# Forestville Planning for a Clean Green Energy Project with No Cost to the Community Taxpayers

## **Project Overview**

The Forestville Central School District is proposing a Clean Green Energy Project to improve our school facilities, modernize systems, and create a healthier, more efficient learning environment for students and staff. The project's cost, resulting in zero tax impact to voters, is covered by state aid, grants, and NYSERDA funding of \$7,466,977 will address needed upgrades across both the Elementary and Middle/High School buildings.

## **Key Improvements**

- HVAC and Mechanical Upgrades Install new rooftop units at both schools for better heating, air conditioning and air quality in classrooms, cafeterias, auditoriums, music rooms, and gymnasiums will improve comfort for students and staff, enhance focus, and ensure facilities remain usable year-round.
- Energy-Efficient Windows Replace second- and third-floor windows at the Middle/High School to reduce energy loss.
- Electrical Upgrades Support new systems and improve efficiency in both buildings.

## **Funding Plan**

The project will be funded through:

- Utility rebates (\$100,000)
- NYSERDA grant (\$945,377)
- No-tax increase to our community: Borrowed funds with repayment to be offset by New York State Building Aid of \$6,421,600.

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## Why Now?

- The Heat Mitigation in Public Schools Legislation (S.3397-A / A.9011-A) takes effect September 1, 2025. The law establishes a statewide maximum indoor temperature for classrooms and support service spaces, requiring the District to relocate students and staff to safer environments.
- NYSERDA and Grant funding are available now to cover the local share of the project.
- Modernized systems will improve safety, comfort, and accessibility for all students and staff.
- Rising energy costs make efficiency upgrades more important than ever.
- · Addressing these needs now avoids higher costs in the future.
- We can integrate this work into the already approved project beginning in June 2026, ensuring efficiency and preventing future disruptions.

### **Your Voice Matters**

This project is an investment in our schools, our students, and our community's future. We encourage all eligible residents to vote on October 16.

### **Public Vote Details**

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Hornet Lobby, Forestville Middle/High School, 4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY

#### **Community Involvement and Transparency**

This is a tremendous opportunity for our district to modernize our buildings, meet environmental standards, and enhance learning environments—all without placing a burden on local taxpayers. I encourage all residents to participate in the vote and help us shape a healthier future for the Forestville school community. For additional questions or information on military or absentee ballots, contact the District Clerk, Melody Voigt at 716-965-6539 or mvoigt@forestville.com. For additional details, visit our website at www.forestville.com.

- Absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00

   a.m. and 4:00 p.m. No absentee ballot will be canvassed unless it is received prior to 5:00 p.m.,
   prevailing time, on October 16, 2025
- For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application not later than 5:00 p.m. Lov, September 22, 2025.