

The Proposal

We are proposing a \$38.55 million plan to address facility needs through renovation of current facilities and the addition of 90,000 square feet of new construction. The proposal provides for the two main existing buildings to be adjoined for easier access. Other improvements include:

Career and Technical Education Center

- Additional classroom space
- Larger classrooms with adequate lab space

Special Education Center

- Additional classrooms
- Science labs
- Space for support services such as physical and occupational therapy, speech, hearing, and physical education

Alternative Education

- Move both the junior and senior high programs to the Middle Settlement Road campus from their current off-campus, isolated facilities
- Provide opportunity to receive Career and Technical Education experience.

Program and Professional Development

- Renovated space to provide a learning center for training, meetings, and special speakers that can also serve as shared space for events and classes administered through other OHM BOCES divisions

Adult and Continuing Education

- The facility upgrade will benefit the adult learning community by allowing more and varied courses to be offered

The Key Reasons

1. Increasing program enrollments and increasing academic requirements have resulted in a shortage of classroom space.
2. The current BOCES facility was built in 1974 and does not meet the current and future needs of our districts' students.
3. The growth in Special Education and the State Education Department requirements have created a need for additional space.
4. Alternative Education programs are isolated and lack adequate space in their current rented facilities.
5. The growth in the Program and Professional Development division requires additional space and training facilities to meet the needs of our school districts.

Please Vote!

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Residents can vote in each of their school districts at the locations that are normally used for school budget and school board elections: Brookfield, Clinton, Holland Patent, New Hartford, New York Mills, Oriskany, Remsen, Sauquoit Valley, Utica, Waterville, Westmoreland, and Whitesboro.

Fact 1: OHM BOCES serves ...

Twelve school districts in a 549-square-mile area comprised of Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison counties. OHM BOCES serves a base of 24,589 students in our component districts. Approximately 4,000 students and adult learners attend programs on the OHM BOCES campus each year.

Fact 2: OHM BOCES is growing ...

Student participation in BOCES programs continues to increase. Our Career and Technical Education Center has experienced 19.9 percent student growth over the past five years, while the Special Education student population has increased by 11.6 percent across four years, and the Alternative Education program has grown 28 percent in the same period.

Fact 3: OHM BOCES does more ...

In addition to services provided to the students in our Special Education, Alternative Education, and Career and Technical Education programs, OHM BOCES also provides support to schools in many other ways, such as

- **Instructional services** such as itinerant teachers (for both academic and special education courses) who share their services between two or more school districts, the Regional Program for Excellence, the School and Business Alliance, the Colgate Seminar Program, the summer school program for all 12 of our districts, and more;
- **Information and technology services** like distance learning, the portable planetarium, technical, audiovisual, musical instrument, and computer repair services, a courier service that provides daily pickup and delivery for BOCES programs and our school districts, and more;
- **Program and professional development services** that support the ongoing training of teachers and staff, provide a science kit program, offer assistance in planning and preparation of competitive grant proposals, and more; and
- **Administrative and financial services** like an insurance consortium, payroll accounting, cooperative purchasing, fingerprinting, and more.

Fact 4: The proposed project costs

School District	Estimated Annual Tax Increase on \$100,000 Home
Brookfield	\$1.52
Clinton	\$4.29
Holland Patent	\$2.87
New Hartford	\$6.46
NY Mills	\$6.20
Oriskany	\$2.09
Remsen	\$4.15
Sauquoit	\$2.00
Utica	\$(2.08)
Waterville	\$1.40
Westmoreland	\$1.36
Whitesboro	\$3.82

The above chart indicates total new dollars *annually* on a \$100,000 home. The tax rate impact is a fraction of this amount. For example, the tax on true in Brookfield will increase 1.52 *cents* per thousand dollars of assessed value.