Mosier Elementary School

South Hadley, MA

FEASIBILITY STUDY

May 11, 2026

MOUNT VERNON GROUP ARCHITECTS



PSR Submission Progress

- Continued Alternative Analysis
- Site Survey – Documentation ongoing
- Traffic Study
  - Following MSBA Process for Traffic Study Integration
  - Expanded study area to include Morgan St
  - Preferred Solution integrated into final report
- User Group Meetings: Dates being coordinated
- Alternatives Recap & Vote Tonight for Preferred Solution

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Preliminary Design Alternatives – Not Pursued

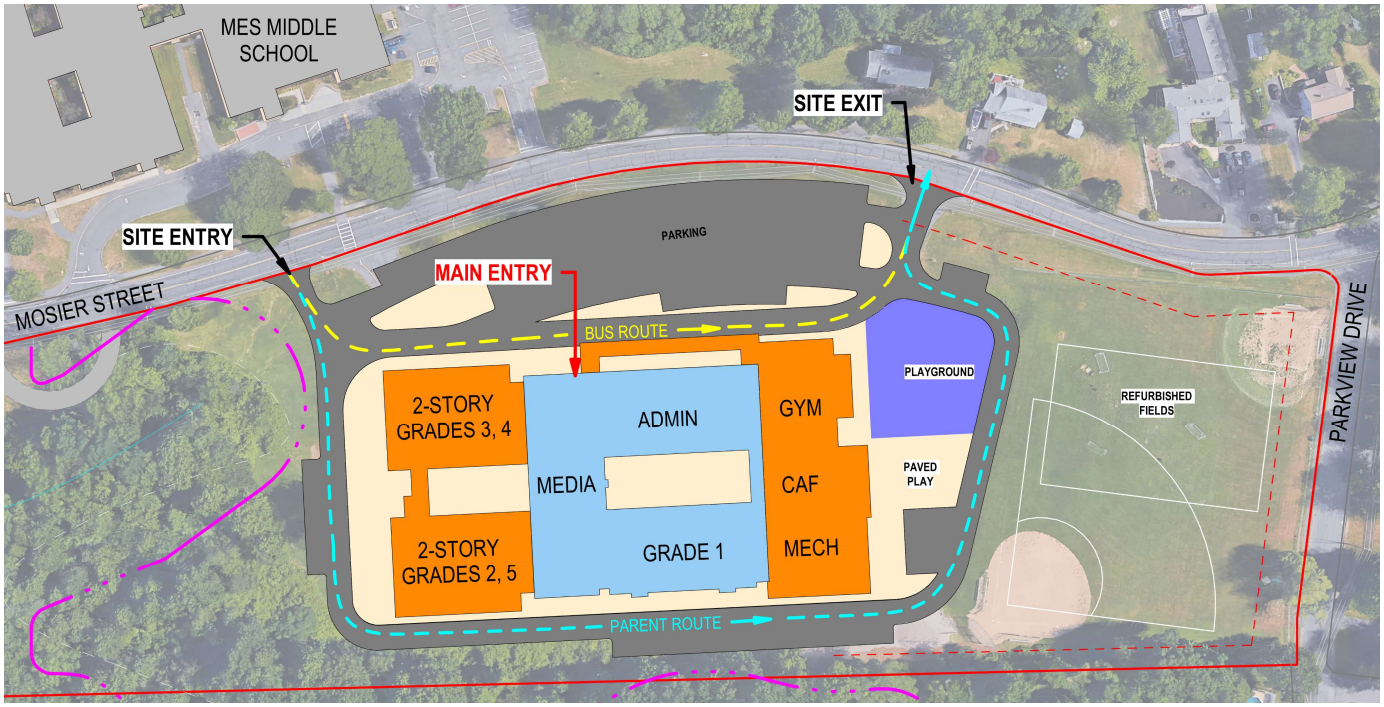
- Alt #1 – Code Upgrade
  - Does not address Education Program, Overcrowding, Site Circulation
  - Likely continued maintenance and upgrade costs
  - Portables Remain
- Alt #2 – Gr. 2-4 Add/Reno
  - Does not align with District's preferred grade configuration
- Alt #4 – Gr. 2-4 New Const, Mosier
  - Does not align with District's preferred grade configuration
- Alt #6 – Gr. 2-4 New Const, MESMS
  - Does not align with District's preferred grade configuration
  - Concerns with constrained site
- Alt #7 – Gr. 1-5 New Const, MESMS
  - Concerns with constrained site
  - Reduction of play fields

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ALTERNATIVE #3

GRADES 1-5
ADD/RENO





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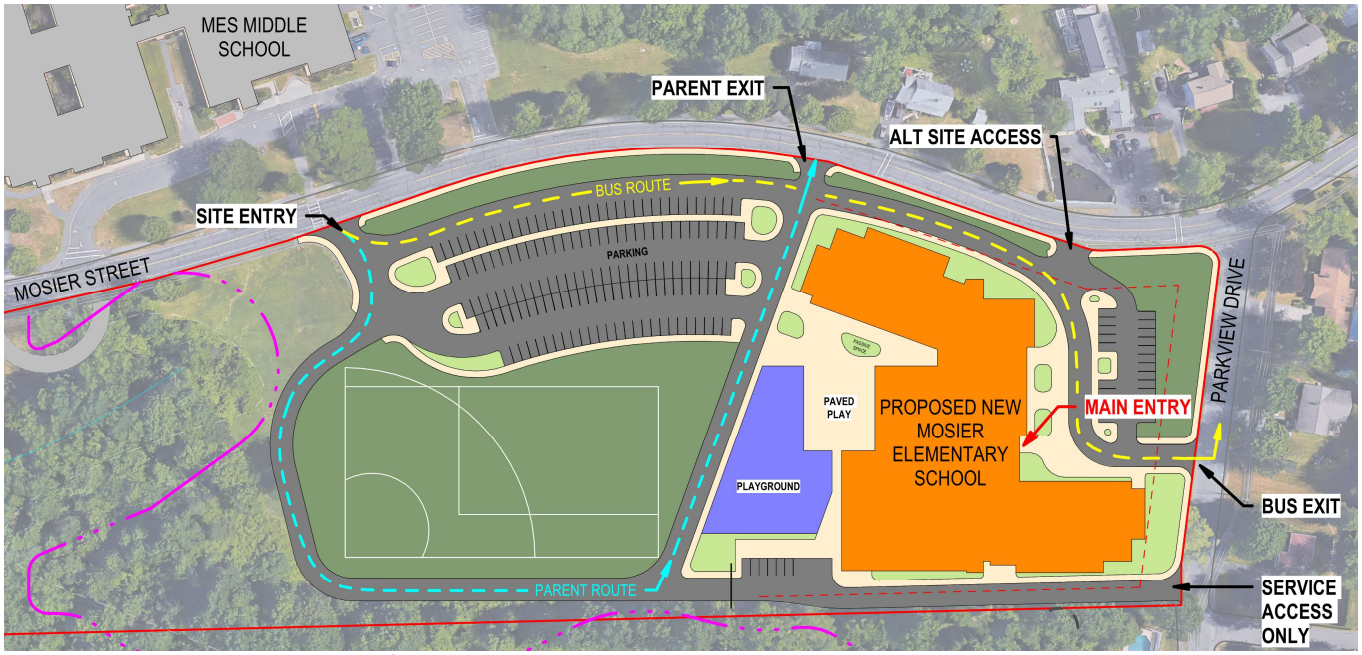


SECOND FLOOR

Considerations

- Interruption of Education Delivery
- Swing Space Required
- Phasing & Logistic Complexity

Cars in Queue: **50**



ALTERNATIVE #5

GRADES 1-5
New Construction

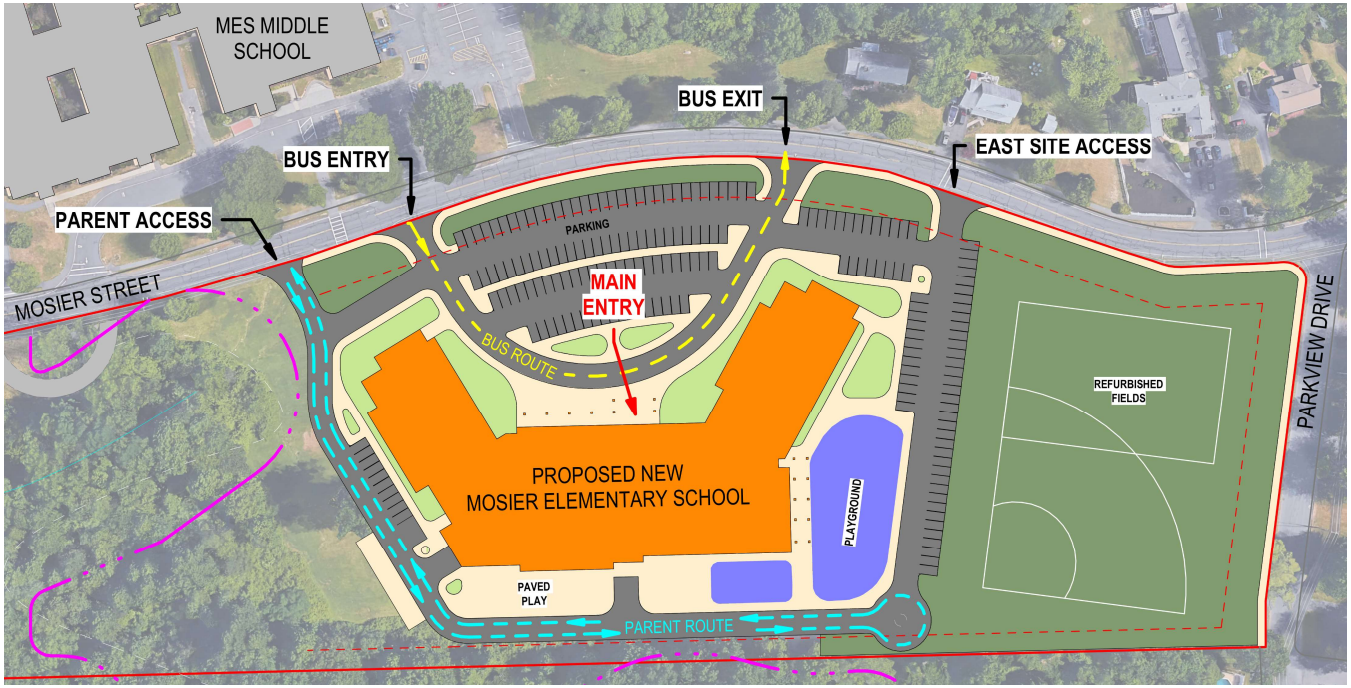




Considerations

- No Interruption of Education Delivery
- Addresses District Goals & Overcrowding
- Tight Site Challenges
- Neighborhood Concerns

Cars in Queue: **55**



ALTERNATIVE #8

GRADES 1-5

New Construction

Considerations

- Addresses District Goals & Overcrowding
- Addresses Neighborhood Concerns
- Temporary District Reorganization
- Similar Site Configuration as Existing

Cars in Queue: **55**





Preliminary Cost Comparison

Alt #3 – Gr. 1-5 Add/Reno……..$95.9m Construction / $115.1m Total Project

Alt #5 – Gr. 1-5 New Const, Mosier on Fields…..$94.2m Construction / $113.1m Total Project

Alt #8 – Gr. 1-5 New Const, Mosier-on-Mosier…$94.1m Construction / $113.0m Total Project

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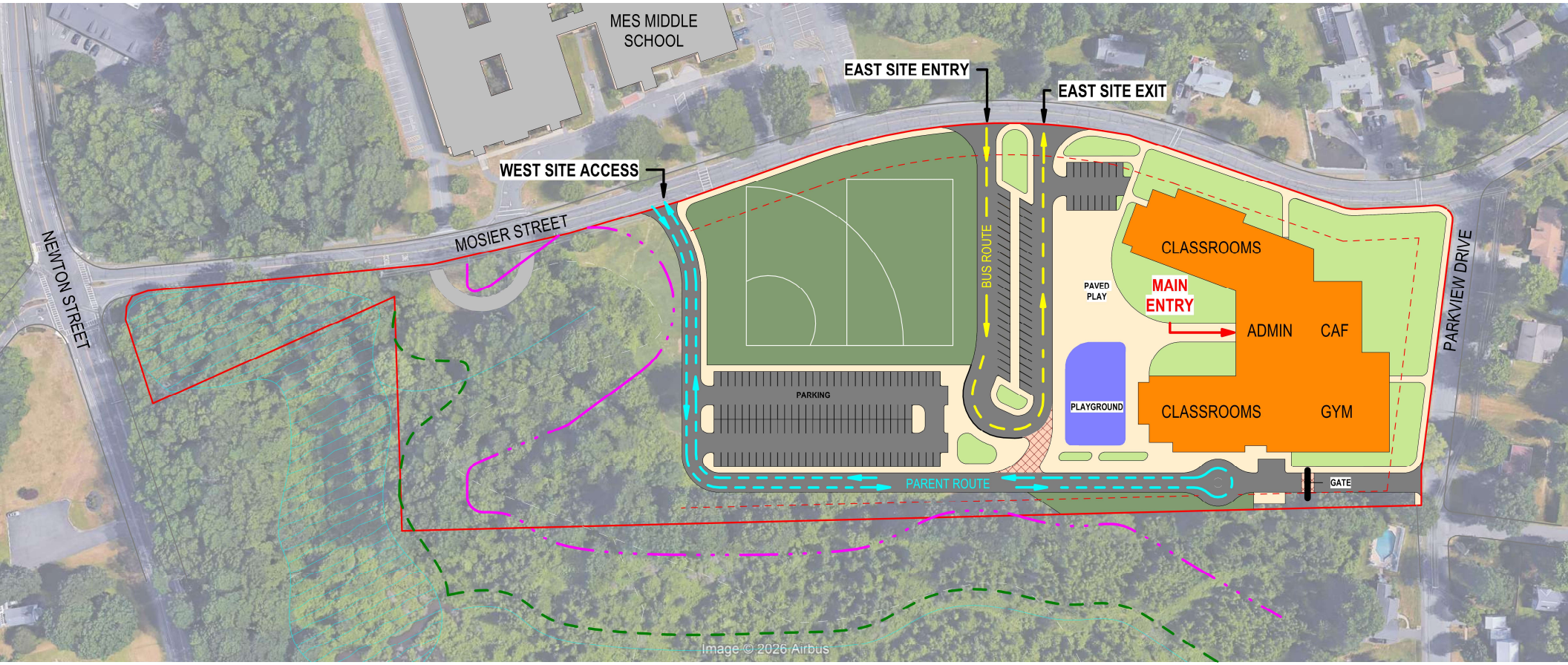
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Thank You



