



Smithtown Central School District

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Dear Smithtown School Community,

Given the likelihood that we will experience warm weather in the coming weeks, I wanted to provide you with a reminder/update regarding the ongoing work the district is doing to provide a safe and comfortable school environment for its students and our staff. As our HVAC planning evolves beyond what is shared here, we will be sure to keep the entire school community informed.

Long-Term Approach: As has been shared with you previously, we are working toward a long-term solution that would address our desire to update our heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems district-wide. Due to the anticipated cost of this work, these upgrades will only be feasible through a voter-approved bond issue. In order to accurately estimate the costs, we are in contract with a qualified engineering firm capable of performing a comprehensive HVAC and Electrical Capacity Study across our 12 active school buildings plus the district administrative offices at New York Avenue and the Branch Brook School, which is currently leased by the New Beginnings Day Care Center. The engineers hired to conduct this study will present their findings at the October 13, 2026 Board of education meeting. An infographic that explains the importance of this study and outlines the entire process can be accessed [HERE](#).

Short-Term Approach: The district is continuing its work to align its approach in this area with recent legislation as well as BOE Policy #8113 *Extreme Heat Condition Days*. This policy can be accessed [HERE](#). To that end, the district has been working diligently to increase the number of instructional spaces that have either air conditioning or a fan. As of now, 100% of our instructional spaces in the elementary schools have one or the other. A solid majority of the instructional spaces in our secondary schools also have air conditioning or a fan and our facilities staff will continue to look to reduce whatever gap that exists. As the policy states, a variety of strategies will be employed when the temperature reaches certain thresholds and these strategies have been shared with our building administrators. Additionally, as we have in the past, the district may choose to limit outdoor activities.

Should you have specific questions regarding an activity or an event at your child's school, please contact the principal.

Sincerely,

Mark Secaur, Ed.D.
Superintendent