





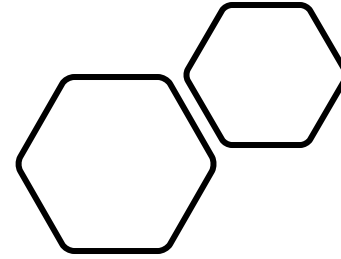








# Wantagh High School and Middle School Athletic Fields









# Forest Lake Elementary School Athletic Fields











# Elementary Playgrounds

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# Bond Referendum: Proposition #3

Cafeteria Renovations, Courtyard Renovations, High School Library and Bathrooms Across District: \$14 million

Bond Referendum Proposition B	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cafeteria Renovations	\$6,120,000.00
Courtyard Renovation HS/MS	\$155,000.00
High School Library	\$4,725,000.00
Bathrooms	\$3,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,000,000.00</b>

# Bathroom Renovations

Bathrooms	
Wantagh Middle and High School	\$1,500,000.00
Forest Lake	\$650,000.00
Mandalay	\$645,000.00
Wantagh Elementary	\$205,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>





# Cafeteria Renovations

- Complete renovation of the Wantagh High School cafeteria
- Kitchen replacements at all three elementary schools



# Wantagh High School Library and Media Center

A complete renovation of the existing Wantagh High School library and Rooms 150-152.





# Courtyard Renovations

Creating outdoor eating spaces at Wantagh Middle School and Wantagh High School.

Creating an outdoor learning space at Wantagh High School.





## Bond Referendum Summary

There will be three propositions for the community to vote.

Proposition #1 must pass for Proposition #2 or #3 to pass.

A majority of voters would need to support the projects.

## Cost to Average Homeowner

Proposition #1 – Infrastructure Project

Budget Neutral

Proposition #2– District Auditorium, Athletic Fields, Playgrounds

\$11 per month /\$130 annually

Proposition #3 – Cafeteria, Library, Bathrooms

\$9 per month /\$106 annually

## Bond Referendum Proposition #1

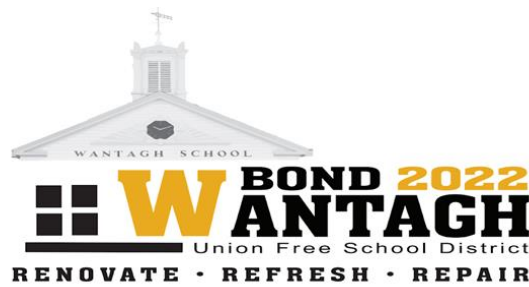
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# How will additional capital projects be funded?

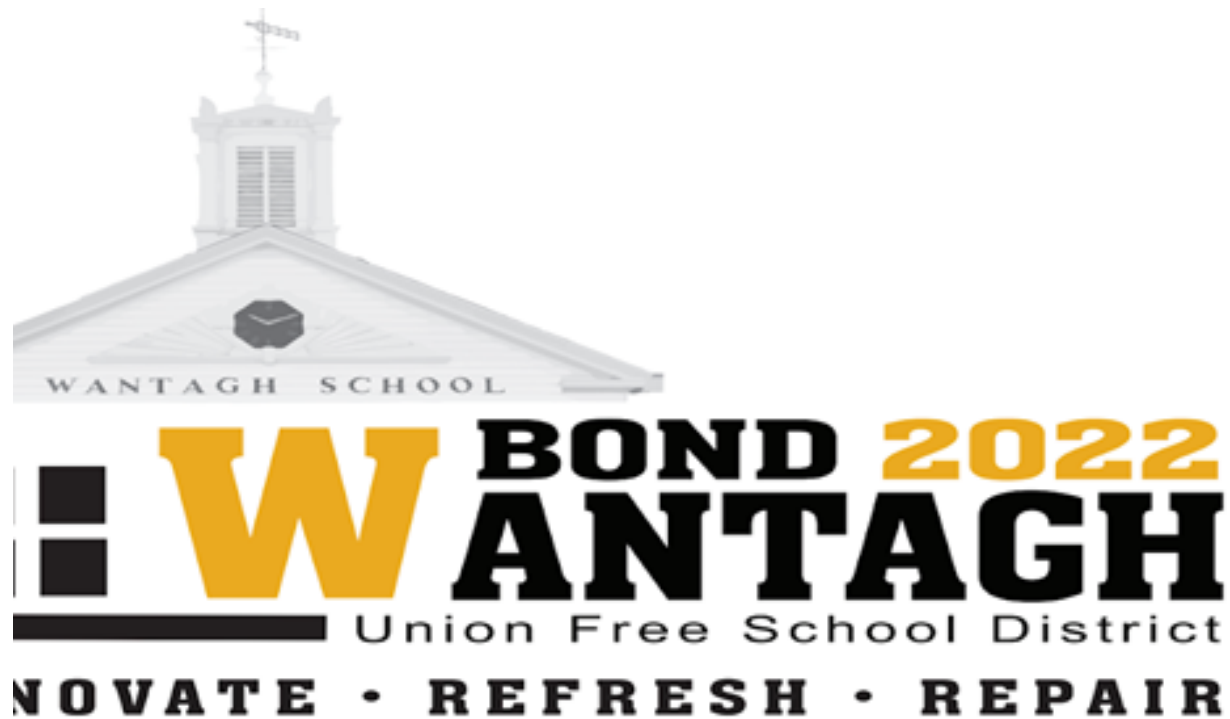
## Capital Reserve Fund and the District Budget