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ALT #5A - POTENTIAL REVISED LAYOUT – SITE TEST FIT

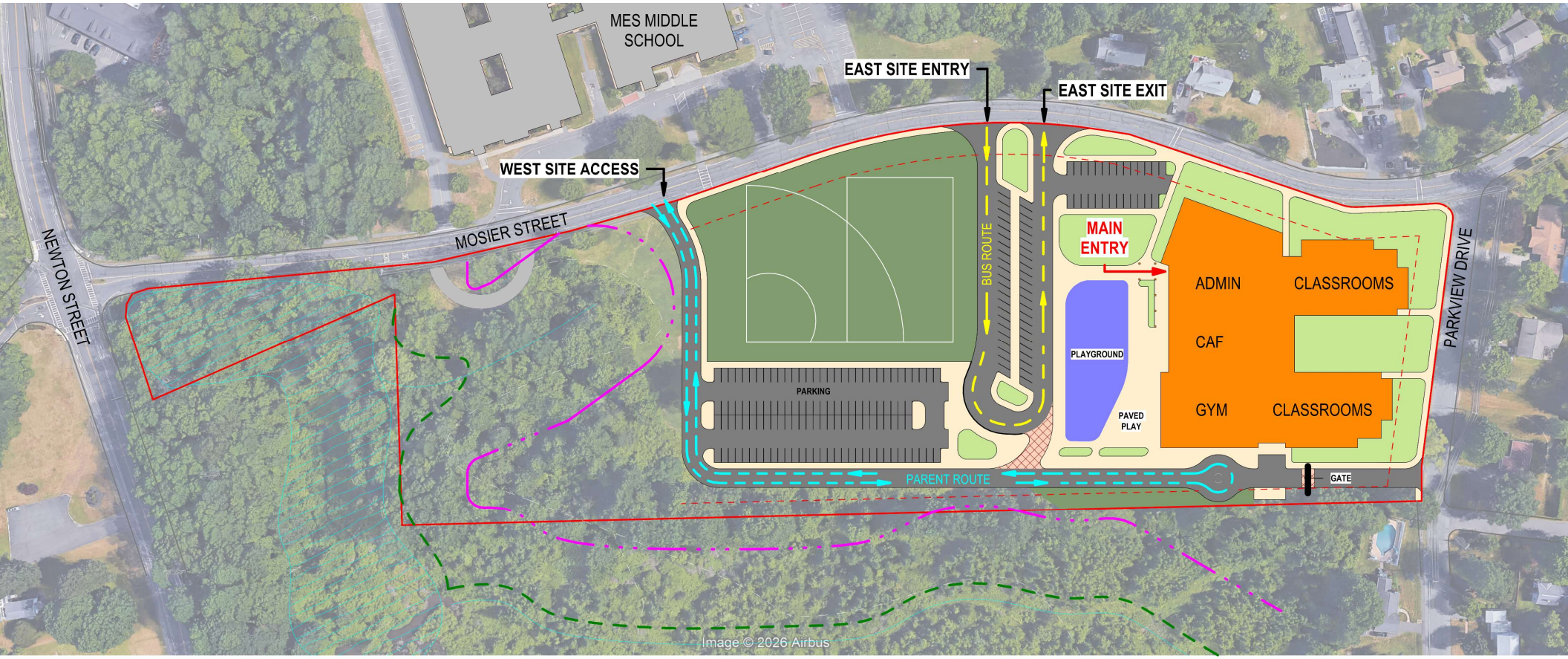


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ALT #5B - POTENTIAL REVISED LAYOUT – SITE TEST FIT



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Courtyard Examples





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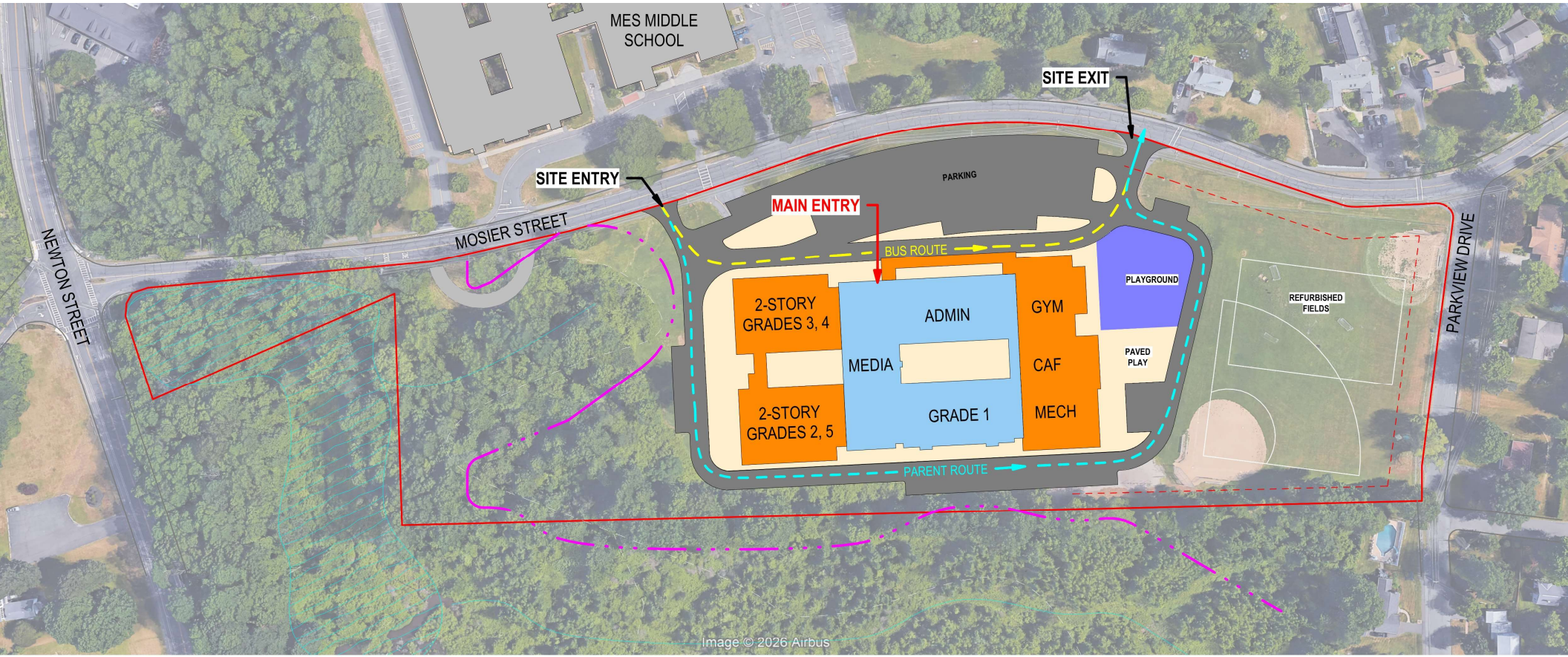


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Alt #3 Site Plan



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Alt #3 Construction Cost: $95.9M

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Alt #3 Floor Plans



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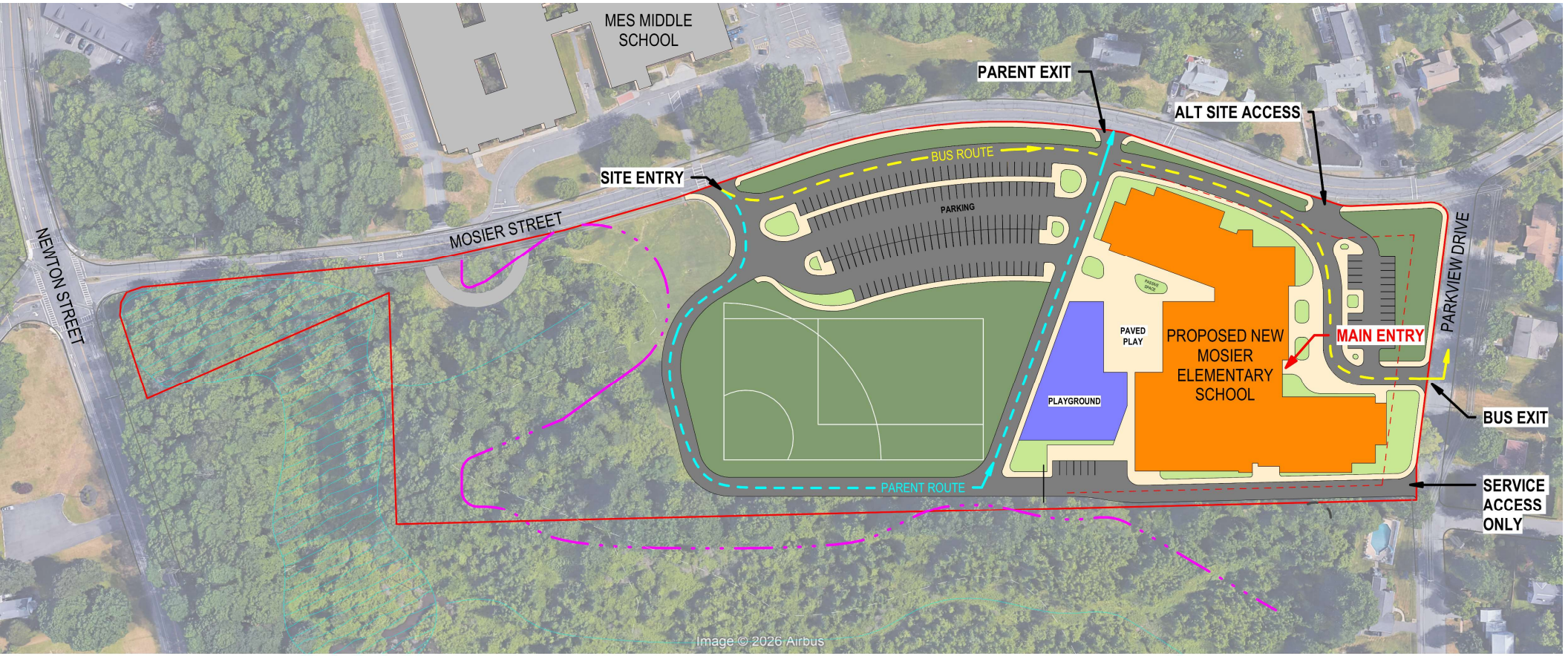
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Alt #3 Construction Cost: $95.9M

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Alt #5 Site Plan



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Alt #5 Construction Cost: $94.2M

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Alt #5 Floor Plans

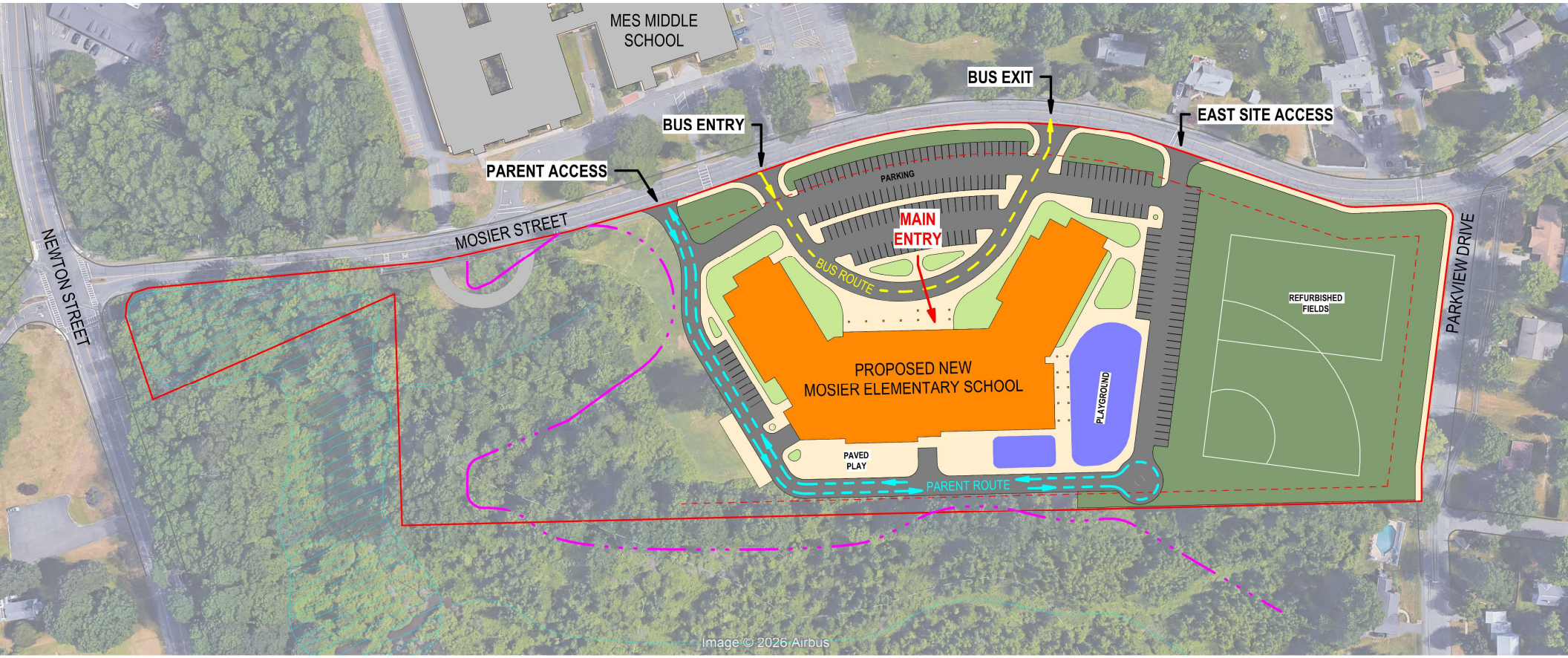




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Alt #5 Construction Cost: $94.2M

Alt #8 Site Plan – Mosier on Mosier



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Alt #8 Construction Cost: $94.1M

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Alt #8 Floor Plans – Mosier on Mosier



