Scarsdale Parent Teacher Council Executive Committee
Community Bond Forum Comments on the Proposed Capital Projects
February 2, 2026

Good evening. My name is Erica German and I am addressing you as the Scarsdale Parent Teacher Council President, on behalf of the Scarsdale Parent Teacher Council Executive Committee (PTC EC), which is composed of the PTA Presidents of the seven Scarsdale schools and four PTC EC officers: President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Scarsdale PTC EC thanks the District Administration and Board of Education for holding this evening's Community Bond Forum and for being receptive to feedback and questions.

The Scarsdale PTC EC unanimously supports the proposed scope for the 2026 Capital Projects. We appreciate the thoughtful, methodical way in which the District and Board of Education worked in partnership with students, parents, teachers, and staff, consulting with relevant experts to design a plan that would meet the most urgent needs, while also working diligently to predict future needs. Stakeholders were given many opportunities to be heard and plans were adjusted according to that feedback.

The proposed capital projects support the learning, health, and safety of Scarsdale's children across all seven schools. These student-centered investments focus on enhancing districtwide learning spaces and essential infrastructure in ways that directly impact teaching and learning. By addressing both immediate facility needs including critical infrastructure, and long-term educational goals, including the creation of flexible, modern learning spaces, the projects help continue Scarsdale's long-standing commitment to educational excellence.

As part of our bond study process, the PTC EC and PTC Budget Study Co-Chairs (Mayra Kirkendall-Rodríguez and Rachana Singh) have been working with representatives from all seven Scarsdale schools to advocate for key initiatives, issues, and capital project items that reflect the priorities of the broader school communities. Thank you to Mayra and Rachana for their hard and thorough work. Mayra and Rachana coordinate a network of budget study liaisons, parent volunteers in each school,who work to engage with parents, PTA executive committees, and building administrators to understand the priorities identified within each building. The PTC EC and PTC Budget Study Co-Chairs thank those volunteers for their time and effort.

Financial Highlights

The PTC Budget Study Co-Chairs recommend that before introducing the capital projects bond resolution in March, the Board of Education trustees work with the District to share some key information with the community. This information would support voters in making thoughtful decisions about this important investment in our schools. As details become available, it would be helpful if the community could be informed about:

- a publicly accessible tax calculator for residents to analyze the impact of the series of debt issuances on their household,
- a discussion of all associated operational costs that may arise due to the proposed capital projects,
- an analysis of the potential impact of the debt issuances on the annual budget, in terms of curriculum, student experience, and fund balance,
- a detailed explanation of the potential impact of the new debt issuances on the tax cap, and
- the timing of District revisions of the projected operating deficit given that the assumptions for the Long Range Plan were based on $40 million; presently the proposed debt amount is $98.7 million.

As the information becomes available, we encourage residents to review the District's detailed cost estimates and the tax calculator. The PTC encourages taxpayers to continue to participate in the proposed capital projects process by posing their questions to the District, Board of Education, and/or the PTC and by participating in the budget and bond vote on May 19th.

The PTC EC and PTC Budget Study Co-Chairs thank the District and the Board of Education for their transparent and thoughtful processes to date. We thank parents and caregivers for their continued engagement and meaningful participation in discussions related to the proposed capital projects. We appreciate the community's interest in understanding the scope of the projects and their potential impact on our schools. We value our strong partnership with the Board, administration, and parents, as we work together in support of our students.

Thank you.

The 2025-2026 Scarsdale Parent Teacher Council Executive Committee:

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PTC Budget Study Co-Chair
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Appendix

District Responses to PTC Budget Study Questions and
PTC Statements

Second Set of PTC Budget Study Co-Chairs' Questions to the District with Answers, January 16, 2026
PTC Executive Committee Budget Priorities Statement November 2025
PTC Budget Study Co-Chairs' Budget Priorities Statement November 2025
PTC Budget Study Co-Chairs' Bond Questions Sent to the District September 2025