District Budget	Various Facilities Projects	Cost	Through Annual Budget 2023-2028
<b>Total</b>	Asphalt, Masonry, Ceilings, Flooring, Fencing, Concrete Work	<b>\$5,411,000.00</b>	

Capital Reserve Fund	Various Facilities Projects	Cost	As Capital Reserve is Funded 2023-2028
<b>Total</b>	Rooftop HVAC Work, Exterior Doors, Roof work, Gym Renovations, Elementary Classrooms	<b>\$9,490,000.00</b>	



# What do the proposed bond referendums cost the average homeowner?



## Proposition #1 – Infrastructure Project

Budget Neutral

## Proposition #2 – District Auditorium, Athletic Fields, Playgrounds

\$10.83 per month /\$130 annually

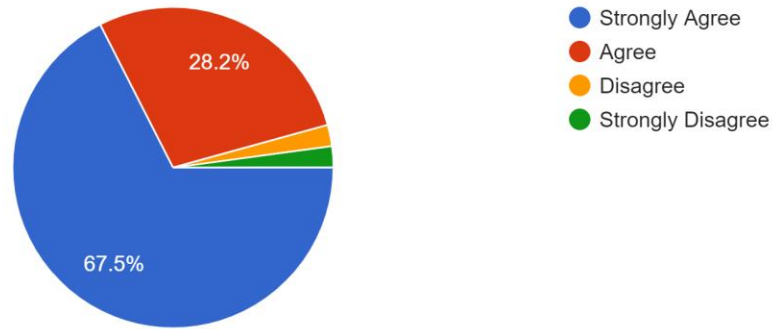
## Proposition #3 – Cafeteria, Library, Bathrooms

\$8.83 per month /\$106 annually

# Community Survey on the Bond Referendum

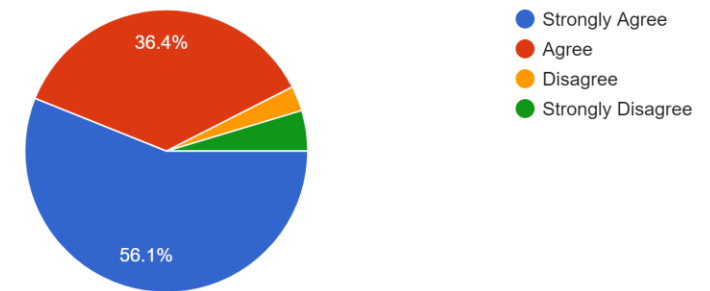
It is important that the district continuously upgrades, improves and maintains existing facilities.

