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Hyde Park, New York – On Monday, January 28, 2008, the Hyde Park Central School District closed on the purchase of the 11 Boice Road facility. This purchase was approved by the voters as Phase 2B on December 13, 2007. By acquiring this facility, the district will no longer rent the building that has housed its facilities & operations and school lunch departments for ten years, and has served as its central administration offices since 2004. This purchase will bring an annual savings to the district's taxpayers of \$240,418 on average, and an immediate savings of approximately \$109,000 for the current school year.

Currently, the district is moving forward with the required steps for planning the renovations and security upgrades under Phase 2A, also approved by the voters on December 13. These plans must then be submitted to the NYS Education Department (SED) for approval before bidding and construction can begin. These construction projects include roof repairs and replacements, replacement or restoration of windows on the district's 9 three historic schools, and security upgrades throughout the district. Project plans will be segmented to accelerate the SED approval process. This will minimize additional delays and cost escalation, and enable the district to restore the integrity of all its facilities as soon as feasible.

The district hopes to have a substantial portion of the roofing projects and security upgrades completed by early 2009.

Carole A. Pickering, Superintendent