

Algonac Community Schools – Community Update

Recently, I have had a lot of questions come across my desk regarding the sinking fund and the anticipated projects that will take place in the near future. In an effort to be transparent and to keep the taxpayers in the loop regarding the sinking fund projects, we will be updating our sinking fund link on the district website. The link (ACS Sinking Fund 2018) can be found under the “District Links” section on the home page of the website.

The first year of funding is just becoming available with the collection of summer taxes. The district will have approximately 1.2 million dollars to use for year-one projects. The district’s top priority will be the replacement of the roof at Algonac Jr/Sr High. In accordance with State law and guidelines, the district has created and posted a bid package for the project. In October, the district plans to award the bid. Information regarding the bid is located on the sinking fund link.

The early estimates that we have been given for the roof are in the neighborhood of 1 million dollars. A project of this magnitude takes 6-8 weeks to complete and requires heavy machinery to be on campus. As a result, this project needs to be done when school is not in session. Our projected start date will be in mid-June, when the students leave for summer break.

Once the cost of the roofing project is finalized, then additional “smaller” projects will be determined. We will be looking at the areas of technology and security to account for the rest of the year-one funding. These projects will be listed on the website as they are determined.

I realize that we have many projects that are considered “priority” projects. However, with the way that the funding works, patience is going to be needed. The good news is that with the guarantee of approximately 1.2 million dollars a year for 10 years, we will have the resources to complete and maintain the necessary projects.

Please continue to check the website for updates on bids and projects. We will be sure to include a comprehensive list that will account for all of the sinking fund dollars that are being spent.