

Hamilton - Wenham Elementary School Project

Neighborhood and Abutters Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Project Goals
2. MSBA Reimbursement
3. Community Outreach
4. Preferred Option
    - Site Plan
    - Concept/Floor Plans
    - Exterior & Interior Renderings
5. Schedule Overview
6. Discussion/Comments

PROJECT GOALS

NEW 740 STUDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES 1-5







GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Equity** amongst students throughout School District
- Creating **community** (school & towns)
- **Intergenerational** learning **opportunities**
- Develop opportunities for **peer connections**
- Creating a **sense of belonging**
- Integration of **play**
- Student **choice** and **agency**
- Bring the **inside outside** and **outside inside**
- Meaningfully explore their **interests**
- **Flexibility** w/in “who” & “where” students work

SITE/BUILDING

- 740 students, Grades 1-5
- New construction 127,300 gsf
- Safe and Welcoming
- Purposeful Planning
- Support teaming and collaboration
- Innovative, Inspiring, and Inclusive learning Spaces
- Outdoor Learning Spaces

FEATURES/GOALS

- **Cost effective and practical design** that will pass at the voting booth.
- Intentional **outdoor space** for academic, social-emotional learning, and play: outdoor classrooms.
- **Small learning communities** to elevate interconnectedness, relationships, sense of belonging, and cohesion within and among grades.
- **Flexibility** to support all learners and learning to support current and future educational delivery methods.
- Spaces, programs, and structures to meet the needs of **today and tomorrow.**
- Project as a catalyst to **preserve, bridge, and create community** and culture.
- Elementary as the **academic and social-emotional foundation.**
- **Sustainable facility** as a learning tool: indoor air quality, daylighting.

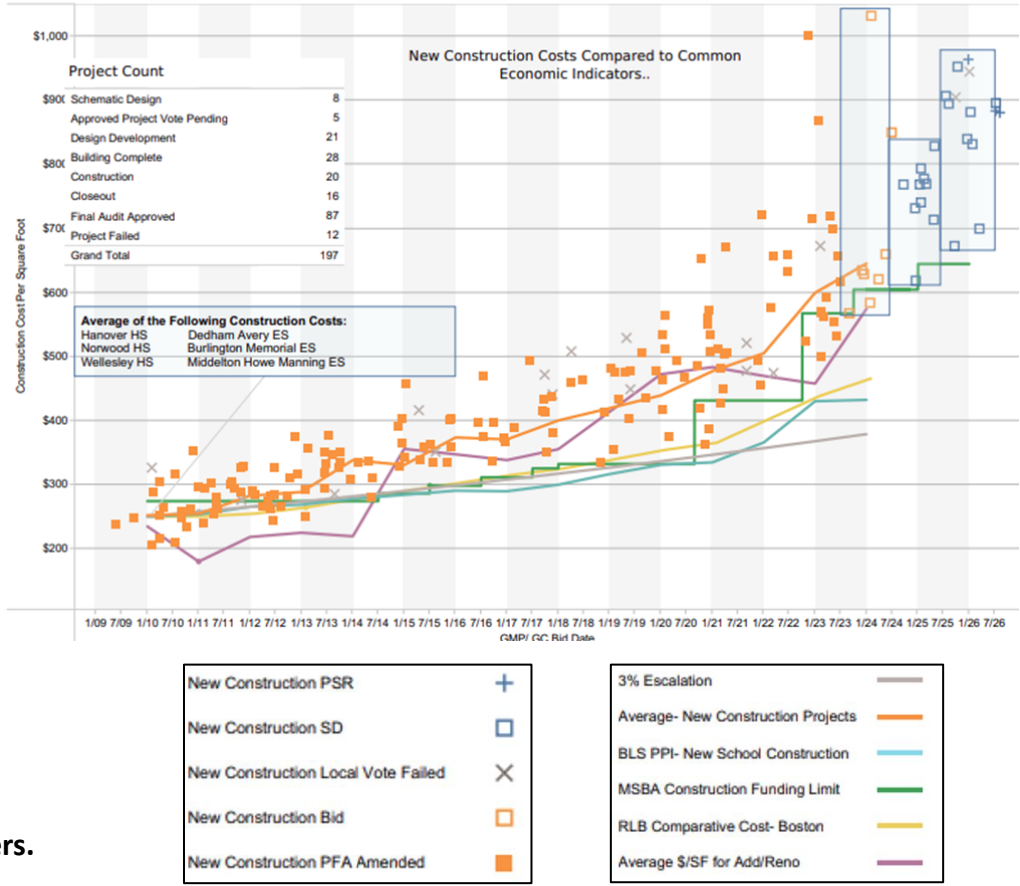
MSBA REIMBURSEMENT

In August of 2024 the MSBA increased their reimbursement to **$645** per square foot of eligible cost ($586/sf for building and $59/sf for site).

