

# **Nutley Schools Improvement Plan**

A necessary plan to improve the current conditions of our school facilities to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.

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# **Improvement Plan**

## Scope of work:

- Roofs
- Exterior skin/brick restoration
- New vinyl windows
- Security systems (swipe cards & cameras)
- New boilers and unit vents
- New gymnasium at spring garden

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Scope of work: (continued)

- ▣ New elevator at Spring Garden
- ▣ Air conditioning in the high school auditorium
- ▣ Hazardous materials abatement
- ▣ Bathroom renovations

No additions

Only health & safety concerns

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Affected buildings include:

▣ Radcliffe Elementary School	\$3,400,000
▣ Yantacaw Elementary School	\$5,530,000
▣ Washington Elementary School	\$7,600,000
▣ Lincoln Elementary School	\$5,530,000
▣ Spring Garden Elementary School	\$7,700,000
▣ Nutley High School	\$8,740,000

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## Other ideas considered

### ▣ Rebuilding vs. Renovations

- \$25-30 million per building
- 5 elementary schools
- Total cost = \$125-150 million

\*\*Cost does not include housing students during construction

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## Other ideas considered (continued)

- ▣ Consolidation vs. Community schools
  - Studies show larger schools are not as effective learning environments as smaller schools
  - Requires major additions to existing schools (space not available)
  - Would change the character of the community and neighborhood school tradition

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Why the operating budget can not address these issues:

- Current annual maintenance budget = \$779,950
- 61% or \$476,209 allocated to personnel/salaries
- \$303,741 remaining (not enough to cover major renovations)
- In-house maintenance covers small renovations and repairs

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Why the operating budget can not address these issues: (continued)

- ❑ Large renovations must be performed by large construction firms (new roofs, new windows, boilers, security systems, etc...)
- ❑ Increasing the maintenance budget would require reducing funds for educational programs



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Recent facility accomplishments & renovations:

- ▣ High school court yard
- ▣ Weight room
- ▣ Computer labs
- ▣ Music room
- ▣ Science wing
- ▣ FMS addition & renovation (work in progress)

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Recent facility accomplishments & renovations:  
(continued)

- Oval project
- High school gym floor & bleachers
- Radcliffe art room
- Upgraded cooking room (high school)
- Yantacaw ceilings

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## Other information:

- ▣ No additional staffing requirements in the plan
  
- ▣ Projected savings to the operating budget
  - Energy savings with more efficient boilers
  - New windows provide better insulation
  - Less spending on roof repairs

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Other information: (continued)

- Budgeted per pupil cost 2005-2006

State average = \$11,554 vs. Nutley = \$9,550

- Budgeted administrative per pupil cost 2005-2006

State average = \$1,289 vs. Nutley = \$1,180

- Budgeted maintenance per pupil cost 2005-2006

State average = \$1,370 vs. Nutley = \$1,138

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The cost:

Total project cost is **\$38,500,000**

State aid at **39.35%** is **\$15,142,217**

(The maximum state aid is 40%)

Total cost to the Nutley taxpayer is **\$23,357,783**

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The cost: (continued)

Average assessed home value for 2006 in Nutley  
is \$403,500

Average annual tax impact to the  
average home is: **\$146**



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**QUESTIONS**

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**ANSWERS**