SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent's Coffee

Join us!

October 23rd
8:30-9:30AM
Central Office

Come share your thoughts, ask questions, and connect with our school community.

Please RSVP by October 20TH to LeJeunea@mersd.org

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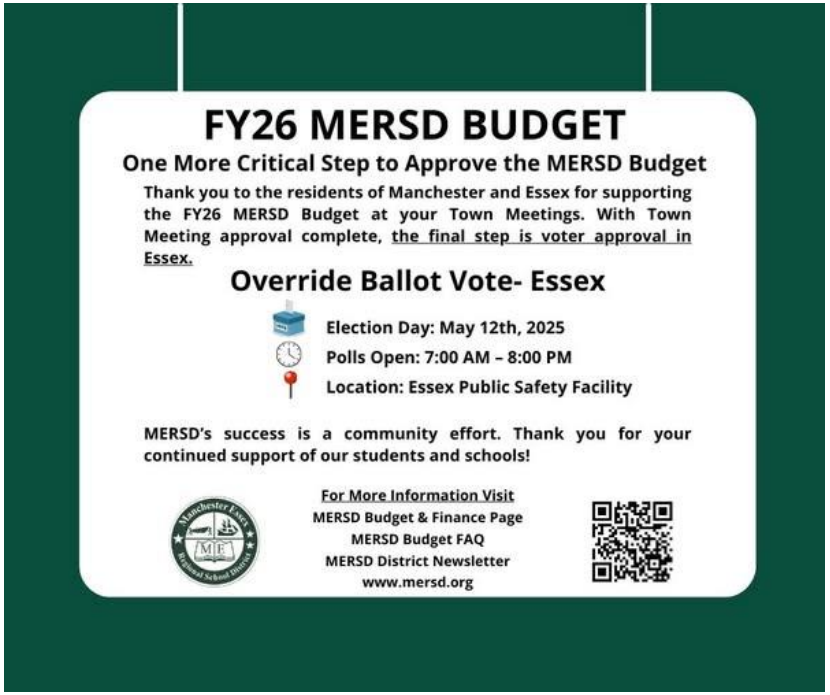
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- MCAS Student Score Reports & Accountability Data
  - MCAS Students Scores This Week by Mail - School
    - MCAS Student Score Overview – Email Curriculum & Instructional Tech Office
  - Annual Assessment Review – November 4th
- Fulton Donation
- Campaign Finance Complaint Resolution
- Essex Elementary Building Project Update

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Campaign Finance Complaint Resolution

- **Background:**
  A complaint was filed with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) regarding a district email, web post, and Facebook post shared the week before the override vote.
- **Purpose of the Communication:**
  Intended to inform residents of the final step in the FY25 budget process and provide the date and location of the town vote. *(Modeled after a similar Memorial School Building Project update.)*

