

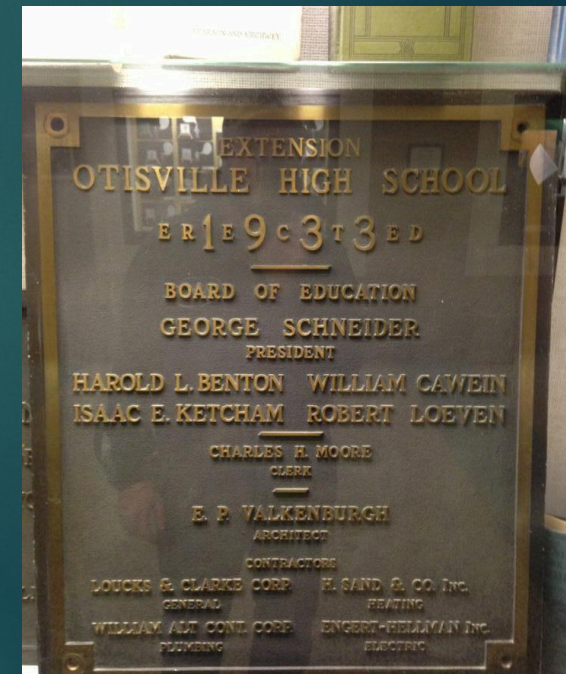
# Old Otisville School: New Community Center



# Asking for YOUR vote:

***Allow Friends of the Otisville School, Inc., a non-profit organization, to create a community center***

- ▶ Foster a sense of community
- ▶ Consolidate municipal space
- ▶ Support programs for local residents
- ▶ Keep our historic building





# Support & Evidence

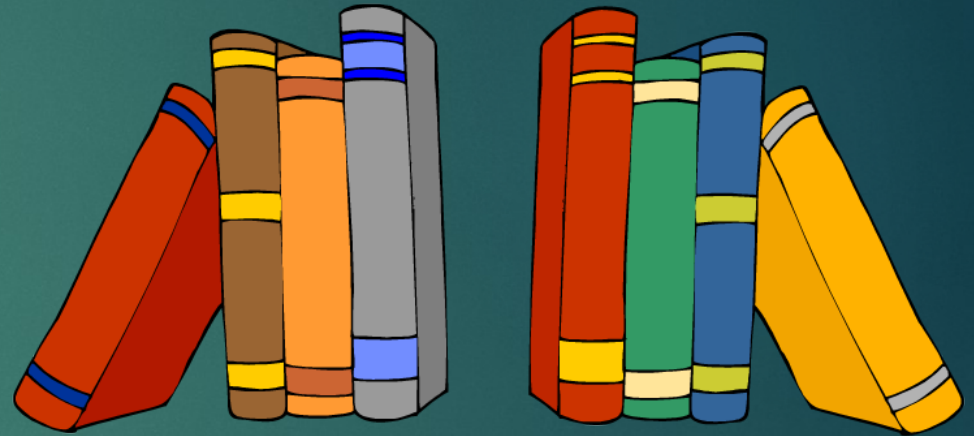


- **Growing local movement**

- Warwick Valley Community Center (former Hamilton Avenue School)
- The Center in Middletown (former Liberty Street School)
- Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster (former Sophie Finn School)
- Town offices of Rosendale & Marbletown (former Rosendale Elementary School)

# Educational Possibilities:

- Recreation Programs
- Lending Library
- Computer Center
- Continuing Education Classes





# Community Development:

- ▶ Movie Nights
- ▶ Community Programs
- ▶ Art Classes/Exhibits
- ▶ Demonstration Exhibits
- ▶ Coffee Houses
- ▶ Exercise Programs



# Local Partnerships

- ▶ CSA Garden
- ▶ Farmer's Market
- ▶ 4-H Cooperative Extension





# Government Possibilities:

- ▶ Town & Village Offices
- ▶ Town & Village Courts
- ▶ Police
- ▶ Emergency Shelter



# Adaptive Reuse

## Can Be Done in Stages:

- ▶ **Gym & Stage**
  - ▶ *Fundraising events!*
- ▶ **Outdoor Space**
- ▶ **First Floor Rooms**
- ▶ **Consolidation of Town and Village Space**
- ▶ **Creation of Emergency Center/ Shelter**
- ▶ **Expanded Use of Outdoor Space**
- ▶ **Use of Upper Floors Based on Community Wants & Needs**



# Where's the Money?

- ▶ **Grants** (short list: *Finish Line Youth Foundation, USDA Rural Development Community Facility, Nike Community Involvement, National Park Service Outdoor Recreation, Libri Foundation, Verizon Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Prudential Foundation, Best Buy*)
- ▶ **Fund-Raising**
- ▶ **Volunteers doing basic repairs**
- ▶ **Professionals donating their time, equipment, labor, & materials**

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# THANK YOU!

*If you are interested in more information, supporting or joining the Friends of the Otisville School, please visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/friendsoftheotisvilleschool](http://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheotisvilleschool) or email Robert Clouse at [rdclouse@yahoo.com](mailto:rdclouse@yahoo.com)*