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**FINANCE  
INTRODUCTORY NO.**

**432**

Lovely A. Warren  
Mayor

December 2, 2020

FINANCE 32

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Capital Improvement Program – City  
School District

City Council Priority: Deficit Reduction and  
Long-Term Financial Stability, Support the  
Creation of Effective Educational Systems

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation relating to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) of the Rochester City School District. This legislation will:

- 1, Authorize \$19,260,000 as debt to be authorized for the 2020-21 fiscal year for the RCSD; and
2. Authorize the issuance of bonds for \$19,260,000 and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof for capital improvements to existing school buildings in the District.

By City Council Policy, borrowing in any fiscal year may not exceed the principal on outstanding debt redeemed for that year. During fiscal year 2020-21 the RCSD will liquidate \$20,650,527 in principal. *Attachment A* is a projection of the School District debt to be repaid over the current and next four fiscal years.

For cities with dependent school districts, the NY State Constitutional Debt Limit is established at 9.0% of the 5-year average full valuation. As specified in the City Charter, Rochester splits this limit into 5.5% for the City and 3.5% for the School District. This split provides the District with a remaining borrowing capacity of \$71,806,295 (*Attachment B*).

In accordance with the City Council Policy adopted April 20, 2016, bonding for schools in the CIP will not include schools in a current phase of the Facilities Modernization Program unless for reasons of health and safety; the RCSD will use cash capital as defined by New York State Finance law.

*Attachment C* is a letter from the School District detailing the planned uses of the new bonds and the use of cash capital as well as a copy of the Board of Education Resolution approving the capital plan.

In addition, the Policy of April 2016 requires the City of Rochester's Engineering and Architecture staff to review the RCSD's request and for the District to provide school closings. *Attachment D* is a memorandum from the Assistant City Engineer confirming said E&A review.

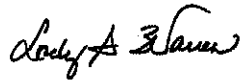
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The New York State Education Department has yet to confirm the City has met its fiscal effort for its component school district for 2020-21. We will advise once we receive confirmation from NYSED. When the City issues this debt the repayments will be structured to the extent possible to continue meeting the MOE requirements, while remaining within the constraints of Local Finance Law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lovely A. Warren".

Lovely A. Warren  
Mayor

# ATTACHMENT A

**Rochester City School District Debt Projection  
For the Next Five Fiscal Years  
As of August 6, 2020**

	Fiscal Year				
	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
<b>Bonds</b>					
Principal	\$19,238,421.92	\$14,858,855.73	\$13,298,869.22	\$11,429,461.20	\$7,827,682.71
Interest	3,197,761.34	2,736,289.93	2,296,270.38	1,909,539.98	1,601,318.11
<b>Total</b>	<u>22,436,183.26</u>	<u>17,595,145.66</u>	<u>15,595,139.60</u>	<u>13,339,001.18</u>	<u>9,429,000.82</u>
<b>Notes</b>					
Principal	3,175,000.00	3,305,000.00	2,778,000.00	3,665,000.00	3,665,000.00
Interest*	1,132,345.83	1,074,483.58	2,870,384.50	2,704,167.50	2,484,878.33
<b>Total</b>	<u>4,307,345.83</u>	<u>4,379,483.58</u>	<u>5,648,384.50</u>	<u>6,369,167.50</u>	<u>6,149,878.33</u>
<b>Total</b>					
Principal	22,413,421.92	18,163,855.73	16,076,869.22	15,094,461.20	11,492,682.71
Interest*	4,330,107.17	3,810,773.51	5,166,654.88	4,613,707.48	4,086,196.44
<b>Total</b>	<u>26,743,529.09</u>	<u>21,974,629.24</u>	<u>21,243,524.10</u>	<u>19,708,168.68</u>	<u>15,578,879.15</u>
<b>Less Debt Limit Exceptions</b>					
Principal Payments					
8/1	(90,913.73)	(98,520.29)	0.00	0.00	0.00
8/1	(64,174.40)	(61,575.18)	(59,697.51)	0.00	0.00
8/1	(684,526.90)	(656,801.91)	(626,334.52)	0.00	0.00
8/1	(713,279.50)	(688,108.11)	(684,357.14)	(678,663.79)	(676,203.21)
8/1	(60,000.00)	(60,000.00)	(60,000.00)	(80,000.00)	(60,000.00)
8/1	(140,000.00)	(140,000.00)	(145,000.00)	(185,000.00)	(130,000.00)
8/1	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)	(5,000.00)
	<u>(1,762,894.53)</u>	<u>(1,715,005.49)</u>	<u>(1,585,389.17)</u>	<u>(953,663.79)</u>	<u>(871,203.21)</u>
<b>Total</b>					
Principal Pymts Net Exceptions	20,650,527.39	16,448,850.24	14,491,480.05	14,140,797.41	10,621,479.50