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



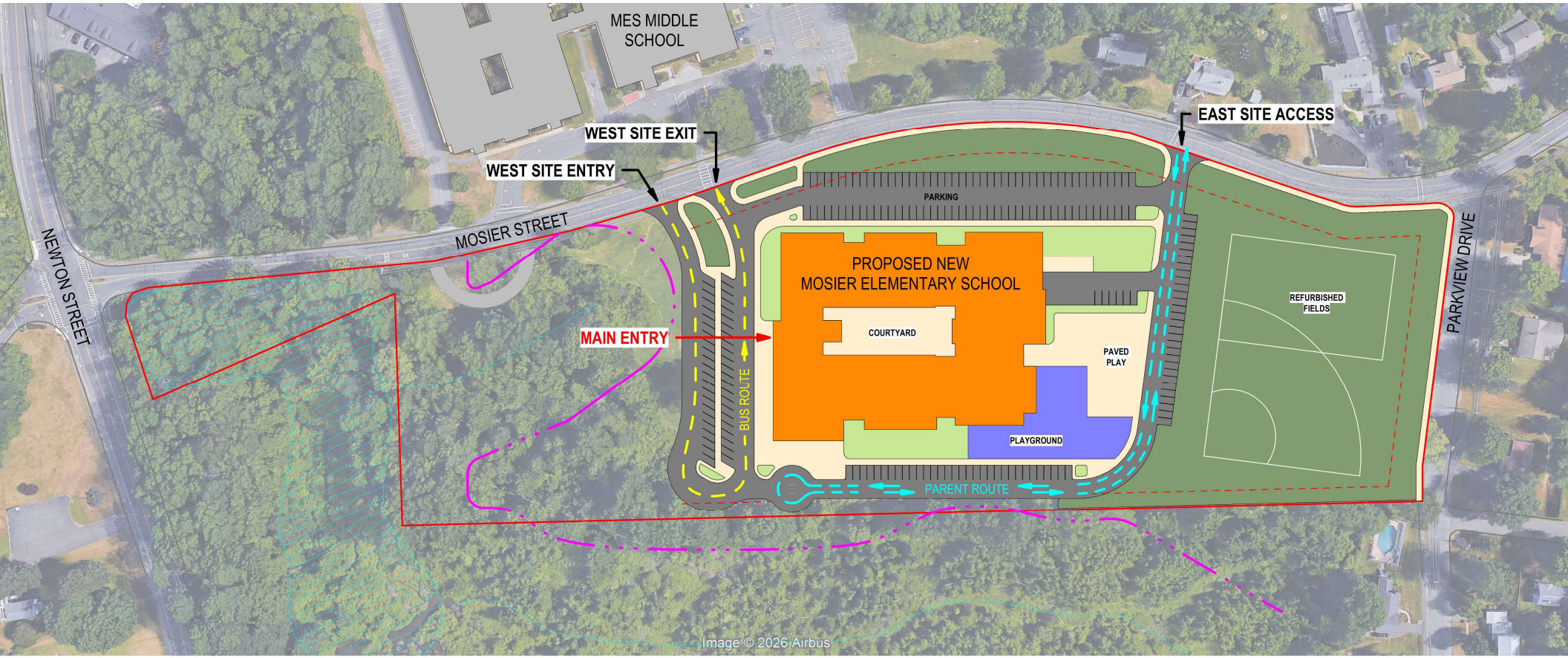
SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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Alt #8 Construction Cost: $94.1M

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Alt #8.1 Site Plan – Mosier on Mosier, Courtyard



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Alt #8 Construction Cost: $94.1M

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Alt #8.1 Floor Plans – Mosier on Mosier, Courtyard



FIRST FLOOR



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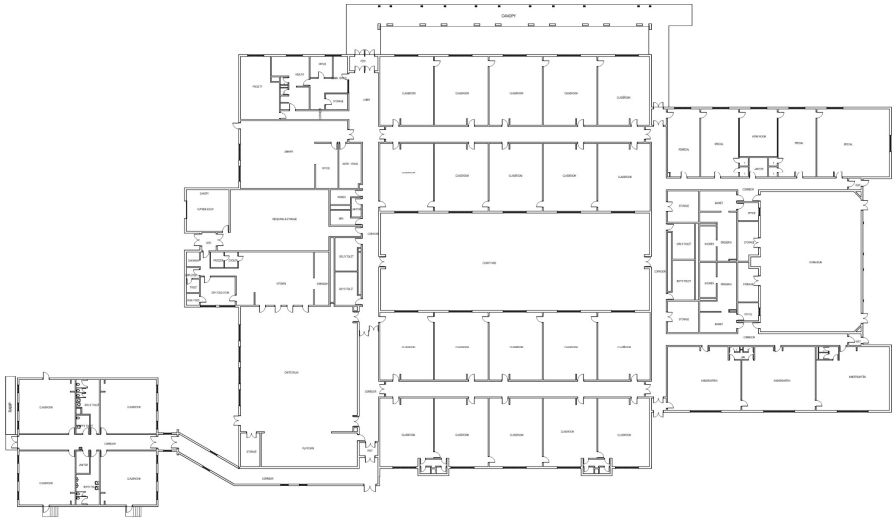
Alt #8 Construction Cost: $94.1M

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Considerations

- Does Not Address District's Goals
- Does Not Address Existing Site Concerns
- Continued Maintenance & Repair Projects
- Portables Remain



ALTERNATIVE #1 - 1ST FLOOR

Grade Configuration - 2,3,4
Code Upgrades / Base Repairs
Building Total GSF - 62,237 sf

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Considerations

- Does not align with District's grade reconfiguration
- No Expansion of Pre-K or MS Vocational Programs
- Interruption of Education Delivery
- Swing Space Required
- High Phasing Complexity
- Escalation Exposure
- Inherent Uncertainty & Risk
- Logistical & Safety Challenges

ALTERNATIVE #2

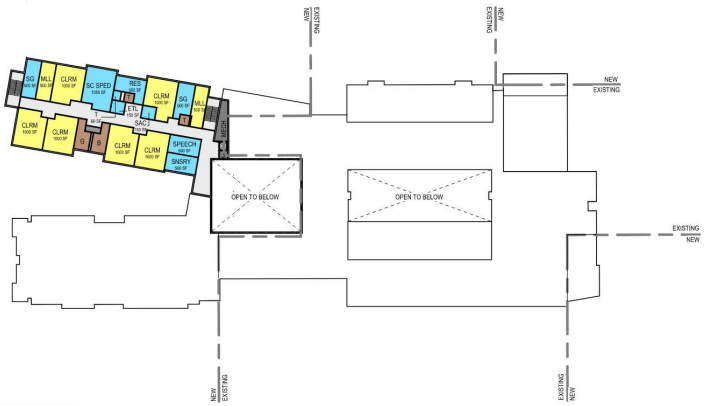
Grade Configuration - 2,3,4
Addition / Rennovation
Building Total GSF - 76,025 sf

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ORIGINAL ALT #3



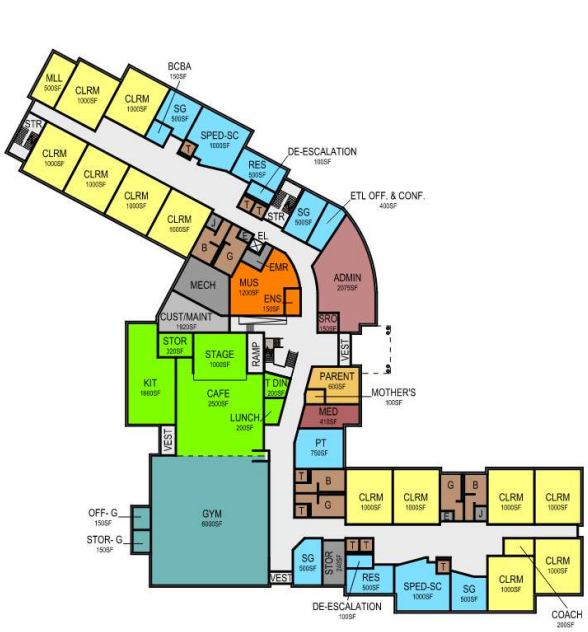






Considerations

- Does not align with District's grade reconfiguration
- No Expansion of Pre-K or MS Vocational Programs
- Tight Site Challenges
- Neighborhood Concerns





ALTERNATIVE #4

Grade Configuration - 2,3,4
New Construction
Building Total GSF - 79,100

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Considerations

- Does not align with District's grade reconfiguration
- No Expansion of Pre-K or MS Vocational Programs
- Concerns with constrained site
- Reduction of play fields
- Disruption of Middle School





ALTERNATIVE #6

Grade Configuration - 2,3,4

New Construction

Building Total GSF - 80,200



Considerations

- Concerns with constrained site
- Reduction of play fields
- Disruption of Middle School



ALTERNATIVE #7

Grade Configuration - 1,2,3,4,5

New Construction

Building Total GSF - 119,000

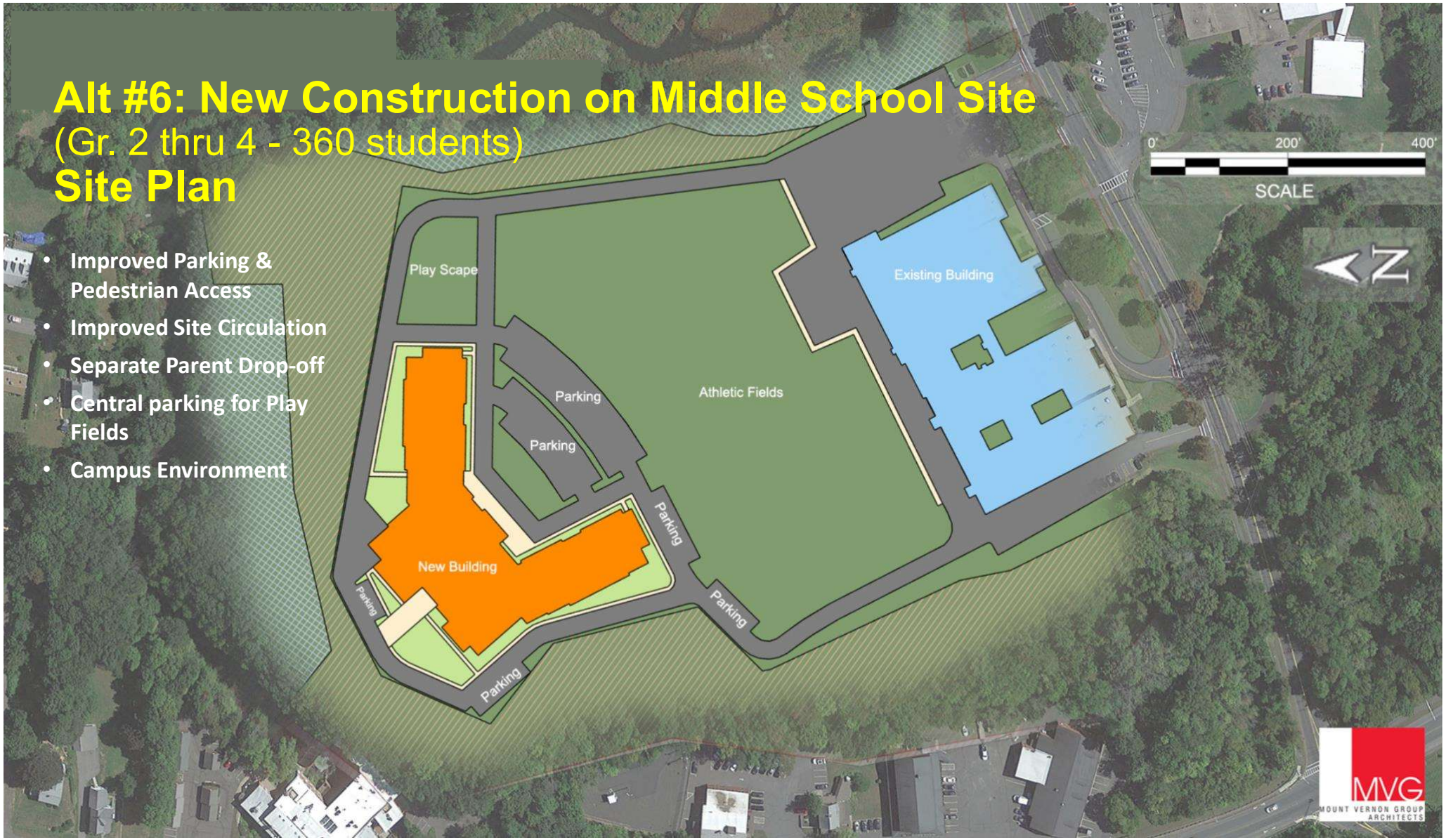
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Alt #6: New Construction on Middle School Site

(Gr. 2 thru 4 - 360 students)

Site Plan

- Improved Parking & Pedestrian Access
- Improved Site Circulation
- Separate Parent Drop-off
- Central parking for Play Fields
- Campus Environment

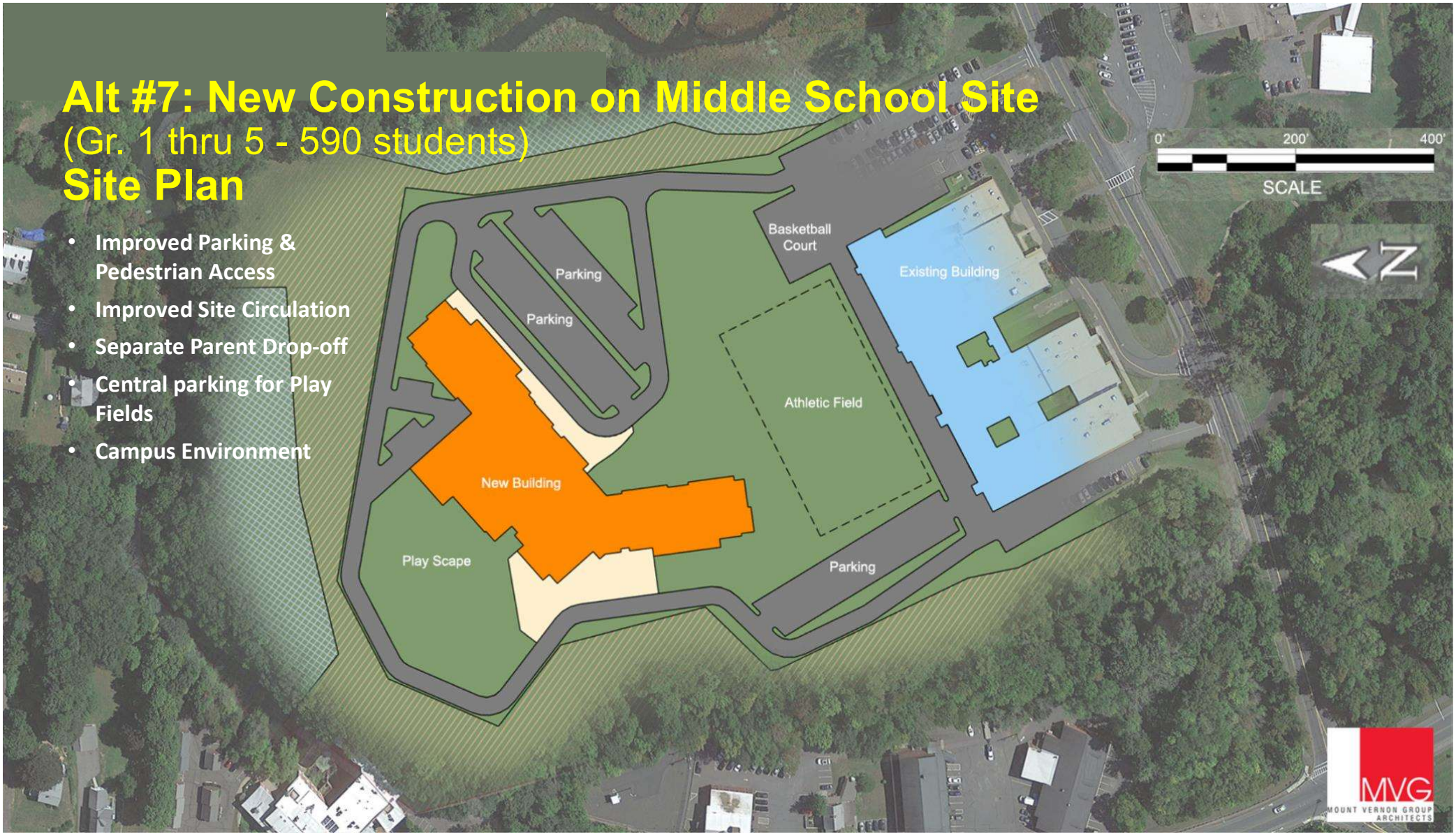


Alt #7: New Construction on Middle School Site

(Gr. 1 thru 5 - 590 students)

