



MONOMOY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Monomoy Regional High School Planning Community Participation

In the five years since July 2007, when Harwich requested Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funding for a 9-12, 400-student high school and was placed in their “Regionalization Assessment” category, seven elected or appointed committees have worked to provide the best educational opportunities for students of Chatham and Harwich in the most efficient and fiscally-responsible manner. Their membership, open to citizens of both communities, totals 57 local participants in the planning leading to the Monomoy Regional High School building project; their meetings have been posted and open; and a number of public forums have invited wider community participation in the planning and discussion of educational programs and facilities. These representative groups listed below have worked with local educators, state agencies, town boards and local citizens to address the challenges of programs, funding, enrollment and facilities, and the Monomoy Regional School District is one result of their work.

Committee	Local Members	Dates
Harwich School Committee	5	Through 6/30/12
Chatham School Committee	5	Through 6/30/12
Harwich High School Building Needs Committee	10	2007-2009
Regional Planning Board	6 (3/ town)	2009-2010
Interim Regional School Committee	8	1/11-6/11
Regional School Committee	8	7/11-present
Monomoy Regional High School Building Committee	15	7/11-present
TOTAL	57	2007-2012

The member total provided here represents the number of seats on the committees. Additionally regular and special town meetings in both communities have guided the process through establishment of committees, funding, and official establishment of the new regional school district at simultaneous special town meetings on December 6, 2010.

As indicated in the required founding documents (Regional Agreement and Educational Plan) of the region formally established on January 19, 2011, the design of the region included four school buildings:

- Regional High School** to be constructed on the site of the current Harwich High School
 - Originally grades 9-12
 - Grade 8 added to reach Model School minimum enrollment of 700
- Regional Middle School** created by remodeling current Chatham Middle Senior High School
 - Originally grades 5-12
 - Moving grade 8 to high school eliminated most renovation needs
- Chatham Elementary School**
- Harwich Elementary School**