280 responses



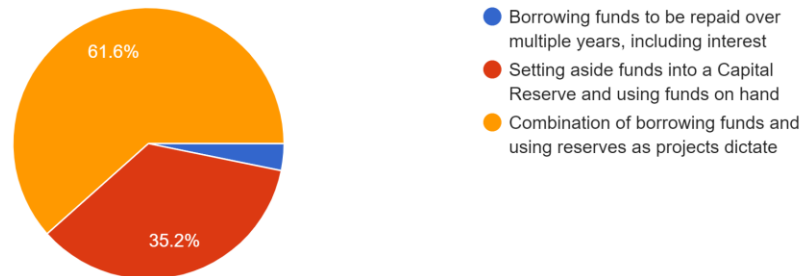
I would support a bond referendum that can be done with no impact on the tax levy by replacing retiring debt that currently exists with new borrowing the expiration of current debt service payments.

280 responses



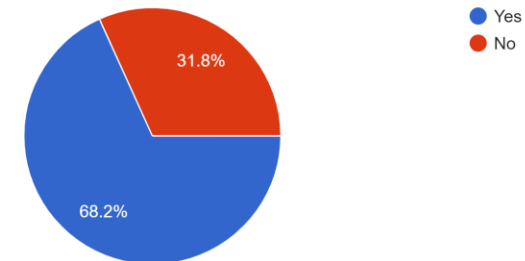
There are several ways the district will fund these facilities projects. One method will be borrowing through a bond that will be used to complete many other projects you would like to see the district use?

281 responses

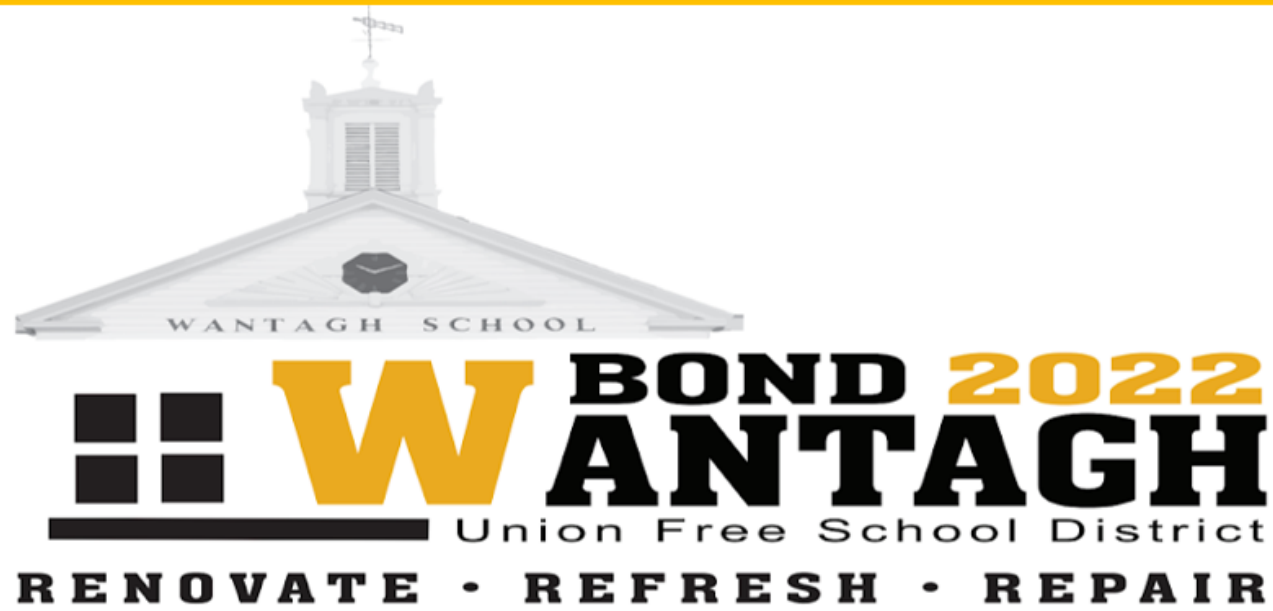


I would support a plan to upgrade existing facilities that may have a minimal tax levy increase of less than \$190 annually on the average home, so that... fields in addition to the infrastructure projects.