Site Plan

- Improved Parking & Pedestrian Access
- Improved Site Circulation
- Separate Parent Drop-off
- Central parking for Play Fields
- Campus Environment



Mosier Elementary | Alt #1: Costs to Repair Existing Building

PDP Estimate Breakdown: *Renovation work includes Code Upgrades & Base Repairs Only.*

Individual Repair Projects	Estimated Construction Cost	Comments
HVAC Systems	**$10.2 M**	Complete HVAC replacement; includes structural modifications for new equipment.
Power, Lighting, Low Voltage & Security	**$8.6 M**	All-new electrical systems including low voltage, security, fire alarm, A/V, etc.; includes selective demo.
Accessibility (MAAB) & Interior Finishes	**$6.3 M**	Partitions/door-clearance work, hardware, finishes, lift, casework, signage, toilet accessories and related demo.
Roofing	**$4.3 M**	PVC membrane roof, rigid insulation/vapor barrier, hatch/vents, typical specialties, and existing roof demolition.
Plumbing Systems	**$3.8 M**	All-new system, including water heaters, fixtures, distribution piping, related slab trenching & repair.
Exterior Masonry / Envelope Repairs	**$2.6 M**	Foundation/crack repair, wall backup/insulation, cleaning and repointing.
Windows & Exterior Doors	**$1.3 M**	Replacement of existing with new windows, storefronts, caulking, metal/FRP doors, overhead doors. Related demo.
Hazardous Materials Abatement	**$1.1 M**	Removal of hazardous building materials
Fire Protection	**$1.0 M**	Fire protection / sprinkler system throughout existing building.
Kitchen Equipment	**$0.6 M**	50% kitchen equipment replacement allowance.
Site / Utility Repairs	**$0.4 M**	Site setup, grade/paving patching, planting allowance, utility inspections/analysis, new electrical service.
Construction Cost Total	**~ $40.2 M**	PDP Existing Renovation estimated contract award = $40,237,186

General Note: Direct grouped repair scope $23.733M + PDP markups / contingency / escalation $16.504M = $40.237M. Markups allocated pro-rata to each individual repair project to reconcile with the PDP total.

MA Architectural Access Board 30% Rule: Required if total cost of work over a 5-year period is ≥ 30% of the assessed value of the building (0.30 x $2.3M = **$0.7M**) per 521 CMR 3.3.2

Sprinkler Systems:

1. The following items must be coordinated with the local AHJ / Building Commissioner:
2. If the work area of a project exceeds 50% of the building area, and the building does not already have sprinklers, an automatic sprinkler system is required throughout the building. Per MA Existing Building Code Chapter 904
3. Buildings >7,500 gross sf (aggregate) with additions or major alterations must be sprinklered throughout. Per M.G.L. c.148 § 26G, 26I.
4. Sprinkler system required when a building is "substantially rehabilitated so as to constitute the equivalent of new construction" Per M.G.L. c.148 § 26G, 26I.

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Preliminary Cost Comparison

- Preliminary Design Alternatives

Alt #1 – Code Upgrade.....$40.3m Construction / $48.3m Total Project

Alt #2 – Gr. 2-4 Add/Reno.....$67.7m Construction / $81.3m Total Project

Alt #3 – Gr. 1-5 Add/Reno.....$95.9m Construction / $115.1m Total Project

Alt #4 – Gr. 2-4 New Const, Mosier.....$79.3m Construction / $95.2m Total Project

Alt #5 – Gr. 1-5 New Const, Mosier on Fields.....$94.2m Construction / $113.1m Total Project

Alt #6 – Gr. 2-4 New Const, MESMS.....$77.9m Construction / $93.5m Total Project

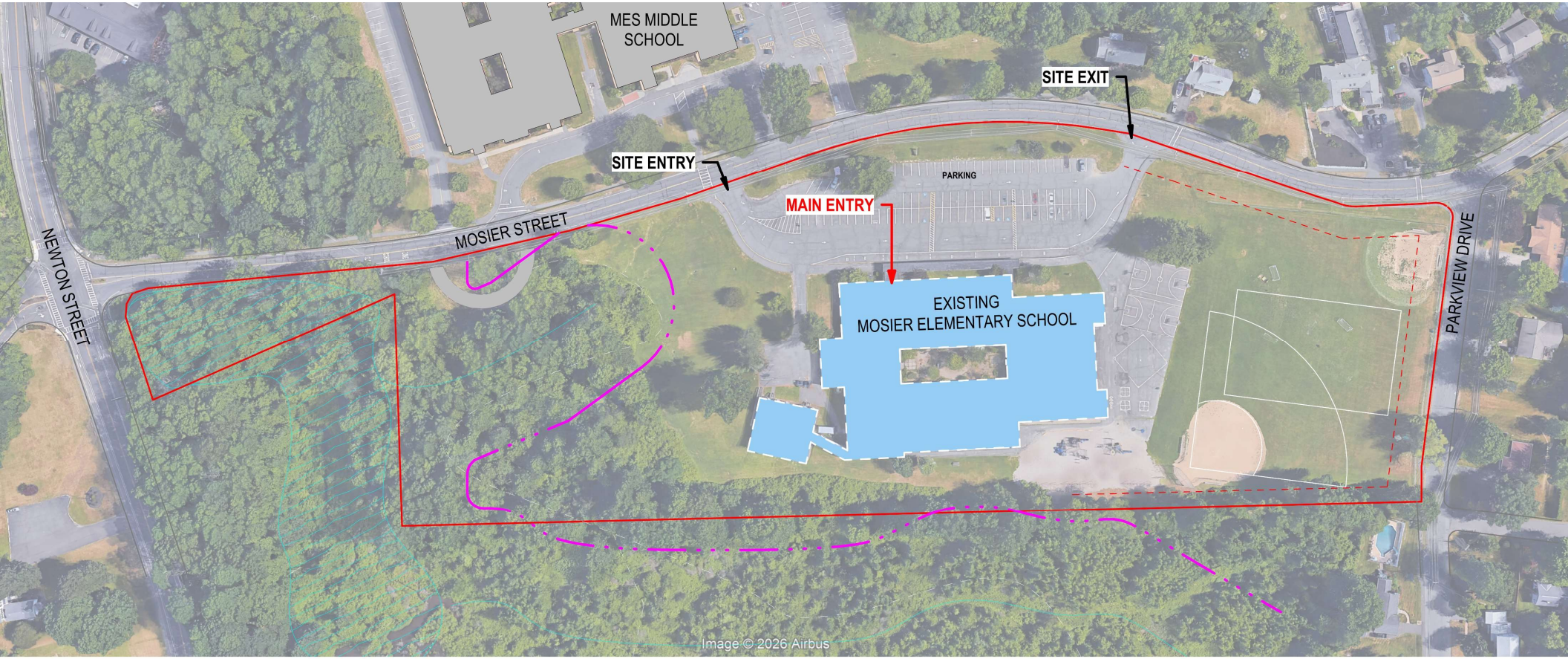
Alt #7 – Gr. 1-5 New Const, MESMS.....$101.4m Construction / $121.6 Total Project

Alt #8 – Gr. 1-5 New Const, Mosier-on-Mosier...$94.1m Construction / $113.0m Total Project

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Existing Site Plan – For Reference



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SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIST OF EMAIL CORRESPONDENCES

May 11, 2026, School Building Committee

Emails received May 1 – May 7, 2026 (report end time at 5:30pm (24 hrs. prior to SBC meeting))

1 Email received March 13, 2026

Project Email (shbuilds@shschools.com)

- May 1 and May 6 emails (attached) from Lisa Cauley, requesting her email be formally included in the MSBA as a public record. Additionally requesting to remove Options 4 and 5 from the Preferred Schematic Report and listed questions and concerns within her email.
- May 5 email (attached) from Mark Crowther, requesting open comment to take place at the beginning of meeting and prior to the vote, opposed to the end.
- May 6 email (attached) from Odette Nunes-Turcotte, requesting confirmation of email receipt and enclosed a letter signed by Phil Turcotte and Odette Nunes-Turcotte. Letter indicated preference to select alternative plan #8, Mosier on Mosier Splayed, or alternative plan #8.1 Mosier on Mosier Courtyard. Additionally requesting public comments be scheduled before a formal vote is taken.
- May 6 email (attached) from Stella Sexton, Fuss & O'Neill. She acknowledges emails from Robert Shute and passed them along to project manager.
- May 6 (attached) from Robert Shute. Sent 3 emails with formal letters attached to: Skanska USA, Fuss & O'Neill, and Mt. Vernon Architects.
- May 6 and May 7 emails (attached) from Robert Shute, requesting information regarding the building project email correspondence process. Also requesting additional information for any questions that may not have been previously addressed.
- May 7 email (attached) from Nancy Lacey, proposing concerns with Alt options 4 & 5. Advocating for alternate #8 site plan. *Unable to open / read her formal letter due to access limitations. Email was sent to her requesting "viewing" access.
- May 7 email (attached) from Lauren Brewer, requesting public concerns be heard prior to final vote. Additionally, a list of questions included within the email body.
- May 7 email (attached) from Lori LaPierre, requesting public concerns be heard prior to final vote. Additionally, a list of questions included within the email body.

- May 7 email (attached) from Carol Parrish, requesting public concerns be heard prior to final vote. Additionally, a list of questions included within the email body.
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** March 13 email received from Sarah Gmeiner with attached petition including 70 signatures. The petition is requesting the Selectboard call a Special Town Meeting.

Note: Certain sender identifying information may be redacted in order to protect personal privacy while maintaining the substance of the correspondence for public record purposes.

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Petition Submission Regarding School Building Project

2 messages

Sarah Gmeiner <sgmeiner@southhadleyma.gov> Fri, Mar 13, 2026 at 5:32 PM
To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Cc: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>, Lisa Mead <lisa@mtclawyers.com>, Lisa Wong <Selectboard@southhadleyma.gov>

Good evening,

Attached is a scan of a written petition including 70 signatures. The petition is requesting the Selectboard call a Special Town Meeting. It was submitted earlier today.

Per our bylaws, (72-2) The Selectboard shall call a Special Town Meeting upon receipt of a written petition with at least 200 certified registered voters signatures. Upon receipt the Selectboard must hold the Special Town Meeting within 45 days.

Thank you,

Sarah Gmeiner
Town Clerk
Pronouns: They, Them
116 Main Street Room M11
South Hadley, MA 01075
Phone: (413) 538-5030 x6115

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Cauley Special Town Meeting Petition.pdf
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Lisa Mead <lisa@mtclawyers.com> Sat, Mar 14, 2026 at 8:53 AM
To: Sarah Gmeiner <sgmeiner@southhadleyma.gov>, "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>, Lisa Wong <Selectboard@southhadleyma.gov>

I think these folks need to know that their warrant article is advisory only and will not control the building committee. Of course, ultimately the Town Meeting will approve or not, the funding for the school, and that of course is where the rubber meets the road.

Lisa

Lisa L. Mead

[she/her/hers]

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Date: March 13, 2026

Subject: Formal Petition along with Formal Abutter Testimony.

TO: South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
CC: South Hadley Town Clerk; Town Administrator; Town Counsel; Selectboard; Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)

FROM:
Lisa Cauley
9 Parkview View
South Hadley, MA 01075
413-335-2989

I am writing as the owner of 9 Parkview View and a "Party of Interest" (direct butter.) While I support modernizing our schools, I challenge the selection of **Options 4 and 5 on our town's behalf. I formally request for the record options 4 and 5 be removed from consideration** to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)

Attached is a formal petition of intent that supports this request.

Lisa Cauley

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#	SIGNATURE (As Registered)	PRINTED NAME	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	DATE
1	Judith Loughrey	Judith Loughrey	17 Blueberry Bends Hadley	3/12/26
2	Melissa Cooney	Melissa Cooney	3 Burnett Ave. S Hadley	3/12/26
3		Justin Latham	3 Burnett Ave	3/12
4	Sean Sears	Sean Sears	19 West Parkview Dr	3/12
5	Karen M Johnson	Karen M Johnson	23 West Parkview Dr	3/12
6	George E Johnson II	GEORGE E. JOHNSON III	23 WEST PARKVIEW DR	3/12/26
7		Jill Kovalchik	20 W. Parkview Dr.	3/12/26
8		Winter Anderson	24 W. Parkview Dr.	3/12/26
9		Nickolas Anderson	24 W. Parkview Dr.	3/12/26
10	Tricia Squire	Tricia Squire	25 Parkview Dr.	3/12/26

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1	Nancy Ingham	NANCY INGHAM	40 ASHTON LANE	3/12/26
2	John Kovalchik	John Kovalchik	20 West Parkview Dr.	3/12/26
3	Matthew Hayes	MATTHEW HAYES	25 WEST PARKVIEW DR	3/12/26
4	Teresa Mendoza	Teresa Mendoza	48 Ashton Ln	3/12/26
5	Joseph B. Fitzgerald	JOSEPH FITZGERALD	31 W. PARKVIEW DR	3/12/26
6	Theresa O'Brien-Bailly	Theresa O'Brien-Bailly	15 West Parkview Dr	3/12/26
7	Bruce Bailly	Bruce Bailly	15 W. Parkview Dr	3/12/26
8	Kathryn Fitzgerald	Kathryn Fitzgerald	31 W Parkview Dr	3/12/26
9	Steve Kolak	Steve Kolak	21 Parkview Dr	3/12/26
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8	Amanda Neikirk	Amanda Neikirk	22 Ashton Ln	3/12/26
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3		Nancy Lacey	1 Blueberry Bend	3/12/2026
4		Alanna Scully	6 Parkview Dr.	3/13/2026
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5	Dale Gurek	DALE GUREK	18 ASHTON LANE	3/12/2026
6	Holly Rondeau	Holly Rondeau	57 Dartmouth St	3/12/26
7		Joshua Rondeau	57 Dartmouth St.	3/12/26
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3	Kimberly S. Campbell	Kimberly S. Campbell	71 Hadley Village Rd.	3/12/26
4	Zoey Campbell	Zoey Campbell	71 Hadley Village Rd.	3/12/26
5		Robert Migliaccio	71 Hadley village road	3/12/26
6	Casey Bergeron	Casey Bergeron	101 Abbey st	3/12/26
7	William Padilla	William Padilla	26 North St	3/13/26
8	Susan E. Padilla	Susan E. Padilla	26 North St	3/13/26
9	Patricia L. Smith M.Ed.	Patricia L. Smith, M.Ed.	240 Lathrop St.	3.13.26
10	Margaret M Cadieux	Margaret Cadieux	401 Mount Pleasant Place	3/13/26

Outlook

Re: Committee to immediately remove Options 4 and 5 from the Preferred Schematic Report

From lisa cauley <cauleylisa123@gmail.com>
Date Wed 5/6/2026 5:34 PM
To Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>; shbuilds@shschools.com <shbuilds@shschools.com>; townclerk@southhadleyma.gov <townclerk@southhadleyma.gov>; Sarah Gmeiner <sgmeiner@southhadleyma.gov>
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We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of South Hadley, pursuant to applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, hereby formally request that the following email to the South Hadley School Building Committee be included in the Massachusetts Association School Board Building Association (MSBA) as public record.