\* Interest rate is 3.00% for the Notes due August 6, 2020.  
 \*\* Blended interest rate is 2.1012% for the Notes due August 4, 2021.  
 Future interest rate for the Notes is estimated at 6.00%.

**BAN repayment schedule to RCSD reflects a request from an email dated 8/19/20 for their MOE. RCSD has the right to adjust the BAN repayment schedule prior to the BAN being converted to a Bond as long as it is within the repayment rules.**

**NYS Constitutional Debt Limit Calculation  
(Including Rochester City Charter Limits)  
As of November 30, 2020**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Full Valuation</u>
2017	\$6,528,400,550
2018	\$6,569,589,890
2019	\$6,925,295,250
2020	\$7,113,395,474
2021	\$8,448,947,778
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,585,628,942</b>

Five-Year Average: **\$7,117,125,788**  
**NYS Constitutional Debt Limit**  
**(9% of 5 Yr Average) **\$640,541,321****

<u>Allocation by Rochester City Charter Limits</u>	<u>(1) Current Debt Outstanding, w/o Authorized, Unissued (as of November 30, 2020)</u>	<u>Remaining Margin</u>
School (3.5% of NYS Limit)	\$249,099,403	\$107,039,047
City (5.5% of NYS Limit)	\$391,441,918	\$197,812,273
<b>\$640,541,321</b>	<b>\$142,060,355</b>	<b>\$197,812,273</b>



Michael Schmidt  
Chief Operations Officer

[Michael.schmidt@resdk12.org](mailto:Michael.schmidt@resdk12.org)

November 20, 2020

Rosiland Brooks-Harris  
Director of Finance  
City of Rochester  
30 Church Street  
Rochester, NY 14614

Dear Ms. Brooks-Harris:

Enclosed is certified Resolution No. 2020-21:485 adopted by the Board of Education at its meeting on November 19, 2020, requesting City Council to issue notes in the amount of \$19,260,000 and to appropriate the proceeds therefrom for the purpose of making capital improvements to existing school buildings and support facilities in the school district.

Also enclosed is a letter that identifies the projected cost of the projects included in the 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program.

Please forward this bond request to the upcoming City Council meeting in order to meet other required deadlines to ensure a successful implementation of these construction projects.

Sincerely,

Michael Schmidt  
Chief Operations Officer

Carleen Pierce  
Chief Financial Officer

Enc. Certified Resolution No. 2020-21:485  
T. Keysa Letter dated 09/29/20: 2020-21 Projects  
M. Schmidt Letter dated 11/19/20

xc: Lesli Myers-Small, Superintendent of Schools  
Christopher Wagner, COR, Director of Management & Budget  
Kallia Wade, Board Clerk, Rochester City School District

# Rochester City School District Board of Education

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District Clerk  
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**Certified Resolution: Business Meeting: November 19, 2020**

**Resolution No. 2020-21: 485**

**By Member of the Board Commissioner Adams**

Whereas, by Resolution No. 2019-20: 878, adopted on May 7, 2020, the Board approved and adopted the Budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Said Budget included the 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program which is comprised of projects that are eligible for reimbursement by the State Education Department at the District Aid Rate of 98 percent; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board hereby requests the City Council of the City of Rochester to issue notes or bonds in the amount of Nineteen Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$19,260,000) and to appropriate the proceeds therefrom for the purpose of making capital improvements to existing school buildings in the school district as noted in the 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program; and be it further

Resolved, that additional detail of specific items to be accomplished within the above request be submitted to the Mayor of the City of Rochester together with certified copies of this resolution.