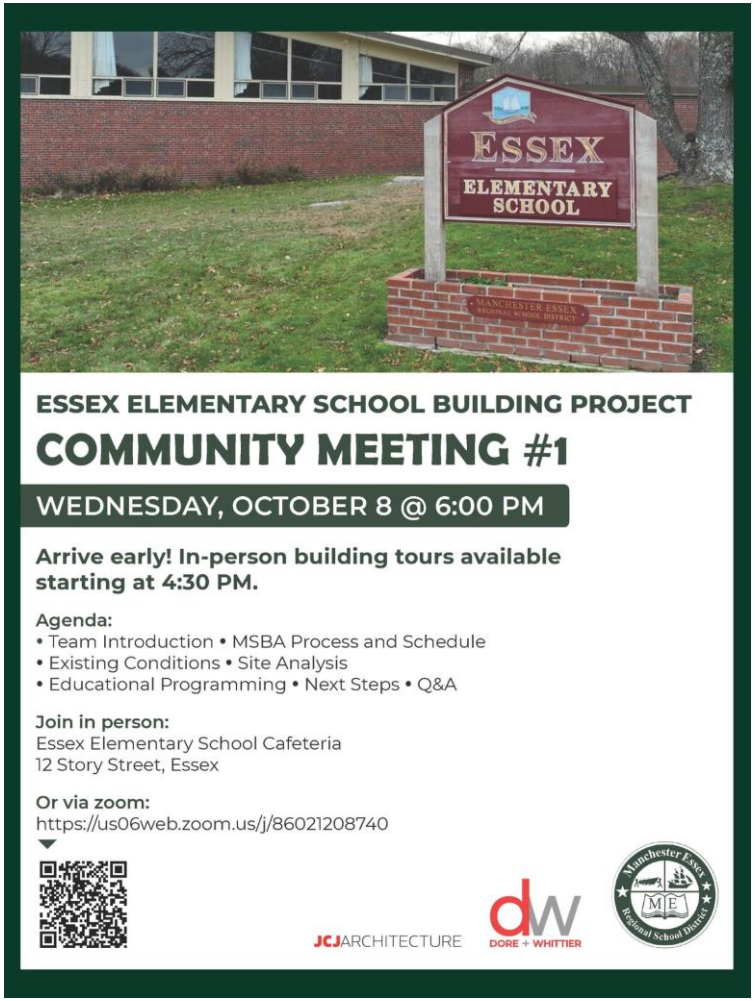


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- **OCPF Findings:**
  - Message contained factual information but was sent using the district distribution list, creating a targeted audience.
  - Some wording could be interpreted as not fully neutral, constituting a technical violation.

- **Follow-Up:**
  - District cooperated fully and provided all requested materials.
  - OCPF was collaborative and offered to review future ballot-related communications.
  - Discussed possible adoption of M.G.L. provision allowing factual communication on ballot votes—unclear if regional districts may do so independently.

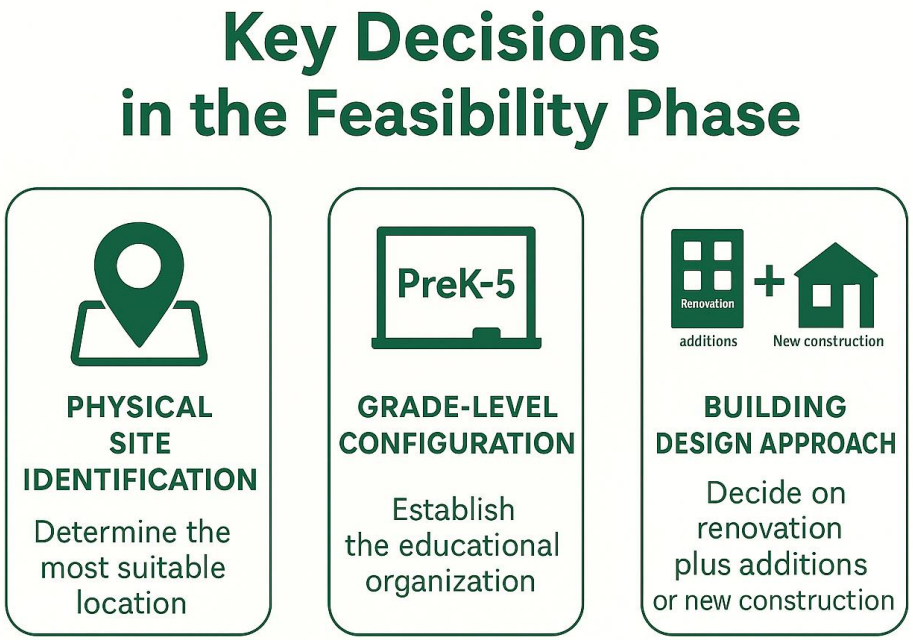


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Feasibility Study **Essex Elementary Student Enrollment Configurations to be Studied**		
Grades PreK–3 165 Students *Sited in Essex w/ Grades 4 & 5 integrated into Memorial*	Grades PreK–5 250 Students *Sited in Essex*	Grades PreK–5 515 students *Sited at Manchester Memorial with all Essex & Manchester students in one school*
SC Program Vote / Redistricting		SC Program Vote / Redistricting
SC Vote to Amend Regional Agreement		SC Vote to Amend Regional Agreement
Essex & Manchester Town Meeting Vote to Approve Regional Agreement Amendment		Essex & Manchester Town Meeting Vote to Approve Regional Agreement Amendment
Essex & Manchester Town Meeting Full Project Vote & Debt Exclusion Vote		