In October of 2023 the MSBA increased their reimbursement to **$605** per square foot of eligible cost ($550/sf for building and $55/sf for site).

When the Hamilton-Wenham Elementary School project was accepted into the MSBA program, the reimbursement for construction cost was **$432** per square foot of eligible cost ($393/sf for building and $39/sf for site).

This increase will result in millions of dollars in additional reimbursement helping to lessen the impact on the taxpayers.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1 Cutler ES Ski & Skate Sale

1 Women's Enrichment Group Meeting

1 National Grid & MassSave Meeting

1 PSR Community Forum

1 Hamilton Council on Aging Meeting

1 All Elementary School Teachers Meeting

23 HWES SBC Meetings

1 Quintuple Board Meeting

1 School Committee Workshop

1 Winthrop School Council Meeting

1 Mother's Group Meeting

2 Sustainability Workshops

2 First Responders Meetings

2 PDP Community Forums

2 Farmers Markets

2 Curriculum Nights

2 Ed Program Verifications

2 Winthrop Holiday Boutique

3 Open Houses

4 Hamilton Select Board Meetings

5 Educational Visioning Workshops

7 Tours of Comparable Schools

19 User-Group Meetings

EXISTING CONDITIONS



SITE PLAN


Existing School
Service
FEE: 68.0
FEE: 80.0
FIELDS: 81.0
Canopy
future expansion
future expansion
Bus Drop Off
Woodland Mead
Asbury St
U8
U8
1. Entry Plaza
2. Terrace Learning
3. Parking (242 Spaces)
4. Transformer Generator
5. Soccer Fields (105' x 65', U8)
6. Wall Ball
7. Half Court
8. Outdoor Play (Older Students)
9. Softball Field
10. Outdoor Learning
11. Outdoor Dining
12. Outdoor Play (Younger Students)
13. Gates
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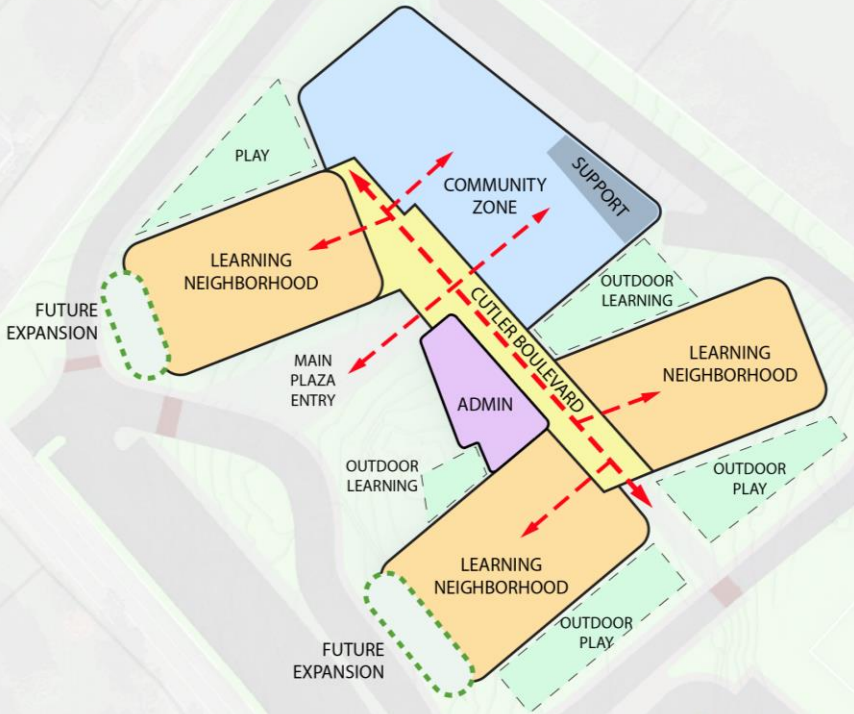
Pedestrian Circulation
Bus Circulation
Car Circulation

CONCEPT

"This project is a nice balance of small neighborhood scale, sharing resources and school cultures." – MSBA Facilities Assessment Subcommittee.