Funding: Not applicable – no expenditure of funds

Budget Code: Not applicable – no expenditure of funds

Certified Budget Line Balance: Not applicable – no expenditure of funds

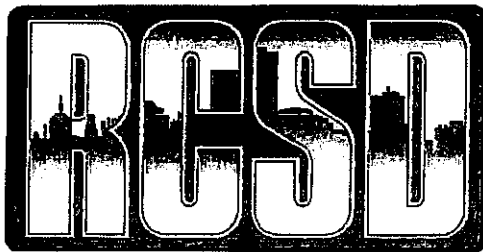
**Seconded By Member of the Board Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent and Commissioner Clark abstaining.**

I, Kallia Wade, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Rochester City School District of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the attached resolution with the original resolution passed by such Board of Education at a legally convened meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020, on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and the same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original. I further certify that the full Board of Education consists of seven members and that five of such members were present at such meeting and that five of such members voted in favor of such resolution.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Rochester City School District on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K Wade", written over a horizontal line.

Kallia Wade, District Clerk



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

*Thomas Keysa, Director*

(585) 336-4098

**DATE:** September 29, 2020  
**TO:** Michael Schmidt, Chief of Operations  
**FROM:** Thomas P. Keysa, Director of Education Facilities *T. Keysa*  
**RE:** Proposed Allocation of the 2020-21 Bond Request - \$19,260,000

### 2020-21 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

School Name	Project Description	Budget Request
School #3 Nathaniel Rochester Community/Adams Street Rec Center	City Recreational Center project. This work is scheduled for 2022	\$ 2,000,000
School #12 Anna Murray-Douglass School & Rec. Center	Realignment of bus drop off areas, expansion of parking and lighting improvements. Provide vault construction for secure storage of exams.	\$ 2,000,000
School #33 John James Audubon	Replace roof over main office bid as an alternate in 2019, but not accepted. Replace coping and clean stain at gym wall in courtyard. Rebuild loading dock and reconstruct sump. <b>Additional funds are redirected to this project for subsurface conditions at the dock area.</b>	<del>\$ 1,000,000</del> <b>\$1,300,000</b>
School #34 Dr. Louis A Cerulli	Replace main entrance exterior doors and install HC lift. Replace deteriorated wood windows in various classrooms. Replace heating zone pumps and place on VFD's, Modify system in nurse suite. Replace PA system. Update burner controls. Convert building system controls to DDC.	\$ 1,200,000

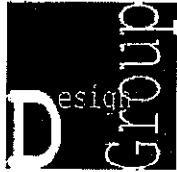
School Name	Project Description	Budget Request
School #35 Pinnacle.	Replace electrical service from transformer to MDP. Replace folding partition on gym stage. Install freezer and cooler for kitchen.	\$ 800,000
School #39 Andrew J. Townson	Construct accessible ramp at front entry, adjust door, raise entrance slab. Gymnasium reconstruction – replace corridor panels, replace lighting, replace doors, replace wall mats. Toilet room reconstruction – add HC stalls on second floor east side toilets. Replace corridor flooring cove base. Rekey the entire building and provide selected door and frame replacement. Resurface playground area with soft tiles.	\$ 3,000,000
School #42 Abelard Reynolds	Remove asbestos panels on gym wall and reconstruct gym wall interiors. Abate asbestos in crawl space areas and install mud slab. Replace gym doors. Replace stage curtains. Adjust outdoor equipment storage room overhead door for grounds equipment access. Construct conference room and pull out spaces in current library to be near main office. Construct staff toilet area. Relocate and reconstruct classroom for library. Provide lights on rear parking lot.	\$ 2,900,000
School #44 Lincoln Park	Right size four west side first floor classrooms and add toilets for Pre-K programs. Construct playground for Pre-K program. <b>Project has been cancelled and funds have been redirected.</b>	\$ 1,500,000
School #57 Early Childhood School of Rochester	Interior renovations of current spaces to accommodate educational support functions. <b>Project has been cancelled and funds have been redirected.</b>	\$ 600,000
School #58 World of Inquiry	Site development of adjacent property. Replace epoxy flooring damaged from moisture and modify door on service corridor for controlled access.	\$ 600,000
Jefferson	Roofing – rebid of alternates not selected in 2017. Window replacement – rebid of alternates not selected in 2017. <b>Additional funds are redirected to this project for additional windows and roofing.</b>	<del>\$ 1,000,000</del> \$ 1,900,000