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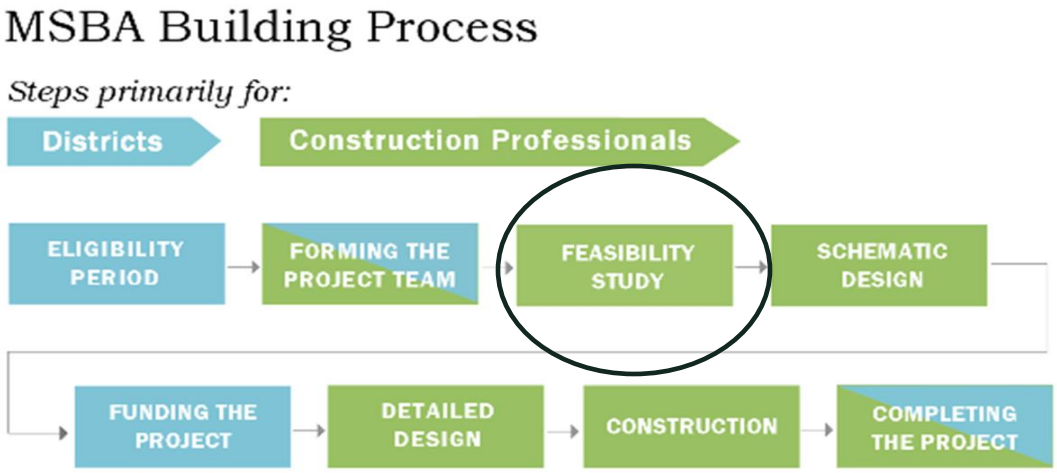


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Essex Elementary Building Project

- ✓ Forming the Project Team Phase
  - Owner's Project Manager on Board – Dore & Whittier
  - Designer on Board – JCJ Architecture

- ➢ Feasibility Study
  - *PDP (Preliminary Design Program)*
  - *PSD (Preferred Schematic Design)*
  - *MSBA Approval*



MERSD - Projected Essex Elementary – Projected Timeline For Planning Purposes

MSBA Module/Actions	Length	Potential Timeline	
Module 1 - Eligibility	**270**	**March 4, 2024**	**11/29/24**
BOD Authorization invite to eligibility	0 days		
Initial Compliance Certification	30 days	3/4/2024	4/4/2024
SBC	60 days	3/4/2024	5/3/2024
**Educational Profile Questionnaire*	90 days		6/3/2024
Enrollment Projections	90 days		6/3/2024
Maintenance & Capital Planning Information	130 days		8/30/2024
Enrollment Meeting	180 days		8/30/2024
Local authorization of funding	270 days		11/29/2024
BOD Authorization invite to F&S	270 days		11/29/2024
Module 2 – Forming the Project Team	**185 days**	**Wed 11/29/24**	**Tue 8/12/25**
Key Activities *Hire Owners Project Manager (OPM)* *Hire Designer (Architect)* *MSBA Approvals*			
Module 3 – Feasibility Study	**202 days**	**Wed 8/13/25**	**Thu 5/21/26**
Key Activities *PDP (Preliminary Design Program)* *PSD (Preferred Schematic Design)* *MSBA Approval*			
Module 4 – Schematic Design	**151 days**	**Fri 5/22/26**	**Fri 12/18/26**
Key Activities *Schematic Design* *MSBA Approval*			
Module 5 - Local Actions/approvals	**70 days**	**Mon 10/26/26**	**Fri 1/29/27**
Final Appropriation / Fall Town Meeting	50 days	Mon 10/26/26	Fri 1/1/27
Module 6 – Detailed Design			
Module 7 – Construction			
Module 8 – Project Closeout			

FEASIBILITY FUNDING

Existing Conditions /Site Development /Educational program /Develop Prelim Alternatives /Final Evaluation of Alternatives

We Are Here

**Can indicate interest in studying consolidation/reconfiguration.*

Essex School Building Committee

Fall 2025 Meeting Schedule
Location: Essex Elementary Cafeteria / Webex
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

September 30 (Tuesday) – Business Meeting

October 8 (Wednesday) – Essex SBC Community Meeting

October 14 (Tuesday) – Business Meeting

October 28 (Tuesday) – Business Meeting

November 6, 13, or 17 – TBD

November 20 (Thursday) – Essex SBC Community Meeting

November 25 (Tuesday) – Business Meeting

December 9 (Tuesday) – Essex SBC Community Meeting

December 15 (Monday) – Business Meeting

📌 *Note: Business meeting time is the **4th Tuesday of each month.***