- **Achieves district goal to create equity at the elementary level**
- **Grade reconfiguration**
- **Consolidation of grades 1-5 Buker, Cutler and Winthrop Schools**
- **Rotated classroom bars maximize solar orientation on the site**
- **Development of multi-grade Learning Neighborhoods**
- **Integration of Special Education in the Learning Neighborhoods**



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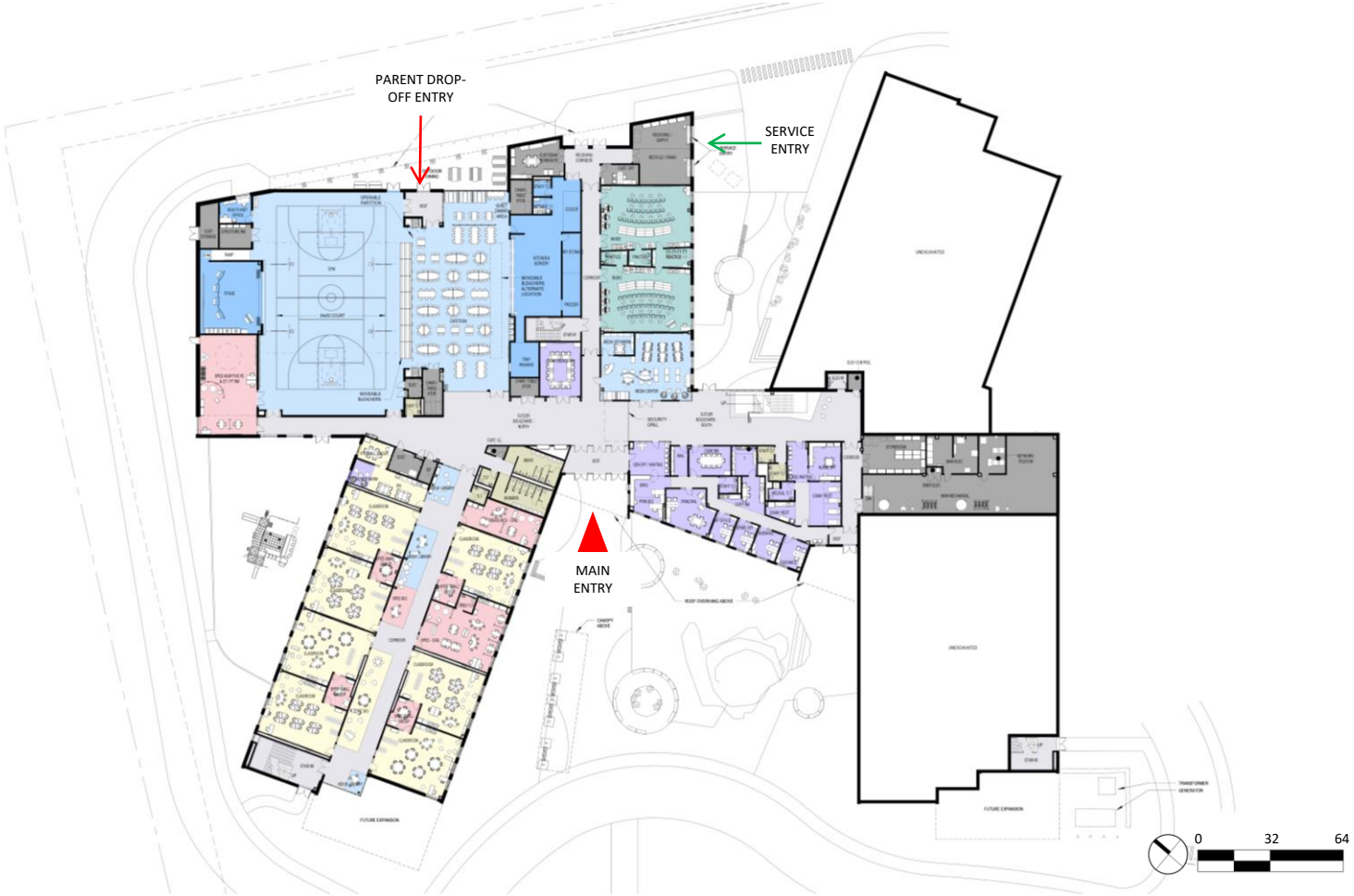
FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