My name is Lisa Cauley, and I live at 9 Parkview View Drive in South Hadley. Please note that the Cauley family has owned this property since 1962—longer than Mosier Elementary School has been standing. I am writing to you again as a taxpayer and to continue to formally record my status as a direct abutter to the Mosier School Project alternative options 4/5. Please take note: There is more that could be shared. I was advised by counsel not to share further details at this time. Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Urgent Questions Regarding the May 11th Meeting:

1. We formally request that Chair Diane Mulvaney create an agenda which includes a 3-minute public comment period, limited to two questions. This comment period is to be included in the public records for the Massachusetts Association School Board Building Association (MSBA) meeting minutes on May 11th, 2026, agenda. This comment period should occur before the Boards final vote on the preferred schematic report option on May 11th.
2. We formally request clear instructions on where to access the May 11th meeting agenda in advance.
3. We formally request that the May 11th meeting includes a Zoom/remote option to ensure maximum public awareness and participation. We question why this hasn't occurred when multiple tax payors have requested this and is it an option in other town meetings/forums?
4. Please confirm the final location and time of the May 11th meeting.
5. We formally ask why our submitted petition from March 13, 2026, that was sent to the school board building committee email with a record of receipt by the Town Clerk (32 pages, 248 signatures collected within 72 hours) has not yet been uploaded as public record, whereas other community members' emails have been included. I have formally requested this and have yet to receive a response.
6. Following input from James Buckley regarding construction vs. soft costs, we formally request to see the actual, total projected cost for the final three options prior to the May 11th vote, swing

space included.

Petition Position & Safety Concerns
The *Statement of Intent* on our petition was clear-
"We object to alternative options 4/5".

We believe that Options 4 and 5 present significant concerns related to public safety, including increased traffic congestion, impacts to residential roadways, and potential interference with reliable emergency vehicle access. These concerns are particularly acute given the reliance on limited points of ingress and egress serving surrounding neighborhoods. Such conditions may adversely affect safe and continuous access and raise concerns regarding compliance with established planning principles governing roadway capacity and public safety. Environmental and other impacts further compound these concerns.

We further believe the “Mosier on Mosier” Option 8 represents more appropriate alternatives that better align with existing neighborhood conditions, roadway capacity, educational needs and safety of students, overall infrastructure, and are more consistent with the intent of applicable zoning and land use standards.

We believe the "Mosier on Mosier" option 8 is the best preferred option to be selected for the preferred schematic report currently since this option is in accordance with the following:

- Compliance with local zoning bylaws and applicable planning board regulations
- Careful consideration of roadway capacity and the adequacy of access, including safe and reliable emergency vehicle access
- Comprehensive traffic mitigation strategies sufficient to prevent congestion and obstruction of residential access
- Appropriate residential setbacks
- Consistent with surrounding land use patterns
- Efficient industrial lay-down areas and safe lay down stage areas for construction requirements: Equipment, Contractor trailers, construction workers etc.
- Less educational disruption due to noise and safety risk to students near open construction.

We further assert that taxpayers and residents have the right to fully evaluate and provide input on site selection options prior to submission of the preferred schematic report to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), and in advance of any future debt exclusion vote currently anticipated for Winter 2027. There still hasn't been a public release of the traffic study, nor the swing space cost. Or the total projected cost of each project.

We believe the construction plans for Options 4 and 5 contain unfunded liabilities and fiscal risks that this board cannot afford to ignore.

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I have a child currently attending Mosier and another who will attend in the coming years, I fully support the necessary safety updates required for our students. However, I am deeply concerned if this board chooses option 4/5 out of the three options currently on the ballot for 5/11/26.

I am concerned about the safety of my children personally. Along with the safety of the residents in the neighborhood.

If option 4/5 is selected children attending the school will have educational disruptions with the major construction and potential safety issues being so close to a construction site. Although swing space is required for the Mosier on Mosier this option is the least disruptive option to our students and community.

I believe if the Board selects options 4 and 5, the Committee will cause direct legal harm to my family. This design, which I believe shows "deficiency and neglect “creates a private nuisance through light and noise, risks of property damage, and decrease of value.

I had three quotes by realtor agents who stated “Yes” a building of this scale so close to my home will decrease our property along with my fellow neighbors.

These plans place substantial and unreasonable interferences on the enjoyment of our family’s property. The proposed new construction and a paved perimeter road directly against my property line is a safety risk. This is more than just a loss of privacy, which we feel like anyone can agree with us on as being unjust; Options 4 and 5 also cause budgetary and safety liability.

In the world of MSBA funding, delays = equal loss of millions, and the intrusive options of 4 and 5 are an invitation for litigation delays. Beyond the budget, we must consider the long-term integrity of our residential neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and for your hard work on this project. I appreciate the time the School Board Building Committee and the design team at Mount Vernon Group Architect took to re-evaluate the previous options. Mosier and Mosier is the site plan that doesn’t cause my family legal harm—That also reflects respectful residential setbacks and traffic mitigation. Options 4 and 5 are a radical departure from the character of our neighborhood. Options 4/5 threaten the residential feel of the community we value so much.
I believe the school board should utilize the existing Mosier footprint to avoid creating these high-cost environmental and legal risks. Choosing a high-risk path over a safer renovation path is a failure of the towns' legal and ethical obligations. Thank you

TABLE OF EXHIBITS ATTACHED

· EXHIBIT A: Aerial Photo of 9 Parkview View showing the existing natural green buffer.



· EXHIBIT B: Proposed Option 4/5 Overlay

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Exhibit C of discussion with Town Clerk:

From: lisa cauley <cauleylisa123@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:11 PM
To: SGMEINER@SOUTHHADLEYMA.GOV <SGMEINER@SOUTHHADLEYMA.GOV>; bbailly16@gmail.com <BBAILLY16@GMAIL.COM>; gmamodio@gmail.com <gmamodio@gmail.com>; jkristek115@gmail.com <jkristek115@gmail.com>
Subject: Committee to immediately remove Options 4 and 5 from the Preferred Schematic Report

Hello,

My Name is Lisa Cauley I live off 9 Parkview Drive in South Hadley a direct abutter to option 4 & 5. I spoke with Sara today on 3/13/2026 at 10AM to discuss what is the best course of action to ensure **Options 4 and 5** are removed from the School Building Committees submission that's taking place in April 2026 for the MSBA submission. In a very short amount of time since I started this petition on 3/12/2026 there is a significant clear objection to options 4&5. I want to ensure a formal record of objection to **Options 4 and 5**. I am looking to ensure that the truly "preferred" alternative solutions for submission are **option 6 or 7** that is submitted to the MSBA submission in April. We have clear intent that we are not objecting to the MSBA submission at this very moment in time, however we can *take any other action relative thereto*. We are wanting to ensure South Hadley School District and Town of South Hadley are provided the opportunity to work with the MSBA on behalf of the students and families of this community however only for the proposal to be **6, or 7.** We believe the South Hadley School Board could either utilize the following existing Mosier footprint (option 1, 2, & 3) to avoid high-cost environmental and legal risks. Options 4 and 5 threaten the long-term integrity of our residential neighborhood, leading to a depletion of home values, permanent light/noise pollution, and traffic safety

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That being said: as of now this is what I have written below. Your guidance is helpful during navigating the best course of action to ensure this circumstance is completed on our community's behalf.

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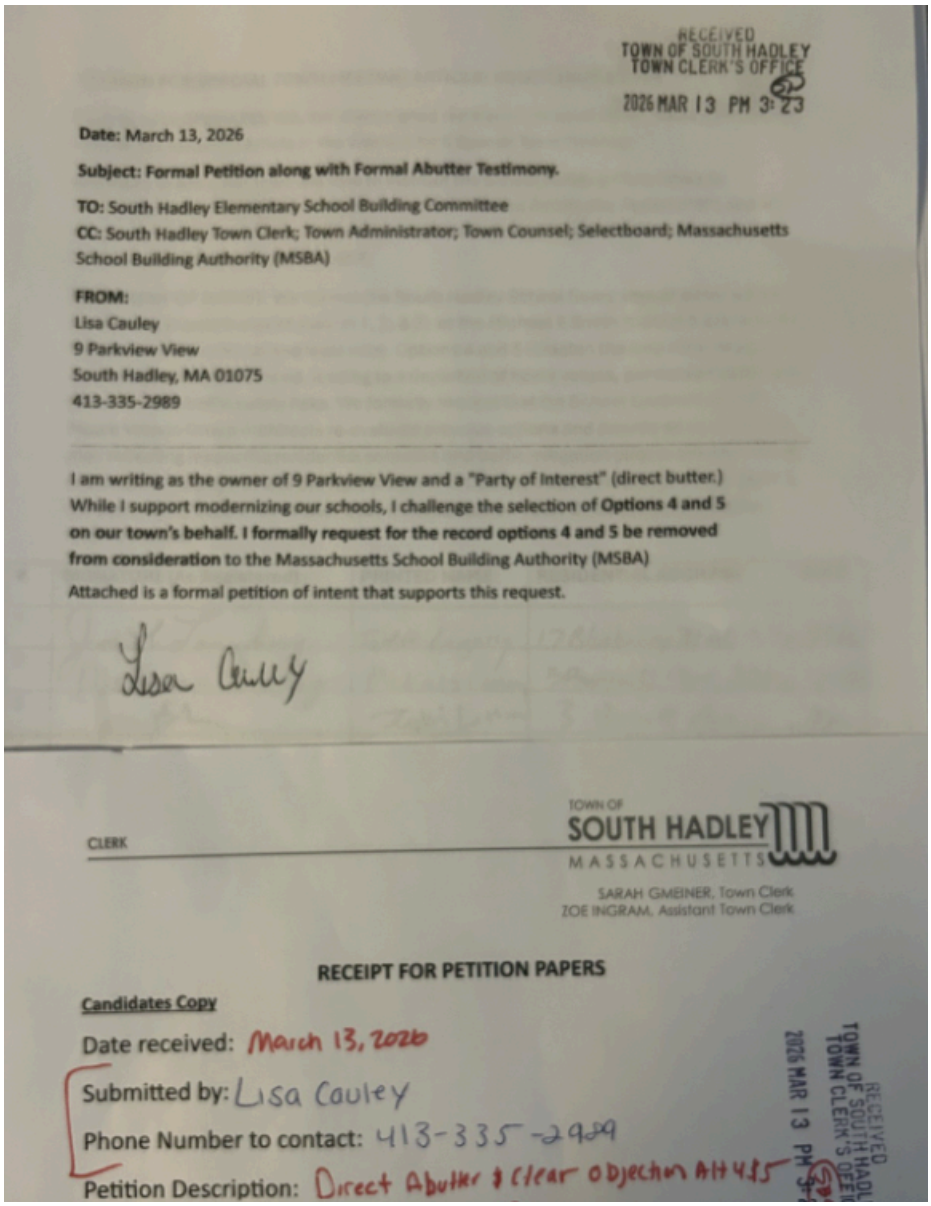
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Subject: Formal Petition along with Formal Abutter Testimony.

TO: South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
CC: South Hadley Town Clerk; Town Administrator; Town Counsel; Selectboard; Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)

FROM:
Lisa Cauley
9 Parkview View
South Hadley, MA 01075
413-335-2989

I am writing as the owner of 9 Parkview View and a "Party of Interest" (direct butter.) While I support modernizing our schools, I challenge the selection of **Options 4 and 5 on our town's behalf. I formally request for the record options 4 and 5 be removed from consideration** to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)

Attached is a formal petition of intent that supports this request.

Lisa Cauley

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SARAH GMEINER, Town Clerk
ZOE INGRAM, Assistant Town Clerk

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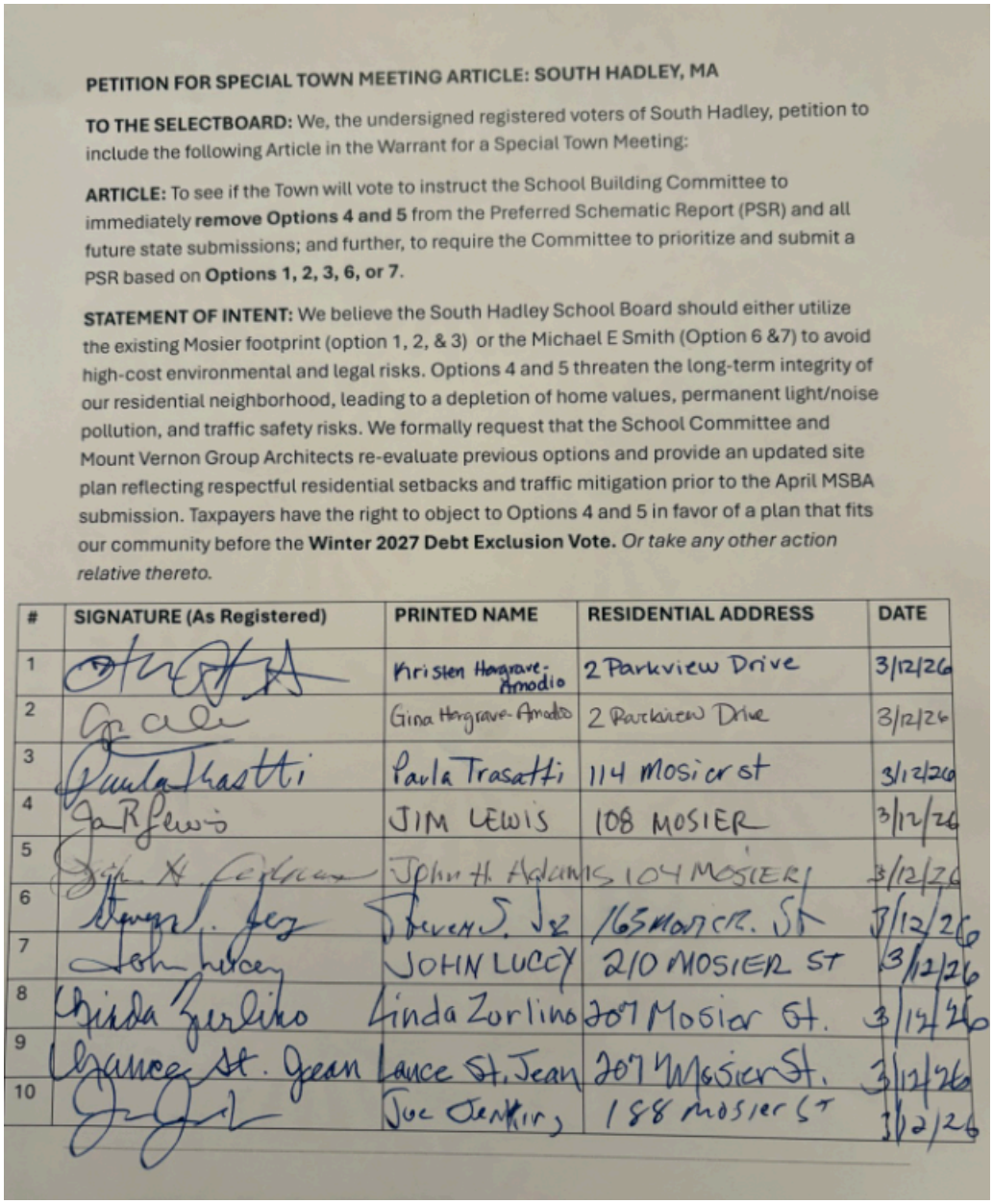
Date received: March 13, 2026