School of the Arts	Install below grade waterproofing in courtyard area. Replace heat coils for ten mechanical units. Modify building system controls. Replace doors/door hardware on Black Box and small theater. Replace damaged stone tile in main lobby. Replace bleachers and wall pads in gym. <b>Additional funds are redirected to this project for gym folding partition replacement and courtyard subsurface conditions.</b>	<del>\$ 1,960,000</del> <b>\$ 2,360,000</b>
District Wide - <b>5, 8, 12, 17, 28, 33, 34, 35, 45, 58</b> with 42 as an alternate	Phase I – Door Security Alarm Initiative <b>Additional funds are redirected to this project for three additional buildings.</b>	<del>\$ 700,000</del> <b>\$ 1,200,000</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL 2020-21 BOND REQUEST</b>	<b>\$19,260,000</b>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cc: Carleen Pierce, Chief of Financial Officer  
Eric Hansen, Project Architect



**ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**835 Hudson Avenue - Building #3**  
**Rochester, New York 14621**  
**585-336-4026**

**DATE:** November 19, 2020

**TO:** Thomas Keysa

**FROM:** Eric Hansen, Project Architect  
Educational Facilities Department

**RE:** 2020-21 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

None of the schools included on the proposed 2020-21 CIP projects are in the current Phase II of the Modernization Program.

Jason Vandemark from the City of Rochester DES Architecture and Engineering department was invited to the CIP planning meetings and participated in the development of the 2020-21 CIP program and had no objections to the selected projects or the recommended scope of work.

## 2020-21 RCSD CIP Bond Request

DES/Architectural Services Review Memo

November 9, 2020

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The City of Rochester's Bureau of Architecture and Engineering has reviewed the proposed 2020-21 RCSD Capital Improvement Program, dated September 2020 (revised) and the proposed 2020-21 RCSD Bond Request, dated September 29, 2020.

1. School #3/Adams St. Rec. Center - The RCSD total project cost for design and construction is now estimated at \$2,577,384 (\$577,384 over original programmed amount). The budget request of \$2,000,000 is not sufficient for a revised scope of new items identified as priorities as design has commenced. New items include providing air conditioning to the main lobby, replacing an existing heating and cooling unit, providing a kitchen hood and ansul fire suppression system, and removal and replacement of the pool deck and pool surface. This was discussed with Michael Schmidt, Chief Operating Officer, RCSD on November 4, 2020, and he concurred that additional funds will be included in the next 2021-22 RCSD CIP request for the larger project scope. The project is scheduled for 2022 construction.
2. Proposed projects in the 2020-21 RCSD Capital Improvement Program are consistent with the recommendations in the most recent facility condition assessments, and present the need for **repair, health and safety**, with the exception of the following, which are considered part of RCSD's Academic Improvement Initiatives:
  - a. School #42 – Major renovation work (construct conference room and pull out spaces in current library to be near main office. Construct staff toilet area. Relocate and reconstruct classroom for library). The proposed project will reconfigure and provide academic space for students.
  - b. School #58 – Site improvements (provide greenspace, play apparatus and site improvements). RCSD and the City plan to acquire the neighboring property, and demo the existing KFC restaurant building. The City has completed an environmental assessment of the site. Purchasing of the property is pending.

The Council submits Disclosure of Interest Forms from President Scott on Int. No. 118, Vice President Miller on Int. No. 118, Councilmember Conklin on Int. No. 110, Councilmember Haag on Int. Nos. 119 and 120, and Councilmember Spaul on Int. No. 109.

