

## ***Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Ballot Proposition***

The ballot proposition is asking voters to authorize the District to transfer no more than \$600,000 from the School Lunch Fund to the Capital Fund for the purposes of renovating and replacing equipment at the Horace Greeley High School cafeteria. The following are some frequently asked questions about this ballot proposition.

### **Q: Will this proposition impact the proposed 2015-16 school budget in any way?**

**A:** No. This proposition will have no impact on the school budget in any way. It will not affect the final budget numbers; it will not affect the tax levy; and it will not affect the tax rate for the towns of New Castle or Mount Pleasant. No budget increase is called for in this proposition.

### **Q: How did the School Lunch Fund accumulate a \$600K surplus?**

**A:** The School Lunch Fund is a separate, stand-alone budget line used to account for revenues and expenditures in connection with the school district's food service program. School cafeterias offer a variety of hot and cold food items, snacks, and beverages for sale each day, and at the high school, students find made-to-order food stations that offer a wide range of lunch choices such as a made-to-order deli bar, made-to-order salad bar, a hot sandwich station, a pizza station, and a rotating grill station featuring made to order Mexican specials and specialty burgers. It is the popularity of the school cafeteria offerings, coupled with more high school students remaining on campus to eat lunch that, over the years, have resulted in a projected surplus of \$600,000 by the end of this school year.



### **Q: Why doesn't the District instead transfer the money to the General Fund and use it to reduce the tax levy?**

**A:** Doing so is prohibited by New York State education law. Monies in the School Lunch Fund can be used only for expenditures relating to the food services program (e.g. equipment, furniture, renovations, etc.)



### **Q: How will the \$600K be used?**

**A:** In essence, revenues generated from patrons of the cafeterias are being reinvested back into the cafeterias, and in this case, the cafeteria at Horace Greeley High School. Some remodeling work already has been completed in Greeley's cafeteria, namely the removal of a wall to offer more seating options and to let in more natural light, and the addition of a kiosk that offers sandwiches, snacks and beverages throughout the school day. Once transferred to the Capital Fund, the \$600K will be used for additional alterations and renovations--including the replacement of the serving line and other equipment--needed to further improve the cafeteria's overall design, functionality and traffic flow to provide a faster and more enjoyable dining experience.



### **Q: How will the proposition be worded on the ballot come May 19?**

**A:** *PROPOSITION to transfer funds and authorization to use those funds for the purpose of renovation and replacement of equipment at HG cafeteria.*

*Shall the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, Westchester County, New York, be authorized to perform certain alteration, reconstruction and renovation work, including replacement of equipment, on the cafeteria at the Horace Greeley High School, including incidental expenses, at a maximum expenditure of \$600,000, with the amount of up to \$600,000 to be solely financed by a transfer from the fund balance in the school lunch fund as of June 30, 2015 to the capital fund. NO budget increase is called for in this proposition.*

### **Q: How can I get more information or ask a question?**

**A:** Please contact John Chow, Assistant Superintendent of Business, at 914-238-7200 x1007 or via email at [jochow@ccsd.ws](mailto:jochow@ccsd.ws).