Submitted by: Lisa Cauley

Phone Number to contact: 413-335-2989

Petition Description: Direct Abutter & Clear Objection AH 4&5

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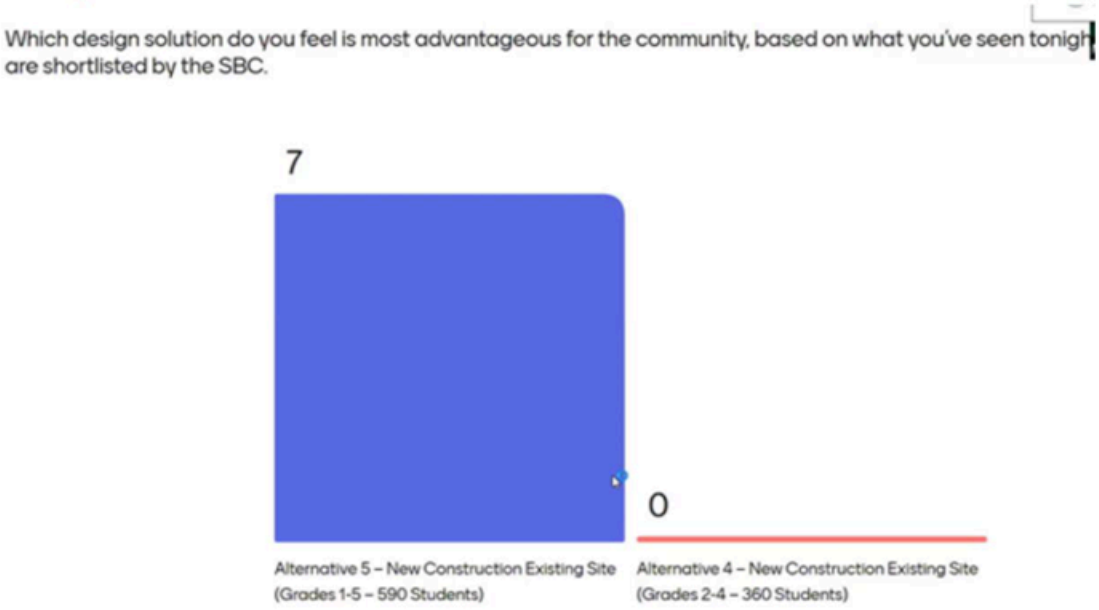
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Exhibit G on February 4th, 2026 - The School Committee board short listed voters to only vote on options 4/5 which is the same site location. Only Options 4 and 5 were eligible for voting from the seven available choices. A member who was one of the 7 (Linda Young) signed the petition and was upset she didn't get to cast a vote on one through seven.



From: lisa cauley <cauleylisa123@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 5:26 PM
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>; shbuilds@shschools.com <shbuilds@shschools.com>; townclerk@southhadleyma.gov <townclerk@southhadleyma.gov>; Sarah Gmeiner <sgmeiner@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: BBAILLY16@gmail.com <BBAILLY16@gmail.com>; gmamodio@gmail.com <gmamodio@gmail.com>; jkristek115@gmail.com <jkristek115@gmail.com>; bshute@comcast.net <bshute@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Committee to immediately remove Options 4 and 5 from the Preferred Schematic Report

Good afternoon,

I noticed that only a portion of the correspondence between residents and the School Board Building Committee has been uploaded to the project website.

To ensure the public record is complete, could you please ensure the following documents—which were previously sent to shbuilds@shschools.com, the Town Clerk's Office, and yourself—are attached and made available online:

- The signed petition documents
- The signed letter of receipt from the Town Clerk
- My direct abutter letter

Additionally, we are wondering if this petition is still open for more signatures. I believe Gina has already reached out to inquire about this matter, but we would appreciate a clarification.

Thank you for your assistance, and I hope you enjoy your weekend.

From: lisa cauley <cauleylisa123@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 10:07 AM
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>; shbuilds@shschools.com <shbuilds@shschools.com>; townclerk@southhadleyma.gov <townclerk@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: BBAILLY16@gmail.com <BBAILLY16@gmail.com>; gmamodio@gmail.com <gmamodio@gmail.com>; jkristek115@gmail.com <jkristek115@gmail.com>; Sarah Gmeiner <sgmeiner@southhadleyma.gov>
Subject: Re: Committee to immediately remove Options 4 and 5 from the Preferred Schematic Report

Lisa,
Thank you for your open communication since we started having conversations.

I can't speak for the stakeholders nor the people on this thread.

If they plan on speaking or doing anything further that is on them at this point in time.

I guess for me personally at this time.... all I am formally asking is that [redacted] be removed from what is posted online due to my mistake of sending this communication not from my personal email.

I am concerned about my personal matters being associated with where I work.

If that can please be resolved ASAP I appreciate it. I did call you twice to discuss this matter this morning and will await your call back which I hope is prior to 5:30pm tonight.

I know I shared my personal thoughts online with my you tube channel that I see is now tied to the school website.

I am fine to speak towards that video but only if asked. I am stating my intention to just sit and listen at tonight's meeting.

I just don't want [redacted] and myself associated publicly at this time.

I am also seeing that you have my tube video also online and I believe it might be a topic discussed today.

If tonight's agenda talks about me personally. I formally just ask that I have a chance to speak on

record prior to a new survey being sent out to the people who might show up in person at tonight's meeting.

I appreciate your open communication and all that has been discussed since I mentioned my opinions publicly.

Thank you for your time.

On Sat, Mar 14, 2026 at 10:20 AM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

> Lisa,
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> I confirmed with our town attorney that town meeting did not bind the building committee at all.
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> If a Special Town Meeting is held, the actions are advisory in nature.
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> Let me know if you have any questions.
>
> Lisa Wong
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> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **lisa cauley** <cauleylisa123@gmail.com>
> Date: Fri, Mar 13, 2026 at 1:11 PM
> Subject: Committee to immediately remove Options 4 and 5 from the Preferred Schematic Report
> To: <SGMEINER@southhadleyma.gov>, bbailly16@gmail.com <BBAILLY16@gmail.com>, <gmamodio@gmail.com>, <jkristek115@gmail.com>
>
> Hello,
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> My Name is Lisa Cauley I live off 9 Parkview Drive in South Hadley a direct abutter to option 4 & 5. I spoke with Sara today on 3/13/2026 at 10AM to discuss what is the best course of action to ensure **Options 4 and 5** are removed from the School Building Committees submission that's taking place in April 2026 for the MSBA submission. In a very short amount of time since I started this petition on 3/12/2026 there is a significant clear objection to options 4&5. I want to ensure a formal record of objection to **Options 4 and 5**. I am looking to ensure that the truly "preferred" alternative solutions for submission are **option 6 or 7** that is submitted to the MSBA submission in April. We have clear intent that we are not objecting to the MSBA submission at this very moment in time, however we can *take any other action relative thereto*. We are wanting to ensure South Hadley School District and Town of South Hadley are provided the opportunity to work with the MSBA on behalf of the students and families of this community however only for the proposal to be **6, or 7.** We believe the South Hadley School Board could either utilize the following existing Mosier footprint (option 1, 2, & 3) to avoid high-cost environmental and legal risks. Options 4 and 5 threaten the long-term integrity of our residential neighborhood, leading to a depletion of home values, permanent light/noise pollution, and traffic safety risks. We

formally request that the School Committee and Mount Vernon Group Architects re-evaluate previous options and provide an updated site plan reflecting respectful residential setbacks and traffic mitigation prior to the April MSBA submission which is option 6 & 7. Taxpayers have the right to object to Options 4 and 5 in favor of a plan that fits our community before the **Winter 2027 Debt Exclusion Vote.** *Or take any other action relative thereto.*

That being said: as of now this is what I have written below. Your guidance is helpful during navigating the best course of action to ensure this circumstance is completed on our community's behalf.

PETITION FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE: SOUTH HADLEY, MA

TO THE SELECTBOARD: We, the undersigned registered voters of South Hadley, petition to include the following Article in the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting:

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Building Committee to immediately **remove Options 4 and 5** from the Preferred Schematic Report (PSR) and all future state submissions; and further, to require the Committee to prioritize and submit a PSR based on **Options 1, 2, 3, 6, or 7**.

STATEMENT OF INTENT: We believe the South Hadley School Board should utilize the existing Mosier footprint (option 1, 2, & 3) to avoid high-cost environmental and legal risks. Options 4 and 5 threaten the long-term integrity of our residential neighborhood, leading to a depletion of home values, permanent light/noise pollution, and traffic safety risks. We formally request that the School Committee and Mount Vernon Group Architects re-evaluate previous options and provide an updated site plan reflecting respectful residential setbacks and traffic mitigation prior to the April MSBA submission. Taxpayers have the right to object to Options 4 and 5 in favor of a plan that fits our community before the **Winter 2027 Debt Exclusion Vote.** *Or take any other action relative thereto.*

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Open Comment

Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com> Tue, May 5, 2026 at 7:55 PM
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Hello,

In reviewing recent past meeting agendas it's noted that Open Comment sometimes occurs toward the beginning of the meeting and other times toward the end. If I recall correctly I understand that the committee will be voting at the next meeting on what alternative will be submitted to the MSBA, with that vote in mind I respectfully request that open comment be placed prior to the vote so that town residents may have a last opportunity to express their views before the vote. Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Crowther
32 Ashton Lane

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Letter to the South Hadley Elementary Building Committee Dated 5/6/26

Odette Nunes-Turcotte <onunesturcotte@gmail.com> Wed, May 6, 2026 at 12:49 PM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "lwong@southhadleyma.gov" <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>, "efriesner@shschools.com" <efriesner@shschools.com>

Attached is a letter to Diane Mulvaney, Chairperson, and Members of the South Hadley Elementary Building Committee. Please confirm that this email has been delivered when you received it and share accordingly.

May 6 2026 Letter to Mosier Building Committee.docx
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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

12 messages

Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> Wed, Apr 8, 2026 at 2:19 PM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
    b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
    c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.
1. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
2. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
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> I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.
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> Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:
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> a. that you received it; and,
> b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.
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> The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:
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> 1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:
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> a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
> b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
> c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.
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> 2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

> On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
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> Try this link.
>
> https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk
>
> The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.
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> Timeline is attached.
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> On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
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> > Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.
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> > SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised …
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> > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
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> > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
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> > > I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.
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> > > The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.
> > >
> > > Sincerely,
> > >
> > > Robert Shute
> > > 27 Ashton Lane
> > > South Hadley, MQ 01075
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> > > > On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
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> > > > Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.
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> > > > Lisa
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> > > > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
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> > > > > Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:
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> > > > > a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
> > > > > b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.
> > > > >
> > > > > Robert Shute

27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:44 PM
To: [redacted]shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>, "Voyik, Jennifer" <jvoyik@shschools.com>, Diane Mulvaney <dsmulvaney@shadleyma.org>

Passing this along for input

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE** <bshute@comcast.net>
Date: Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that

ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

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27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.
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Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> Tue, Apr 14, 2026 at 2:09 PM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Bcc: shbuilds@shschools.com

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

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Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

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Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

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To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

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2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>, "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

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Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as w
representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
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We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities ir
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Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

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The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administra review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to res when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentati available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be av appropriate to the agenda.

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On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elem to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally h meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If y signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the M Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committe pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfull being in the best interest of the district.
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> b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
> c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is ke understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or auth with the Elementary School Building Project.
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>
> Sincerely,
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>

To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession a short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I resp need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So t don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selecte preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without be the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportuni

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c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic s study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, a March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting? is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
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Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

> On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
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> Try this link.
>
> https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk
>
> The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.
>
> Timeline is attached.
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> On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
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> > Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.
> >
> > SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised
> >
> > 03252026.docx
> >
> > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> >
> > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
> > >
> > > I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.
> > >
> > > The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.
> > >
> > > Sincerely,
> > >
> > > Robert Shute
> > > 27 Ashton Lane
> > > South Hadley, MQ 01075
> > >
> > > On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
> > >
> > > Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.
> > >
> > > Lisa
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> > > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> > >
> > > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
> > > >
> > > > Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:
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> > > > a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
> > > > b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.
> > > >
> > > > Robert Shute
> > > > 27 Ashton Lane
> > > > South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and

what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Pro & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understan thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining num available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason yo receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, t for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with* response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of th responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to commu attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at t attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific in public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state,

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later pr Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other v taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the s will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the constructio Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be mad

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question v
Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across M School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School si fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group o traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice t committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by r be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to e exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the r accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traf maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measureme intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traf conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site ev the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications a responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designe through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Adminis review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to r when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting present available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website:
https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communica

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately t full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due t state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is pa
specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic stu
Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring an
emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple
applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those
this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure
portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School B
further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other way
will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will b
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have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no
critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not corre
when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before
the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the s
any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Comi
refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to
it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rathe
questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make
before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safe
there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in i
and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an ar
traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be p
company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via c
such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the re
company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of
have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing the

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of t
proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciatec

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustratior
original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Ele to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the communit design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. I signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the commit pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overa students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth pla district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of eac current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtf being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that in number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
    b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Co review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the
    c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the doc for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by vid South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by th following scheduled meeting.
1. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first s traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alterna District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community fe are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
2. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they t when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding t should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some a proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *too* information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to our email history the information at issue is:

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a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is
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with the Elementary School Building Project.

