

Members of the community have reached out to the BOE expressing concern that 2019 is too late to wait.

EXPLAIN THE PROCESS:

In order to make the upgrade to the ventilation system recommended in the five-year capital projects, which would replace the aging unit ventilators at CET, we must follow the following process (now that we have the funds to cover the cost of this specific part of the project):

1. KSQ Architects draw up plans and specifications (in process, starting the morning after the bond was approved).
2. Architects then submit paperwork to Facilities Planning at NYSED for approval. During the time that we were preparing our capital improvement plan, approval time was roughly 48 weeks, now based on current projection from SED it is hoped to be far shorter.
3. Architects prepare and issue RFPs (request for proposal) to contractors. The RFP details the scope of the work and the specifics of what will be done. These cannot be finalized until we know what SED will require and approve.
4. Architects and Director of Facilities interview prospective contractors and check references.
5. Board of Education awards contract(s) based on the recommendations of the architects.

6. Start the work (considering the scope of work, it must occur when school is not in session).

We wanted to explain the process so that the community could get a better understanding of how the timeline was created.

Unfortunately, we do not have any control over the time the state will take to review and approve our plans. However, based on SED current approval projections, we may be able to begin work the summer of 2018. This was announced at the November BOE meeting. We will keep the public updated, most likely at a business meeting if there is another shift in SED approval time.