

Main Lobby



Project Status Update

Recently, the School Building Committee (SBC) passed a significant milestone when the SBC reviewed project cost estimates, made final scope reduction decisions, and approved a final project budget. On August 24th, the Committee voted unanimously to submit the Schematic Design (SD) package to the MSBA with a total project budget of \$177.5M, including construction costs, technology and furniture, and owner and project manager contingencies.

In October, the MSBA Board will review the project before entering into a Project Scope and Budget Agreement with the East Longmeadow School District. At the same time, the East Longmeadow Pool Building Committee finalized the Schematic Design for the East Longmeadow Pool project with a proposed project budget of \$16.8M.

Community Forums and Tours will be hosted on September 21st and October 19th to review the projects prior to the Town-wide debt exclusion vote on November 7th, 2023, at Birchland Park Middle School, that will approve the appropriation of funds for the full project cost.

Outdoor Classroom



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Key Dates

9/21/23 – Community Forum, 6:00 PM
Forum, High School Cafeteria

10/19/23 – Community Forum, 6:00 PM
Forum, High School Cafeteria, 5:30 PM
High School Tour

11/7/2023 – Town Vote at Birchland Park
Middle School. Town-wide debt exclusion
vote will be held to appropriate the full
project cost

School Building Committee

- Stephen Chrusciel, School Building Committee Chair
- Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools
- Pamela Blair, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Frank Paige, ELHS Principal
- Heather Brown, ELPS Director of Curriculum
- Tom Christensen, Town Manager
- Kathleen Hill, Town Council Member
- Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher, Community Member
- Greg Thompson, School Committee Member
- Bruce Fenney, Superintendent of EL DPW
- Daniela LaBarre, School Psychologist/Faculty Member
- Ryan Quimby, Town IT Director
- Kimberly Collins, Director of Municipal Finance at Town of East Longmeadow

Project Partners

- Skanska, Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Team
- JWA & SMMA, Design Team
- Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), Funding Partner

VOTE NOV 7th at Birchland Park Middle School



ELHS BUILDING PROJECT

Project Update No. 5, Version 2 September 2023

Presented by the ELHS Building Committee



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Project Schedule (if approved)

Fall 2024 – Construction Starts
Fall 2026 – Students Move into New Building
Summer 2027 – Project Completion



The proposed new school will be built directly behind the existing school. Once completed, students will relocate to the new school and the existing school will be demolished. The project included field improvements, a new concessions building, new tennis courts, a new pressbox and full parking, lighting and stormwater upgrades.

Cost Update

At its 8/24 Meeting, the SBC unanimously approved the SD submission, with a total project budget of \$177.5M. The Anticipated local District Share is estimated at \$114.5M. The local District Share and the MSBA's share will be formalized in late October. Current share estimates are subject to change.

Updated High School Project by the Numbers

Est Total Project Cost	\$ 177.5 million
Est MSBA Grant:	\$ 63 million
Est Town Share:	\$ 114.5 million

During earlier phases of the Feasibility Study, the option of a major renovation, Option 2C, was reviewed, estimated, and voted down. The cost of the major renovation option was \$175M.

The option of doing a code upgrade/base repair (Option 1) was also cost estimated and voted down by the Committee. The cost of the code upgrade/base repair was \$120M.

Both options were rejected for a variety of reasons. You can learn more about the Feasibility Process by accessing the project documents on the project website.

Next Steps

On **November 7th, 2023**, at Birchland Park Middle School, a town-wide debt exclusion vote will be held to appropriate the full project cost. If approved by the voters, the project will begin the Detailed Design phase, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2024 and the New HS to open in Fall of 2026.

If the voters reject the project at the 11/7 Special Election and the community does not see a way to approve the proposed new school project, then the school will remain as is. The District could re-apply for a new core MSBA project or undertake renovations without State financial assistance. After a failed debt exclusion vote, it can take 5 to 7 years to be re-accepted.

Aerial View



Science Lab



Gymnasium



Pool Building



Outdoor Dining