LEGEND

- Core Academic
- Special Education
- Arts
- Assembly
- Assembly Support
- Administration
- Circulation
- MEP / Storage
- Restrooms

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THIRD FLOOR PLAN



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VIEW FROM ASBURY STREET PARKING LOT



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VIEW AT MAIN ENTRY



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CUTLER BOULEVARD FIRST FLOOR



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CUTLER BOULEVARD SECOND FLOOR



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GYMNASIUM FROM THE CAFETERIA



LEARNING NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMIC BREAKOUT



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CLASSROOM



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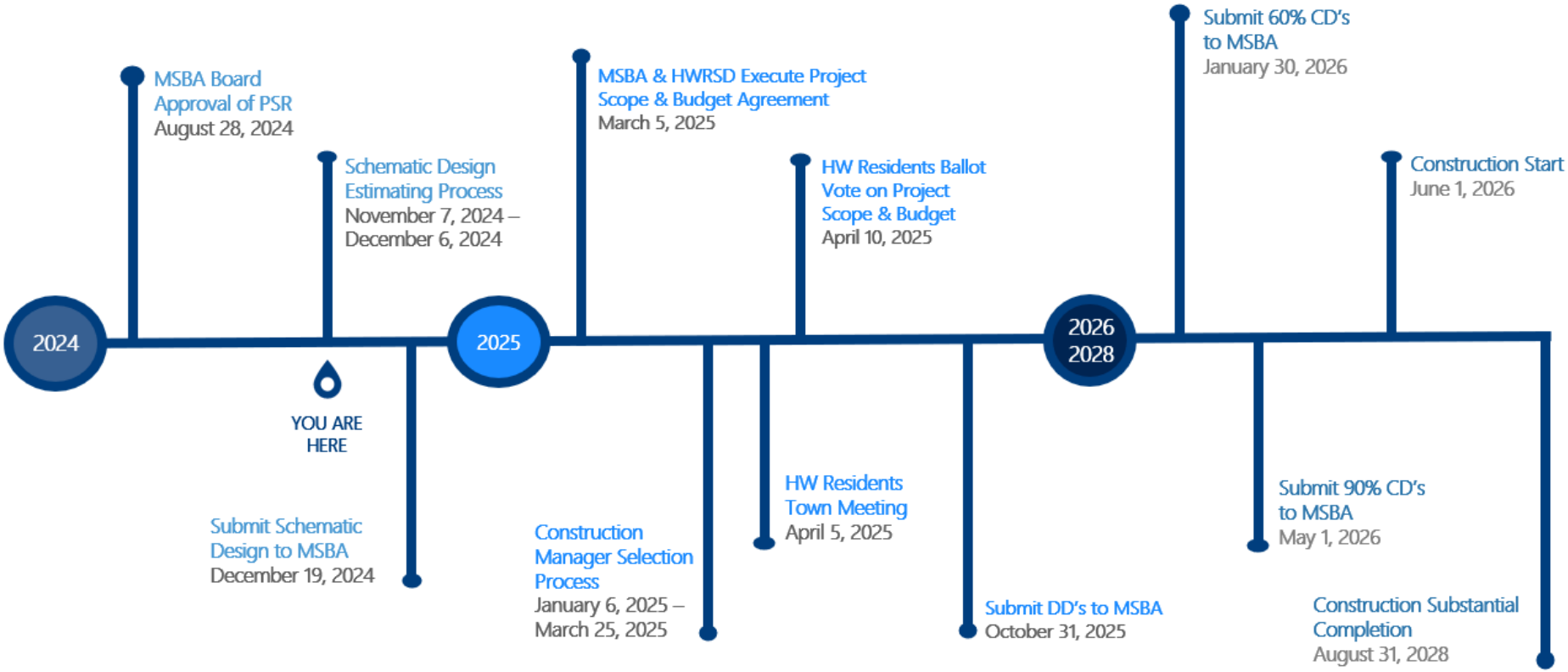
PROJECT TIMELINE



*All dates are not final and are based on schedule projections. Schedule updates will be provided as the project continues to progress.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Project Website

Please visit for all updates and content posting!

Documents & Reports section of the Project Website

Please visit for further information!



Thank You!