Molly Clifford  
Adam C. McFadden  
Dana K. Miller  
Loretta C. Scott  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

**PRESENTATION AND REFERENCE OF PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Presented.

Received, filed and published.

**TO THE COUNCIL**  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

By Councilmember Conklin  
April 20, 2016

Resolution No. 2016-8  
Re: Resolution - Policy, RCSD Debt

Council Priority: Deficit Reduction and Long-Term Financial Stability

To the Council:

Transmitted herewith for Council approval is legislation for a Resolution to adopt a policy relative to debt for the Rochester City School District (RCSD or the District) for the duration of the Facilities Modernization Project (FMP). The RCSD is not an independent district, therefore the City Council approves their annual budget and borrowing requests.

The Finance Committee recommends for adoption the following entitled legislation:

When the Debt Policy for the District was first adopted in 1981, the restriction of not borrowing more debt than what was retired that year was a prudent and fiscally responsible guideline set by the City Council. It is the duty of the City Council to reevaluate fiscal policies and make adjustments as necessary in order to maintain the City's fiscal stability and health.

Int. No. 105 - Resolution adopting a City of Rochester/Rochester City School District Debt Policy

Int. No. 106 - Authorizing an agreement with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra for public concerts

Int. No. 107 - Establishing maximum compensation for an agreement for the 2016 Puerto Rican Festival

Int. No. 108 - Authorizing an agreement for the 2016 Rochester Twilight Criterium

Int. No. 109 - Authorizing agreement for the 2016 Rochester Fringe Festival

Int. No. 110 - Authorizing agreement for the 2016 Corn Hill Arts Festival

Int. No. 111 - Authorizing agreement for the 2016 Park Ave Summer Art Fest

Int. No. 112 - Authorizing an intermunicipal lease agreement with Monroe County for court room space in the Hall of Justice, and the County Public Safety Building

Upon review of this policy, and with consideration of the New York State approval in 2007 of the FMP, which annually funds \$325 million in Phase I to modernize our school buildings, the Council is setting specific parameters around capital expenditures for the duration of the FMP for the District. The parameters set forth in this legislation are to ensure that public dollars are spent responsibly, while ensuring that safety in school buildings is maintained and the objective of the FMP is achieved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loretta C. Scott      Carolee A. Conklin  
President                      Chair, Finance Committee

Resolution No. 2016-8  
(Int. No. 105)

Int. No. 146 - Amending Chapter 62 of the Municipal Code with regard to commercial travelers, solicitors and special events

Int. No. 147 - Amending Chapters 60 and 68 of the Municipal Code with regard to food vending

Int. No. 150 - Resolution endorsing Five Star Bank's applications to establish two Banking Development Districts

Int. No. 151 - Amending Municipal Code Chapter 111, Vehicle and Traffic, to remove the fee for a replacement handicapped parking permit

**Resolution adopting a City of Rochester/Rochester City School District Debt Policy**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Rochester, as follows:

Section 1. The Council adopts the following policy:

**City of Rochester/Rochester City School District Debt Policy**

**Purpose**

Current City of Rochester debt policy, established:

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolee A. Conklin

in 1981 by Resolution No. 81-4, allows the City and the Rochester City School District (RCSD) to authorize tax-supported debt in an amount not to exceed the principal amount retired in the same fiscal year. In addition, the State of New York establishes a debt limit for the City of Rochester equal to 9% of the five year average assessed value of the City. By City Charter this limit is further apportioned at 5.5% for the City and 3.5% for the RCSD.

In 2007, the State of New York approved a Facilities Modernization Program (FMP or Program) with an initial authorization of \$325 million (Phase 1) to modernize the RCSD's school buildings. The FMP is not restricted by the requirements of the NYS Constitutional debt limit or the City's own self-imposed limits set forth in the City Charter. Debt repayment is guaranteed by an intercept of State aid to the RCSD executed by a third-party trustee (currently US Bank).

In December 2014, the State approved Phase 2 of the FMP authorizing \$435 million for up to 26 projects for the City School District. Future phases are anticipated resulting in a total expenditure of approximately \$1.2 billion for the life of the Program and to encompass all operating school buildings.