277 responses







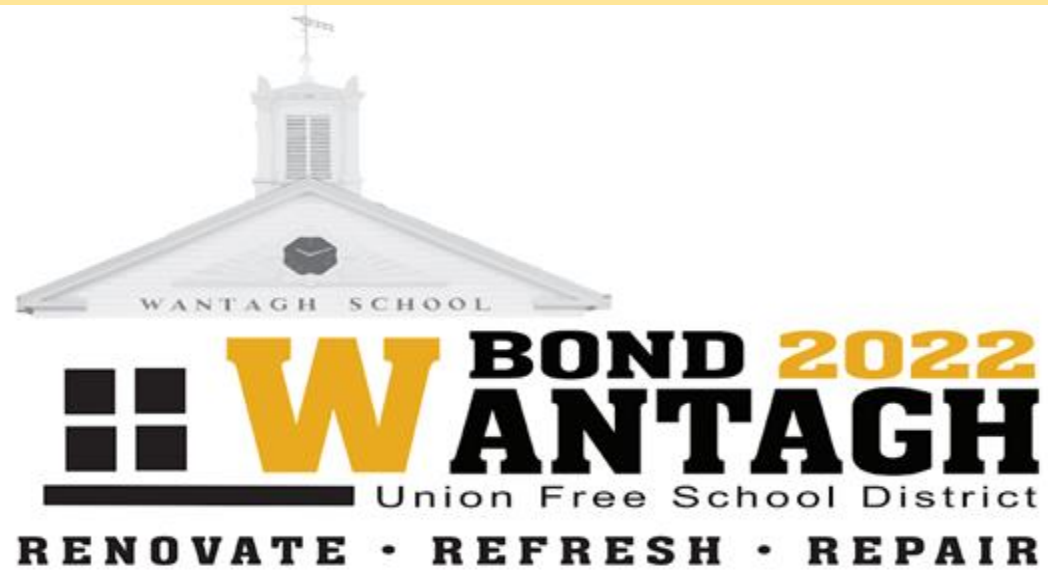
# **WANTAGH UFSD**

# **BOND VOTE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022**

**7:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

**Voting will take place at all three elementary schools.**

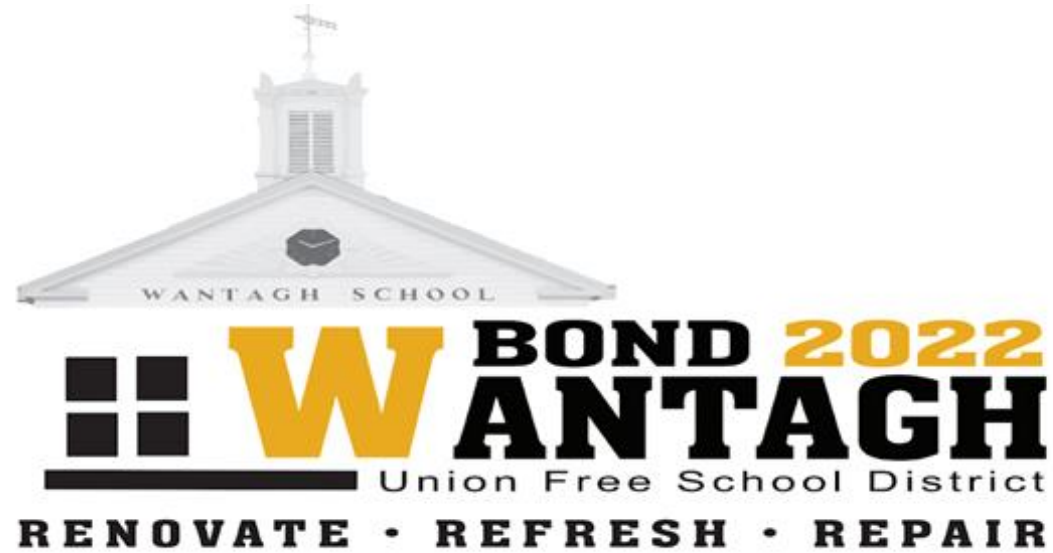


### VOTER REGISTRATION

- Voter registration will take place on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- If you have any questions about voter registration please contact Elaine McGuigan, the district clerk.

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## Questions and Answers