

Monomoy Regional High School Building Project

After decades of failed regionalization attempts, the towns of Harwich and Chatham came together as a region in simultaneous December 6, 2010 Special Town Meeting votes. Based on Harwich's need for a new high school, the discussion that began in 2007 focused on educational opportunities a region could provide for the communities' children and the potential savings from economies of scale.

Central to the regional plan is the construction of a new regional high school. On July 25, 2012, the Massachusetts School Building Authority unanimously approved funding the MRHS project of a Model School at a reimbursement rate of 51.53% for eligible costs.

Now it's up to the citizens of Chatham and Harwich.

MONOMOY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: CHATHAM AND HARWICH, LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

What will the new Monomoy Regional High School accomplish?

- Educationally-appropriate, cost-effective facility funded in collaboration with Massachusetts School Building Authority.
- Full regionalization on schedule with opening of new high school and merging of middle schools in September 2014. Six schools and their costs reduced to four.
- First Monomoy Regional High School class graduates in 2015
- Harwich High School's accreditation status with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges remains secure.
- Progress toward greater opportunities in academics, arts and athletics, including:
 - Increased Advanced Placement and foreign language courses
 - Hands-on learning in engineering, culinary arts, marine science
 - Expanded visual and performing arts facilities and programs
 - 24 varsity and junior varsity MIAA-sanctioned athletic teams
- MRHS graduates gain competitive edge in college and career.
- Savings from regionalization increase, benefitting both towns in FY 15.
- Community resource for cultural and athletic events

What's the alternative?

- State funds reassigned to projects in other communities.
- First Monomoy Regional High School graduating class indefinitely delayed.
- Progress stalls toward full regional opportunities for students and savings for communities.
- Reduced upper level and elective classes for students.
- Loss of competitive position for students and school community.
- Harwich High School's accreditation status with New England Association of Schools and Colleges falls to "Probation," last step before loss of accreditation.
 - Harwich students disadvantaged in college application process.
 - Families use School Choice to send children to other districts.
- Costs of operating six schools continues indefinitely.
- Possible MIAA withdrawal of support for current CHS/HHS Monomoy athletics.
- Reversal of years of momentum and Chatham and Harwich community investment in the promise of regionalization.

Fast Facts

The School

Monomoy Regional High School

75 Oak Street
Harwich, MA 02645

Grades: 8-12
Students: 700
Mascot: Sharks
Colors: Navy and Silver

The Project

168,000 sf
MSBA Model School
based on Ashland High,
adapted for Monomoy

Projected opening:
September 2014

The Cost

Harwich: \$25,219,770
Chatham: \$9,807,688

MSBA: \$29,673,727
(51.53% reimburse rate)

Total Project Cost
\$64,701,185

Tax Impact per Year
on Median-priced
Home over 20 Years
Chatham: \$83 to \$51
Harwich: \$157 to \$97



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