RCSD annually requests a debt-financed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) from the City of Rochester. The past and current practice of the RCSD is to request an amount equal to the amount retired annually without variation.

It is noted that the sum of RCSD's outstanding debt and authorized unissued debt currently stands at \$169,388,000, leaving a margin of \$42,213,950 to the City Charter's current debt limit of \$211,601,950. The debt margin is at a level that runs precariously close to a significantly diminished debt margin year-over-year. In addition, limits to the accumulation of long term debt are generally viewed favorably by the City's rating agencies.

The RCSD is required by the City Charter to finance capital improvements with cash capital annually in the amount of \$10 million. It is noted that in RCSD's current budget (FY2016) certain planned cash capital expenditures do not conform to the requirements of New York State Local Finance Law with respect to their categorization as a capital item and period of probable usefulness (e.g., textbooks). Additional cash can be made fungible for capital expenditures with the disallowance of expenditures that do not conform to the state requirements.

#### CIP Request Requirements

Given the level of funding provided by the State of New York with respect to the FMP, the City Council deems it appropriate to place the following restrictions and requirements on the annual CIP requests of the RCSD for the duration of the FMP:

- 1) The annual CIP request from the RCSD

shall not include projects on school facilities that are included as a project under a current Phase of the FMP with the exception of projects presenting an immediate need for repair for reasons of health and safety.

- 2) The RCSD shall utilize its cash capital allocations for capital expenditures as defined by New York State Finance Law and with respect to the requirements of the constitutional tax limit of New York State.
- 3) With each annual CIP request the RCSD shall present a plan for school facility closures and school facility decommissioning. The City will allow the maintenance of planned decommissioned school facilities to the extent it is to preserve the integrity of the building upon its disposal to the City.
- 4) For each facility that is the subject of an annual CIP request or any other borrowing request, the RCSD shall also submit a facilities assessment prepared by RCSD's Engineering and Architecture staff to be reviewed by the City of Rochester's Engineering and Architecture staff.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2016-88  
Re: Agreement - Rochester  
Philharmonic Orchestra,  
Music Performances

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining  
a Culture of Vibrancy

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation establishing \$70,000 as maximum compensation for an agreement with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO), Rochester, New York, for music performances. The term of the agreement is for one year and will be funded from the 2016-17 Budget of the Bureau of Communications, contingent upon approval of said budget.

The RPO will provide seven free concerts. One full orchestra concert will take place on Main Street during the City's 2016 July 4th celebration. In addition, the RPO will present six concerts in the "Around the Town" concert series during the 2016 summer months. Two will take place in City Centers and four additional ensemble concerts will be scheduled outdoors, one in each quadrant of the city. All of these concerts will be free of charge.

A similar agreement was authorized in May 2015 for the same amount (Ord. No. 2015-147).

A justification statement for not issuing a request for proposals is attached.



Michael Schmidt  
Chief Operations Officer  
Rochester City School District  
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[Michael.schmidt@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Michael.schmidt@rcsdk12.org)

November 19, 2020

Rosiland Brooks-Harris  
Director of Finance  
City of Rochester  
30 Church Street  
Rochester, NY 14614

Dear Ms. Brooks-Harris:

This is to inform you that at the present time the Rochester City School District's strategic plan includes the potential closure of schools for the 2021-22 school year. The actual buildings have not yet been identified. These facilities will ultimately be used to house academic programs currently located in leased facilities as they expire.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Schmidt".

Michael Schmidt  
Chief Operations Officer

xc: Lesli Myers-Small, Superintendent of Schools  
Christopher Wagner, COR, Director of Management & Budget

**432**

Ordinance No.

**Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the issuance of \$19,260,000 Bonds of said City to finance the costs of improvements to specified City School District schools**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The City of Rochester, in the County of Monroe, New York (herein called "City"), is hereby authorized to finance \$19,260,000 of the costs of the City School District 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program, including the costs of the design, renovation and improvement of the City School District schools indicated on the attached Exhibit A (the "Project"). The estimated maximum cost of said class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$19,260,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$19,260,000 bonds of the City to finance said appropriation and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the City to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$19,260,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, including the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), this Ordinance, and other proceedings and determinations related thereto. The principal of the Bonds authorized by this Ordinance does not exceed the principal of the Bonds being redeemed on behalf of the School District during the City's 2020-21 Fiscal Year. The proceeds of the Bonds authorized herein shall not be applied to any School District facility in the current phase of the School District Facilities Modernization Program.

