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Upcoming Events

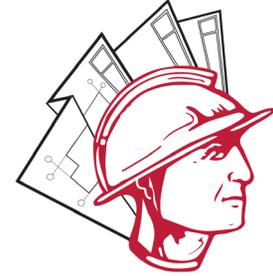
The East Longmeadow High School Building Committee invites you to the

ELHS Building Project Community Forum

May 18th, 2023

6 PM

Location to be announced



ELHS BUILDING PROJECT

Project Update No. 2

April 2023

Presented by the
ELHS School Building Committee

Why is a new building needed?

- Most academic spaces are undersized relative to Massachusetts School Building Authority guidelines.
- Technology and Special Education areas are substantially undersized.
- Science labs lack current technology and fail to meet current educational standards.
- Electrical systems are at capacity and frequently fail to meet basic electrical needs of the school.
- Transformer overheats, causing power outages and disruption of classes.
- School HVAC systems do not meet current ventilation requirements and lack central air conditioning.
- Roof is out of warranty and deteriorating, resulting in leaks and causing classrooms and corridors to be closed temporarily.
- Old asbestos tiling, adhesives and insulation are becoming worn presenting a possible health hazard.
- Windows and doors are poorly performing and far below current code requirements causing significant energy loss.

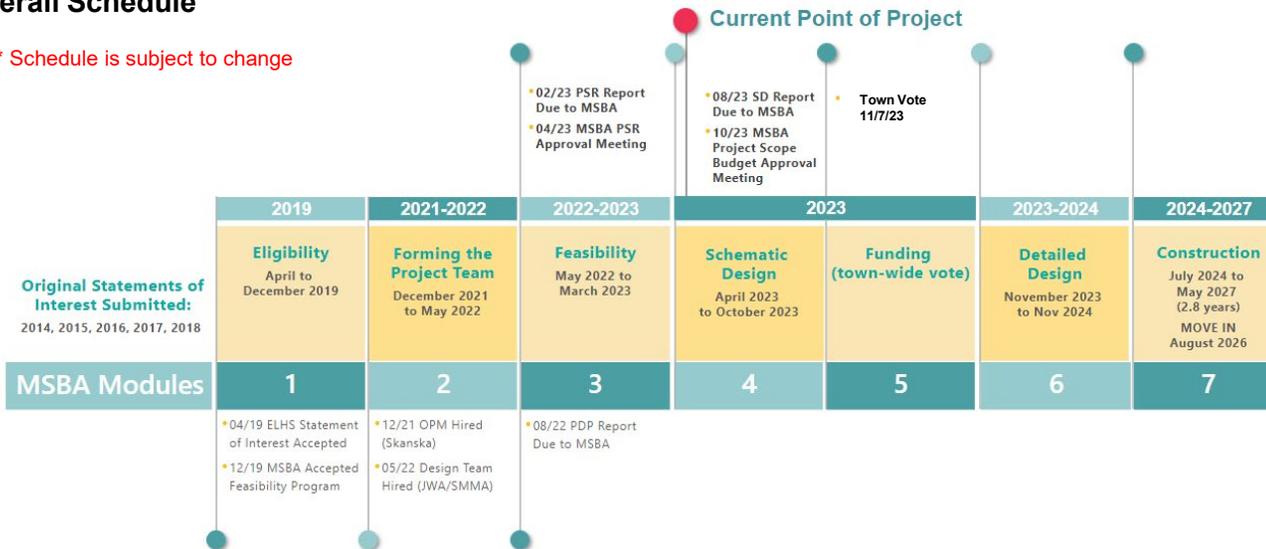
Project Status Update

At its March 9th meeting, the ELHS Building Committee discussed the requirements for the Schematic Design Phase of the project and selected the CM at Risk construction delivery method. During the Schematic Design phase, the Design Team will refine Option 3C – New Construction with feedback from the School, Town, and community stakeholders in preparation for a Town-wide debt exclusion vote in November 2023. The exact project cost, grant, and Town share will be established at the end of October 2023. Once the project receives approval from the MSBA at the end of October, the Town will hold a Town-wide debt exclusion vote in November 2023 to approve local funding. Based on early comparable project costs and the anticipated construction timetable, the current project is projected to cost between \$170M - \$180M, with an estimated state grant of \$55M and an estimated local share of \$120M - \$125M.

The Project Team and School Building Committee will present a fifth community forum about the project on May 18th, at 6 PM. Design progress and cost information will be presented, and community members will be asked for feedback.

Overall Schedule

* Schedule is subject to change



The Cost of Doing Nothing

- **Risk NEASC accreditation**
- **Piecemeal capital expenditures:**
- Roof repairs/replacements
- Failing systems require replacement (electrical, mechanical & plumbing)
- Costs will continue to escalate
- Code upgrades will be triggered (accessibility, fire protection)
- **Whole-scale accessibility expenses**
- **Risk not obtaining MSBA approval to re-enter the program for years:**
- MSBA typically receives 50-75 Statement of Interests (SOI's) per year
- 10 were invited into the Core Program in 2022
- East Longmeadow waited 6 years to be accepted into the program in 2019.
- **If accepted into the MSBA program a second time, the MSBA will not participate in funding the Feasibility and Schematic Design Costs (\$1.26M for the current project)**
- **No improvement to delivery of education**
- **Possible reduction in enrollment**
- **Possible reduction in property values**
- **Possible reduction in State education funding**

Design Update

The Design Team met with East Longmeadow middle school students recently to collect feedback on the design and understand their aspirations for a High School Building.



During Schematic Design, the Design Team is refining the layout and overall design to best fit East Longmeadow's needs based on feedback from the SBC, staff, students, and community members.



Massing Diagram - 3C – New Construction



* Progress of building and site layouts. Please note these will continue to evolve as the project progresses through the Schematic Design Phase and future phases.