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Longwood Considering Bond for Energy, Maintenance and Technology

MIDDLE ISLAND -- In keeping with the district's annually updated five-year plans for facilities and technology, the Longwood Board of Education will go to the voters with a bond proposal later this winter, taking advantage of historically low interest rates, state aid and an outstanding credit rating.

A 67% return on state aid, immediate savings in energy costs, and the use of \$4 million in capital reserve funds will significantly reduce the taxpayer cost of the project, estimated at approximately \$28 million.

"The timing couldn't be better to move forward with our plans to address energy conservation, facilities maintenance and technology upgrades," according to School Board President Michael A. Loguercio, Jr.

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Approximately half of the total will be dedicated to energy conservation. The proposal includes cogeneration (simultaneous production of heat and electricity using natural gas-powered engines); battery storage, a computerized energy management system, window replacements, lighting upgrades, a district-wide wireless clock system and chillers for summer cooling. The district is also seeking state approval to include a wind turbine and solar panels (photovoltaic) at Longwood High School, which will be determined prior to going to the voters.

Roofs will be replaced on the older, deteriorating roofs at four elementary schools and the Longwood Middle School. The heating and ventilation system will be replaced at the Charles E. Walters Elementary School. Funds are also included to repave deteriorating parking lots, upgrade outdoor lighting and communications systems, the realignment of the high school track and the installation of a synthetic field for a multi-use athletic facility (replacing the football field).

The technology proposal will provide critical changes to the infrastructure required to support technology in classrooms and school libraries, as well as administrative and business functions. Improvements to security and backups are important components of the plan.

The proposal provides for the replacement of all instructional computers that are six years old and beyond warranties, as well as older administrative computers that are beyond warranties. The labor and parts for those computers, when available, are extremely expensive and once repaired, do not change the computers' capacity.