Section 3. The City intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City, pursuant to this Ordinance, in the amount of \$19,260,000. This Ordinance is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. The period of probable usefulness of said class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 of this Ordinance, within the limitations of 11.00 a. 12(a)(1) of the Law, is twenty five (25) years.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this Ordinance and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the City, payable as to both principal and interest by an ad valorem tax upon all the taxable real property

within the City without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the City by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and of said Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the City Council relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining debt service, prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Director of Finance, as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Ordinance and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such Ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing Ordinance, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in "The Daily Record," a newspaper published in Rochester, New York, having a general circulation in the City and hereby designated the official newspaper of said City for such publication.



**Exhibit A**  
**2020-21 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>
School #3 Nathaniel Rochester Community/Adams Street Rec Center	City Recreational Center project. This work is scheduled for 2022.	\$ 2,000,000
School #12 Anna Murray-Douglass School & Rec. Center	Realignment of bus drop off areas, expansion of parking and lighting improvements. Provide vault construction for secure storage of exams.	\$ 2,000,000
School #33 John James Audubon	Replace roof over main office bid as an alternate in 2019, but not accepted. Replace coping and clean stain at gym wall in courtyard. Rebuild loading dock and reconstruct sump. Additional funds are redirected to this project for subsurface conditions at the dock area.	\$ 1,300,000
School #34 Dr. Louis A Cerulli	Replace main entrance exterior doors and install HC lift. Replace deteriorated wood windows in various classrooms. Replace heating zone pumps and place on VFD's, modify system in nurse suite. Replace PA system. Update burner Controls. Convert building system controls to DDC.	\$ 1,200,000
School #35 Pinnacle	Replace electrical service from transformer to \$ 800,000 MDP. Replace folding partition on gym stage. Install freezer and cooler for kitchen.	\$ 800,000
School #39 Andrew J. Townson	Construct accessible ramp at front entry, adjust door, raise entrance slab. Gymnasium reconstruction - replace corridor panels, replace lighting, replace doors, replace wall mats. Toilet room reconstruction - add HC stalls on second floor east side toilets. Replace corridor flooring cove base. Rekey the entire building and provide selected door and frame replacement. Resurface playground area with soft tiles.	\$ 3,000,000
School #42 Abelard Reynolds	Remove asbestos panels on gym wall and reconstruct gym wall interiors. Abate asbestos in crawl space areas and install mud slab. Replace gym doors. Replace stage curtains. Adjust outdoor equipment storage room overhead door for grounds equipment access. Construct conference room and pull out spaces in current library to be near main office. Construct staff toilet area. Relocate and reconstruct classroom for library. Provide lights on rear parking lot.	\$ 2,900,000
School #58 World of Inquiry	Replace epoxy flooring damaged from moisture and modify door on service corridor for controlled access. Site development of adjacent property, contingent on the City's acquisition of 236 University Avenue for the School's use.	\$ 600,000
Jefferson	Roofing - rebid of alternates not selected in 2017. Window replacement - rebid of alternates not selected in 2017. Additional funds are redirected to this project for additional windows and roofing.	\$ 1,900,000

School of the Arts	Install below grade waterproofing in courtyard area. Replace heat coils for ten mechanical units. Modify building system controls. Replace doors/door hardware on Black Box and small theater. Replace damaged stone tile in main lobby. Replace bleachers and wall pads in gym. Additional funds are redirected to this project for gym folding partition replacement and courtyard subsurface conditions.	\$ 2,360,000
District Wide - 5, 8, 12, 17, 28, 33, 45, 58 with 42 as an alternate	Phase I - Door Security Alarm Initiative. Additional funds are redirected to this project for three additional buildings.	\$ 1,200,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL 2020-21 BOND REQUEST</b>		<b>\$19,260,000</b>