# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- **Thank You to Our Maintenance Team!!**

- **Middle School Principal Search**
  - Posting Opens - December 15th
  - **Feedback Sessions & Paper Review - Week of January 26th**
  - Initial Interviews - February 2nd - February 10th
  - Finalist Interviews - Begin Week of February 23rd
  - Appointment Anticipated - Week of March 9th

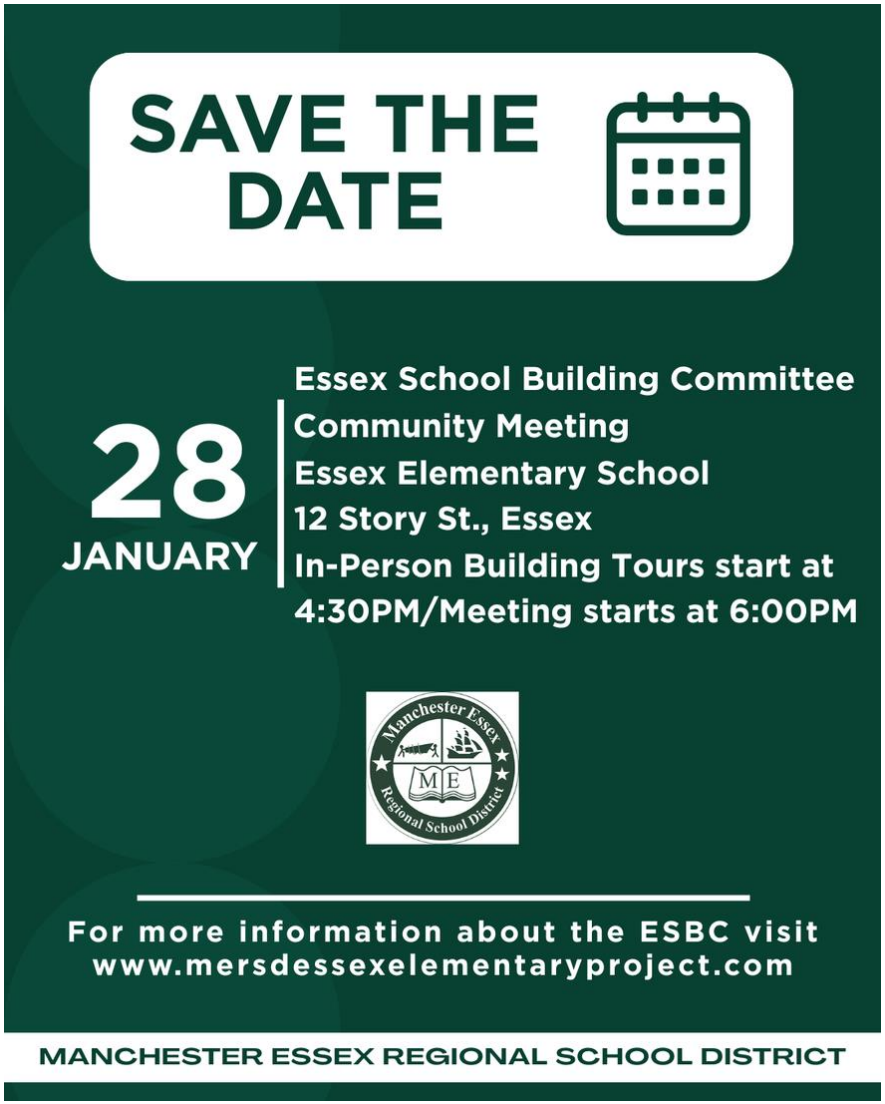
- **Transportation Contract Bid – Opens February**

## DELAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The MERSD School community is notified of snow days, delays, and cancellations through the following:

- Connect-Ed call to all families
- District Social Media Channels; Follow us on Facebook & Instagram
- Boston Television Stations: WHDH, WCVB, WBZ, Fox25 & NECN
- District/School Websites



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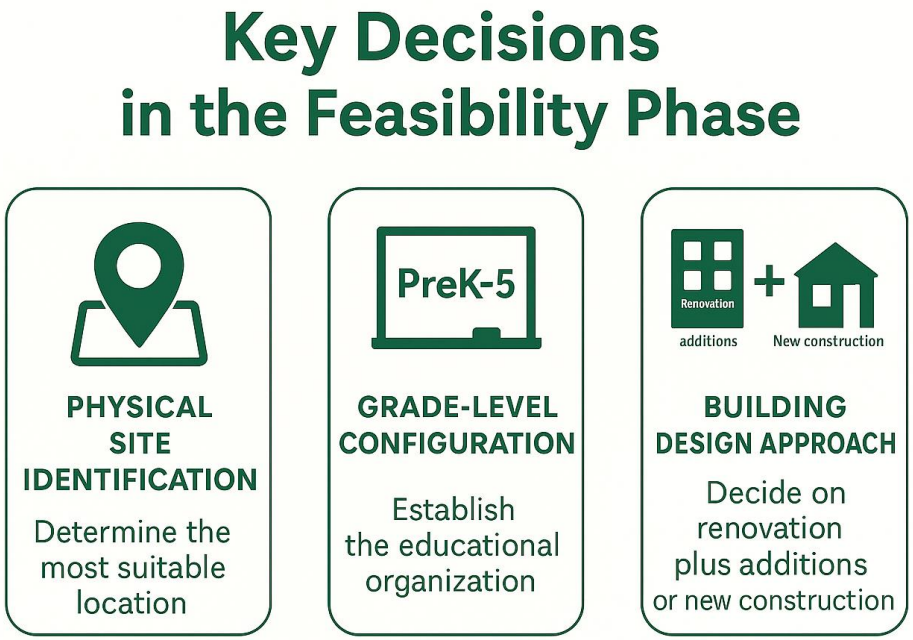

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| **Feasibility Study**<br>**Essex Elementary Student Enrollment Configurations to be Studied** | | |
|---|---|---|
| Grades PreK–3<br>165 Students<br>*Sited in Essex w/ Grades 4 & 5 integrated into Memorial* | Grades PreK–5<br>250 Students<br>*Sited in Essex* | Grades PreK–5<br>515 students<br>*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*** | | |

**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*<br>*Hire Owners Project Manager (OPM)*<br>*Hire Designer (Architect)*<br>*MSBA Approvals* | | | |
| **Module 3 – Feasibility Study** | **202 days** | **Wed 8/13/25** | **Thu 5/21/26** |
| *Key Activities*<br>*PDP (Preliminary Design Program)*<br>*PSD (Preferred Schematic Design)*<br>*MSBA Approval* | | | |
| **Module 4 – Schematic Design** | **151 days** | **Fri 5/22/26** | **Fri 12/18/26** |
| *Key Activities*<br>*Schematic Design*<br>*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.*

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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*

