

Colebrook School Board Building Project Summary

***VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING ON MARCH 5 at 6:00 pm
In the Colebrook Gymnasium***

Building Aid Articles are included on the Colebrook School District warrant as recommended by the building committee and approved by the board in the Special Meeting at 5:30 pm on February 6, 2024. The School District has a unique opportunity to advance the building project upon voter approval of the following articles.

Article 1 is for the renovation of the elementary school and the addition of HS and CTE Classrooms and Labs (18,000 SQFT). Article 1 asks voters to approve Building Aid in the amount of \$7,515,071. This article notes that the balance of the funds will need to be raised by donations by June 30, 2024, and if not, the article is null and void and with no effect.

Article 2 will be voted on if Article 1 passes at the annual meeting. Article 2 is for the addition of the regulation sized gymnasium (10,000 SQFT). Article 2 asks voters to approve Building Aid in the amount of \$2,102,630. This article notes that the balance of the funds will need to be raised by donations by June 30, 2024, and if not, Article 2 is null and void and with no effect.

There is no cost to taxpayers for the building project if these two articles are approved.



In 2019, the district closed Colebrook Academy due to dangerous safety and security conditions which would be cost prohibitive to fix and a poor use of taxpayer funds. The closing required a consolidation of elementary and secondary students into the existing Elementary School building.



The new Colebrook Academy would include dedicated high school areas, be fully handicapped accessible, and give Colebrook Academy back the identity & home lost in 2019. The design was specifically created with the old building in mind, incorporating elements that are reminiscent of the former high school. The transition of high school students to the Elementary school was a necessary short-term solution. Phase II will provide the space needed to meet the academic and vocational needs of the future.