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3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safe
name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 3
Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession
short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I re
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Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, t
project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consultin
is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

> On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
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> Try this link.
>
> https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk
>
> The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.
>
> Timeline is attached.
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> On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
>
> > Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.
> >
> > SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised
> >
> > 03252026.docx
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> > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> >
> > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
> > >
> > > I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.
> > >
> > > The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.
> > >
> > > Sincerely,
> > >
> > > Robert Shute
> > > 27 Ashton Lane
> > > South Hadley, MQ 01075
> > >
> > > On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
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> Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:
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> a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
> b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.
>
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MA 01075
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> ---------- Original Message ----------
> From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
> To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
> Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
> Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong
>
> Good evening Ms. Wong;
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> I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:
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and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the quest watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable r plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would a study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individ responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee lea
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building C
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Bu on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional resp staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understand

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The re available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely r

more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for a receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the buildir that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Plea me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b* response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In respo attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comme attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submissio

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of finding Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential conges taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will becom contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essenc

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been subı will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether t critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Buildinç yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with t Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my spec Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please l

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier Sc School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mo fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling th

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I rec committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Ve traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O' committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site p ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenanc maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed takin intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that co responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, inclu through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, an review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Com when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC r available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that dis appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be d reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's establis

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to question the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building C state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
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> Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
> that you have received it; and,
> when I may expect a substantive response.
>
> I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this f specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions abou Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.
>
> Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an importa applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy an this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.
>
> Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. Th been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand corre have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic the PSR submission.*
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> If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is subr any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the E refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available fo it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state mea questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contai before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of ho there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likel and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a r traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important th company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on r such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent di company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.
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> **Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM**

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee m
have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better tha

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locat

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; an
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy ill
proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatl

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and co
original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Mee
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA appr
to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awarene
meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to addre
design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public
signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communicatio
Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented
   pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational expe
   students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playground
   district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or adva
   current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection
   being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selecti committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once au weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the Schoo review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential c the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. T for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be re South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been a following scheduled meeting.

1. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the desig traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating th District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
2. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communicatio should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
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> I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you l manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are conso you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee me proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.
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> Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:
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> a. that you received it; and,
> b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and su
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> 3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform th name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.
>
> Sincerely,
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
>
> The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rap short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and prov don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I
project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brenr
is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact inforn

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, howe
have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to
perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact inforr

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the spec
timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. P
therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for th
information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project mar
and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questic

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building
Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was
apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-b
conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will I
any opportunities to:

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meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) o
Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealin
the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the
MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit
usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents
school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects,

residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body tha
makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

> Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.
>
> SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised
>
> 03252026.docx

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
>
> I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.
>
> The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MQ 01075
>
> > On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
> >
> > Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.
> >
> > Lisa
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> > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> >
> > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
> > >
> > > Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:
> > >
> > > a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
> > > b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.
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> > > Robert Shute
> > > 27 Ashton Lane
> > > South Hadley, MA 01075
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> > > > ---------- Original Message ----------
> > > > From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
> > > > To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
> > > > Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
> > > > Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong
> > > >
> > > > Good evening Ms. Wong;
> > > >
> > > > I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School

Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

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b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity

d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School Buildi below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, mea the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic stu option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. Ho will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/3 Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study servic explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the comm

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to fac proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vo public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure a

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate o separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurement site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Build

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon:
>
> I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the que watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Buildin It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously request my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.
>
> Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.
>
> I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the indiv responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.
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> Sincerely,
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MA
>
> > On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
> >
> > Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/11882*
> >
> > Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.
> >
> > Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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> > On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
> >
> > > Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
> > > We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee le
> > > Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building
> > > In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:
> > >
> > > - Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage

- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional res staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understar

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:
>
> I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.
>
> My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timel more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for receipt of this email:
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> a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
> b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
> c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?
>
> Sincerely,
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MA
>
> ---------- Original Message ----------
> From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
> To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
> Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
> Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
> Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong
>
> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
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> Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the build that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to o for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Ple me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a* response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the nar responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.
>
> I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In resp attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comr attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not addres public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submiss
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> To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findir Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential cong taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will becc contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in esser
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4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I r committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount V traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and C committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will t be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If t exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, a accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintena maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed tak intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (a conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/ the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, inc through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Co when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website:
https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to b reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's estab

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questic the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to ta full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions abc Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible fo
emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an impor
applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy a
this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I wa
portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented
further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congesti
will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. T
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when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traff
the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is su
any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the
refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available f
it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state m
questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may cont
before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of
there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are lik
and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a
traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important
company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies or
such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent
company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee
have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better f

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to loca

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; a
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy
proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be grea

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and
original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Me
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA ap to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's aware meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to add design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Pub signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communicat Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presente pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational exp students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrou district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or adv current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selectio being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design sele committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the schoo number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups an done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observatio
    b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the Sch review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potentia the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based o study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to th
    c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been following scheduled meeting.
1. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the des traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based o are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
2. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and th when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communicat should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Gro cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that yo manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are cons you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee m proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid s including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respe information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that yo our email history the information at issue is:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform
name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However,
Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in r
short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in time
need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and pr
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Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
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From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, a
project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Bre
is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact info

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, ho
have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going t
perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact info

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the spe
timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below.
therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for
information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project m
and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those ques

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email he

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Buildir Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also wa apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public wi any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to th MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

> On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
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> Try this link.
>
> https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/e usp=drivesdk
>
> The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body t makes the required votes.
>
> Timeline is attached.
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> On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
>
> > Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.
> >
> > SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised
> >
> > 03252026.docx
> >
> > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> >
> > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
> > >
> > > I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.
> > >
> > > The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.
> > >
> > > Sincerely,
> > >
> > > Robert Shute
> > > 27 Ashton Lane
> > > South Hadley, MQ 01075
> > >
> > > > On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.
> > > >
> > > > Lisa
> > > >
> > > > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the

"preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the meantim I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.

Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study b chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. Hov additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction o where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosi (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the bu purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at th O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, i be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll c meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure ar

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and mo on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair

Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon:
>
> I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers t
> watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a r
> plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information t
> study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to th
> It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previousl
> my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.
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> Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain b
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> I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name o
> responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.
>
> Sincerely,
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MA
>
> On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
>
> Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo*
>
> Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.
>
> Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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> On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
>
> > Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
> > We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Co
> > Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the Scho
> > In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:
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> > - Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
> > - Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
> > - The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Scho
> > - Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementar
> > on Vimeo
> >
> > *If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.*
> >
> > We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time profe
> > staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's
> >
> > Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.
> >
> > Sincerely,
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> > Diane Mulvaney – Chair
> > Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
> > Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
> > Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools
> >
> > South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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> > On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> >
> > > Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:
> > >
> > > I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive re
> > >
> > > My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 respo
> > > available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, y
> > > more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/
> > > receipt of this email:
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> > > a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
> > > b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
> > > c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member o
that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up ques
for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going for
me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c,
response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-o
responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanatior
attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute o
attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does r
public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial revie
Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve poter
taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study
contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restate

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yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state a
Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public co

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committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it i
traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a F
committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approva
be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Televisi
exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* constru
ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up ve
accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from
maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was obs
intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and
conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurem
the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email acco responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the proje through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintende review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, tho when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed wit available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requ appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should co reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the pro

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respon the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is exp full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and t state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
>
> Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
> that you have received it; and,
> when I may expect a substantive response.
>
> I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. Hov specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any ques Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.
>
> Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is resp emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I v this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.
>
> Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated question portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later p further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improv been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I under have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect tha critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding i when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critiqu the PSR submission.*
>
> If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study ur any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be direc refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made a it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to th questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understa there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and t and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the f traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put com such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it wil company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.
>
> **Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOL**
>
> Good evening:
>
> Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building C have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various optio

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate h

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee m
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view a
proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it wou

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
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---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can
original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Com
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 wh
to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the commu
meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in
design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as req
signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and
Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were
   pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educa
   students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and
   district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challeng
   current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. Th
   being in the best interest of the district.
   a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final de
      committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from
      number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pi
      done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conduct
      weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the c

b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented t review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingl study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet schedule South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they h following scheduled meeting.

1. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, bu are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent
2. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their stu when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or co should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Ve cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed m manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Co proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual ques

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashio information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any op

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meeti understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or an with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going t name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. H Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being sche short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Commit need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manag don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Com preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was ma the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the pul

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Commi authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the me
project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever comp
is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full co

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It doe
have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?)
perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full co

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any
timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 em
therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a subs
information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your
and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to th

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary Sch
Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5.
apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of
conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the
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b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topi
meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting
Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or auth
the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is prese
MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFf
usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee
school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, arc
residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They ar
makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committe at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and Scho Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directo

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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
>
> I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.
>
> The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MQ 01075
>
> > On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
> >
> > Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.
> >
> > Lisa
> >
> > On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
> >
> > > Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
> > >
> > > Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:
> > >
> > > a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
> > > b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.
> > >
> > > Robert Shute
> > > 27 Ashton Lane
> > > South Hadley, MA 01075
> > >
> > > > ---------- Original Message ----------
> > > > From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
> > > > To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
> > > > Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
> > > > Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong
> > > >
> > > > Good evening Ms. Wong;
> > > >
> > > > I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up

questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or

general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good morning, Mr. Shute,

The general process is that a member of the Skanska OPM team sends approved email responses on behalf of the following SBC members:

- Lisa Wong – Town Administrator – SBC Member
- Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools – SBC Member
- Eric Friesner – School Committee Chair – SBC Member
- Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair SBC - Selectboard
- Diane Mulvaney – Chair SBC

The contact information for the firms you have requested is listed below:

Skanska USA
101 Seaport Boulevard, Suite 200
Boston, MA 02210
Email: nicholas.lobik@skanska.com

Mount Vernon Group
1350 Main Street
Suite 1110
Springfield, MA 01103

Email: cleblanc@mvgarchitects.com

Fuss & O'Neill
1550 Main Street
Suite 400
Springfield, MA 01103
Email: cleblanc@mvgarchitects.com (communications will be forwarded to Fuss & O'Neill)

Sincerely,
Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Mon, May 4, 2026 at 12:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon:
>
> I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the meanti
> I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.
>
> Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.
>
> Sincerely,
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MA
>
> > On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
> >
> > Good afternoon,
> >
> > The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open Schoc
> >
> > *1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the sta*
> > *until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study*
> > *chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part c*
> >
> > If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. Th
> > then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. H
> > additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.
> >
> > *2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction*
> > *where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)*
> >
> > I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question wa
> > is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:
> >
> > *3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mo*
> > *(whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the b*
> > *purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?*
> >
> > Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.
> >
> > 4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at
> > O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services
> > be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.
> >
> > The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service reques
> > from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.
> >
> > 5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by rol
> > meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure
> >
> > Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.
> >
> > 6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and n
> > on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on s
> > traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.
> >
> > Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.
> >
> > 7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measuremen
> > list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurement
> > measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.
> >
> > Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the Schc

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon:
>
> I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answer watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previou my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.
>
> Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chair
>
> I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.
>
> Sincerely,
> Robert Shute
> 27 Ashton Lane
> South Hadley, MA
>
> > On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
> >
> > Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vim*
> >
> > Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.
> >
> > Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
> >
> > On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
> >
> > > Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
> > > We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building C
> > > Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the Scl
> > > In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:
> > >
> > > - Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
> > > - Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
> > > - The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Sc
> > > - Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Element on Vimeo
> > >
> > > *If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.*
> > >
> > > We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time pro staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the communit
> > >
> > > Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.
> > >
> > > Sincerely,
> > >
> > > Diane Mulvaney – Chair
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> > > Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
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> > >
> > > South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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> > > On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
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> > > > Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:
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> > > > I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive
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> > > > My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 resp available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5 receipt of this email:
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> > > > a.) Confirm that you received it; and,

b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up que for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going f *me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-* response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanati attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before***

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial rev Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve pot taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The stu contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restat

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it h will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confi critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen b yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building pro

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the ne School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of th fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon C committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether i traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for appro be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Televi exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* cons ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic fror maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was ol intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss an conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measure the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email ac
responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the pro
through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superinten
review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time,
when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed
available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website:
https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also re
appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should
reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the p

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and resp
the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is e
full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, an
state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
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> Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
> that you have received it; and,
> when I may expect a substantive response.
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> I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. H
> specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any qu
> Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.
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> Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is res
> emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regardi
> applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response.
> this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.
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> Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questi
> portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later
> further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potenti
> will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon impr
> been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I und*
> *have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect t*
> *critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understandin*
> *when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critic*
> *the PSR submission.*
>
> If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study
> any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be dir
> refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made
> it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to
> questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic stud
> before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general unders
> there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and
> and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the
> traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would b
> company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put co
> such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it w
> company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.
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> **Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHO**
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> Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various opt

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can viev proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it w

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
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---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I ca original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Cc appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 v to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the comm meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings i design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as re signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions an Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that wer pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily edu students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields an district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challe current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. T being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered fror number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon

done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is condu
weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presentec
review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to impro
the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordin
study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties an
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly poste
for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet schedu
South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they
following scheduled meeting.

1. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selectio
traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavil
District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, I
are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in rece
2. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their s
when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or c
should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount V
cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed
manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questio
you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 C
proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual que

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being schedule
including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fash
information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me
our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committe
building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicab
conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official mee
understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or a
with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA fo

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going
name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information
Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being sch
short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Comm
need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project mana
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1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Co
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authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

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3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without co March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the m project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever cor is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote

Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It d have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide an timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 e therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a su information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from you and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/2

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary Sc Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being # apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit c conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** th any opportunities to:

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b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is pre MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgb usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committ school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, a residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Commit at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and Sc Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the direc

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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be grea appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075

On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance.

I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning,

construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>, "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I am following up on my 5/4/26 email as well as your 5/1/16 email that partially answered questions going to my 4/22/26 email (all in the email chain below.

Please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who replies to this email and the individual and affiliation watch a 1-hour, 40-minute Committee meeting video to find the answers to my emailed questions. I watched the video where receipt of my email was noted and affiliation for accountability. Anonymity enables this kind of dismissive response which in turn permits the Committee to keep the public uninformed whi

As to your 5/1/26 comments in red font below, please see my follow-up in blue font in the email chain below.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 05/04/2026 12:31 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon:

I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the me
I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.

Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open Sc

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic s chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as pa

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

Thank you for that information but also for clarity and per my original email, that question called for a simple yes or no response, the answer to *2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construc where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) provided.*

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific questior is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing t purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study servi be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that tim

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service rec from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact proced

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting. I un
was an additional element to my question which was not addressed: "will a **roll call** vote be taken in open session..." (Emphasis added.) By rol votes yes, no, or abstain and the vote is recorded by individual name so everyone can see who voted which way. This would be as opposed to side sounds louder, or a show of hands or other method where no individual votes are recorded. or general consent where no individual votes a

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals ar on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate c traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations. I am
scales, but the illustrations don't seem to be consolidated in one place. Also, and I cannot locate any versions of the "behind MES Middle Schoc search like you sent me on regarding the answers to my emails supposedly being on the recording of a committee meeting.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurer list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measuren measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the S

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the ans
watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to
plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving informa
study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my question
It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as pre
my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the c

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the na
responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. https:/

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Build
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of th
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elem on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time
staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the comm

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substan

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26
available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the pro
more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business tod
receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a mem
that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up
for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference goi
me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4,
response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the
responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your expla
attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-mi
attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it
public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***bef***

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial
Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve
taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The
contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are re

1*.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until afte*
will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please c
critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chos
yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2*.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the s*
Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means pul

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, think
Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building

3*.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate th*
School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made
fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purpo

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vern
committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify wheth
traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to
committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for ap
be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Te
exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* o
ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick
accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic
maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill wa
intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fus
conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site meas
the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

> On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Mr. Shute,
>
> Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.
>
> We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) ema
> responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with th
> through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superi
review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional ti
when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viev
available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website:
https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has als
appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments sh
reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and
the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itse
full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team
state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

> Good afternoon Ms. Wong:
>
> Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
> that you have received it; and,
> when I may expect a substantive response.
>
> I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address
> specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any
> Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.
>
> Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is
> emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 rega
> applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no respon
> this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.
>
> Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated qu
> portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and I
> further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve pot
> will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon in
> been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I*
> *have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effe*
> *critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understan*
> *when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to c*
> *the PSR submission.*
>
> If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic stu
> any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be
> refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were m
> it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submissior
> questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic
> before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general un
> there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company
> and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in
> traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it wou
> company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to pu
> such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary
> company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.
>
> **Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSC**
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> Good evening:
>
> Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Build
> have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various
>
> I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indi
>
> Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
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> a.) that you received it; and,

b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Commit
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can
proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting,

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary)
original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 20
to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the c
meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meeti
design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance
signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future question
Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that
   pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily
   students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields
   district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction ch
   current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other consideration
   being in the best interest of the district.
   a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a fi
      committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered
      number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afterno
      done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is co
      weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following
   b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later prese
      review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to im
      the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified acco
      study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties
   c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly p
      for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet sch

South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once t
following scheduled meeting.

1. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the sele
traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and he
District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the Distr
are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in r
2. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct the
when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions
should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mou
cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you inforr
manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier que
you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 202
proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still app

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being sche
including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely f
information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to
our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Com
building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexpl
conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have a

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official
understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/
with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSB

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is g
name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact informa
Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being
short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Co
need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project n
don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building
preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 wa
the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** th

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any o
(which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building C
authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever compar
study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but withou
March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentior

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In th
project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever
is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> v

Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you.
have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consul
perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provid
timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/2
therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as
information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from
and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary
Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that beir
apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without bene
conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **whe**
any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and othe
meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 me
Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board c
the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is
MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtF
usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Con
school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educato
residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more.
makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wr

Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Co
at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard an
Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the

SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised

03252026.docx

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I lo forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e o 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within th purview of your office and should be readily available you would forward that information now, it would be g appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075

On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting

that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response

to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Mosier School Building Concerns

Nancy Lacey <nelacey1@gmail.com> Thu, May 7, 2026 at 1:01 PM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Attached please find our concerns with the prospect of Alt options 4/5 Site Plan. We strongly advocate for the Alt #8 Site Plan

Mosier School Building Concerns

Sincerely,
Nancy and Patrick Lacey

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Mosier School

1 message

Lauren Brewer <lkbrewer121@gmail.com> Thu, May 7, 2026 at 1:03 PM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Subject: PUBLIC RECORD: Public Comment Request / Concerns - Mosier School Project (Options 4/5) - May 11 Meeting

Dear School Building Committee and Board Members,

My name is Lauren Brewer**,** and I am a resident of 46 Ashton Ln**,** South Hadley.

I am writing as a concerned taxpayer and abutter to the proposed Mosier School Project options 4/5. I urge the board to take public concerns seriously prior to the final vote.

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Mosier building

1 message

Lori LaPierre <goneglobal83@yahoo.com> Thu, May 7, 2026 at 2:48 PM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Dear School Building Committee and Board Members,

My name is Lori Kendall**,** and I am a resident of 28 Ashton Lane**,** South Hadley.

I am writing as a concerned taxpayer and abutter to the proposed Mosier School Project options 4/5. I urge the board to take public concerns seriously prior to the final vote.

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Thank you for your time

Lori Kendall

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

PUBLIC RECORD: Public Comment Request/Concerns-Mosier School Project (Options 4-5) -May 11 Meeting

Comcast <dckmjp@comcast.net> Thu, May 7, 2026 at 3:34 PM
To: SHBuilds@shschools.com

Dear School Building Committee and Board Members,

My name is **Carol Parrish** and I am a resident of **44 Ashton Lane in** South Hadley.

I am writing as a concerned taxpayer and abutter to the proposed Mosier School Project options 4/5. I urge the board to take public concerns seriously prior to the final vote.

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Winter Fontaine <winterfo@gmail.com> Thu, May 7, 2026 at 3:49 PM
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Dear School Building Committee and Board Members,

My name is Winter Anderson and I am a resident of 24 West Parkview Dr, South Hadley.

I am writing as a concerned taxpayer and abutter to the proposed Mosier School Project options 4/5. I urge the board to take public concerns seriously prior to the final vote.

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New Mosier School Project Concerns

1 message

Jill Kovalchik <jill.kovalchik@gmail.com> Thu, May 7, 2026 at 5:17 PM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Dear School Building Committee and Board Members,

My name is Jill Kovalchik and I am a resident of 20 West Parkview Drive in South Hadley.

I am writing as a concerned taxpayer and abutter to the proposed Mosier School Project options 4/5. I urge the board to take public concerns seriously prior to the final vote.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

~Jill

Robert W. Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
May 5, 2026

Fuss & O'Neill
1550 Main St. Suite 400
Springfield, MA 01103
Via USPS Certified #7017 3040 0000 6021 7224 and
Via email: cleblanc@mvgarchitects.com and stella.sexton@fando.com

Dear South Hadley Elementary School Building Team at Fuss & O'Neill:

It is my understanding that Mt Vernon Group, Skanska USA Building, Inc. (Owner's Project Manager) and Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. (Traffic Consultant) are working in conjunction on behalf of the South Hadley Massachusetts Elementary School Building Committee (hereinafter, "the Committee") regarding the South Hadley Mosier Elementary School Building Project. I am sending companion letters to the other two companies with copies to the Committee.

I have been unable to obtain from the Committee a clear time schedule or even a clear chronology of particular upcoming events in the planning process. Among my concerns is the traffic safety study. I have been asking the Committee, with little clarity in response, as to whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the Committee formally selects its preferred schematic option and sends it to MSBA for approval. I am referring to an opportunity to read the study in its entirety with reasonable time to send comments to the Committee or to you, before any final decision is made on which option will be sent to MSBA for ultimate approval. I am not referring to an opportunity merely to attend a summary presented at a Committee meeting. As of its March 31, 2026 meeting, the Committee still considered #5 as its preferred option. At that meeting the Committee also authorized funding to hire Fuss & O'Neill to conduct a traffic study, apparently regarding option #5. If I understand correctly, at the April 29, 2026 meeting the Committee inexplicably decided to vote on its preferred construction option at its upcoming May 11, 2026 meeting, without benefit of the completed traffic study. It appears, therefore, that the Committee intends for the traffic study to conform to its preferred design rather than for the design choice to be based on the findings of a completed traffic study.

With the above in mind, this letter is to put Fuss & O'Neill on notice of documented safety issues that need to be considered but are unlikely to be discovered and remediated by a typical traffic safety study. *These safety issues are inherent in several of the construction options offered to the Committee and, crucially, the dangers cannot be mitigated to a reasonable degree. The construction options that create non-mitigable danger include* Options 4 and 5, and any similar options that have curb cuts onto Parkview Drive for buses or other vehicular traffic, options that have a service road curb cut onto Parkview Drive (whether or not the service road has the proposed traffic-control type of gate to prevent parent use), options that move the school ingress/egress doors and the parent vehicle queue closer to Parkview Drive than currently, and options that face the front of the building toward Parkview Drive. The reason that options with a gate on a service road that leads to Parkview Drive are not acceptable is that it is foreseeable that

parents will complain about the length of the drop-off and pick-up queue and it is foreseeable that school officials will respond by opening the gate as a pressure-relieve valve and permit half of the queue to proceed to a second student egress door and then onto Parkview Drive in an attempt to increase the number of vehicles passing in a given amount of time.

The Mosier School is situated at the corner of Mosier St. and Parkview Drive. Mosier St. is a through-route with a yellow center line that is designed to carry cross-town traffic. By contrast, Parkview Drive is residential cul-de-sac that serves seventy-six residential homes plus St. Theresa Parish church which includes a rectory and pre-school.

During the public Committee meetings, proponents of option #5 and other options with similar characteristics described above have based their support in part on purported increased student safety at drop-off and pick-up times. As a baseline fact, I note that the South Hadley School Superintendent has confirmed in writing that there is no documented history of pedestrian v. motor vehicle injuries on Mosier School property. While that history may not, by itself, prove the current system is perfectly safe it does establish a baseline that any new design must meet-meaning it must not introduce conditions that increase the likelihood of injury. Proposed designs such as #5 and similar options will create new and greater dangers.

Currently, Mosier School ingress and egress for bus transportation and parent drop-off and pick-up are via curb cuts onto Mosier Street. Option #5 (and similar options) create curb cuts onto Parkview Drive for bus and/or parent vehicle egress. Residents of Mosier St. and the Parkview Drive neighborhood have expressed their views clearly at Committee meetings explaining why their residential cul-de-sac cannot safely accommodate bus and/or parent drop-off and pick-up for a 360-student school (current Mosier School capacity) much less the proposed 590-student school. Those reasons included major congestion created by heavy parent and/or bus traffic exiting school property by turning left onto Parkview Drive and then coming to a stop sign at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier St. They also noted parent vehicles blocking driveways and encroaching on private property while also partially blocking the travel lanes, often for 30-45 minutes before drop-off and pick-up times. The reason (acknowledged generally and by the Committee chair specifically, on 4/15/26) is that parents who do not want to wait in the on-site parent vehicle queue simply “cut” the line by avoiding it altogether and parking on the street where their child is dropped off and finds the parent at pick-up time.

At the April 15, 2026 Committee meeting, a representative of Fuss & O’Neill spoke generally about how its traffic study was being conducted. On the specific topic of illegal parking, his only proposed remedy was that the town implement a no-parking ordinance. *This is where the whole notion of safely moving curb cuts and traffic onto Parkview Dr. (especially while also increasing enrollment from 360 to 590 students) collapses.* At the same Committee meeting, the South Hadley police school resource officer to both Mosier School and the MES Middle School across the street, confirmed the daily vehicle congestion, stating that any town resident who knows the schools and hours of operation probably knows to steer clear of this area between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. Notably, he explained that more than 200 parent vehicles drop off and pick up each day. When the Mosier School parent vehicle queue gets to the point of backing up off-site and down Mosier St. to Newton St./Rt 116, he has routed Mosier School parent vehicles to queue on the paved driveway around the back of the MES Middle School to keep them off Mosier Street.

Even though his remark was incidental, it nevertheless demonstrated that options #6 and #7 (behind the existing MES Middle School) are inherently safer for the reason that the lot on which the current MES Middle School is sited runs deep enough perpendicular to Mosier St. to accommodate not only the new Mosier School building but also to accommodate a new paved perimeter driveway for a vehicle queue long enough to avoid lengthy back-ups onto Mosier St.

Even more notably, the South Hadley Police Chief also spoke at the April 15, 2026 Committee meeting, revealing highly relevant information. *Notwithstanding existing signs, she acknowledged the long-standing illegal parking problem with the example of her department confronting the same community member three days in a row on Mosier St. and candidly admitted, "they don't care and at some point, you just don't have the resources to fight that battle."*

As noted above, the Mosier School property abuts Parkview Drive beginning at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. That intersection is the beginning of the large cul-de-sac that serves seventy-six homes on Parkview Drive, West Parkview Drive, Blueberry Bend and Ashton Lane, plus St. Theresa Parish and its daycare facility. As also noted above, my neighbors have pointed out to the Committee the danger of increasing the number of buses and parent vehicles that are discharged onto a street with a single means of ingress and egress. *My primary focus here is on the danger created by that traffic pattern, compounded by the additional, non-mitigable danger posed by illegal parking*. The overall negative effect on Parkview Drive will be exacerbated by options such as #5 or other similar options defined above. To provide context to this discussion, proponents of #5 have asserted that with the proposed on-site queuing system, parents will not "need" to park or live park illegally. The problem with that assertion is that historically at these locations, "need" has never been the determining factor. For example, approximately ten years ago, no parking signs were installed on both sides of Parkview Drive, the reason being that during youth sports events on the grass field abutted by Parkview Drive on one side and the Mosier School on the other side, parents' vehicles lined the street, parallel parked on both sides. Being in a cul-de-sac, those vehicles were making three-point turns in the street, turning in private driveways and maneuvering in and out of parallel parking position, with young children walking among them. The parked vehicles blocked the sight line for vehicles entering Parkview Drive and they narrowed the road to the point that emergency vehicles would have difficulty passing if they could pass at all. Consistent with what the police chief said about not having sufficient resources now, parking enforcement ceased after approximately two weeks.

The pertinent point is that the no parking signs were never effective and the illegal parking took place notwithstanding available parking in the school parking lot immediately adjacent to the outfield. There was no "need" to park illegally but the slight inconvenience of walking a short distance across a youth-sized field drove the decision-making. The same convenience-driven mindset that drives the current illegal parking on both Mosier St. and Parkview Drive during school drop-off and pick-up, and seasonally on Parkview Drive as well, will foreseeably be shared by hundreds of new drivers, exponentially increasing the dangers on Parkview Drive if option #5 or another option is selected that has curb cuts onto Parkview Drive and/or student ingress/egress doors closer to Parkview Drive than the current Mosier School location. The decade-plus pattern is that parents will park illegally in large enough numbers to unreasonably increase the physical danger of vehicle v. pedestrian accidents, vehicle v. vehicle accidents and

the corresponding danger of blocking emergency-vehicle access from the seventy-six homes and the parish church and daycare center in the cul-de-sac.

Hopefully the above considerations will cause you to revise your recommendations to the Committee, eliminating # 4 and #5 from contention and switching ideally to options #6 or #7 behind MES Middle School or (if the Committee insists on the current Mosier School site) switching to # 2, #3 or Alt #8 Site Plan- Mosier on Mosier.

If somehow you do not find the above safety considerations compelling enough to reconsider your recommendations to the Committee, then please consider the following. It certainly is your prerogative to advise as you see fit even if it means continuing to offer the Committee an unreasonably dangerous design option to satisfy the Committee's current preference. Doing so, however, comes with potential legal exposure. As discussed above, the only remedy offered by any of the three companies receiving this letter was offered by Fuss & O'Neill, which suggested no parking zones. *Given the acknowledged safety issue due to ongoing illegal parking and the acknowledged lack of police resources to enforce the no-parking zones, there is no available method of mitigating the dangers created by site designs such as #4, #5 and similar.* As you may be aware, tort actions for damages may be brought if harm arises out of any deficiency or neglect in the design, planning, construction or general administration of an improvement to real property. See MGL c.260 §2B. You may feel that if illegal parking causes injury and creates a liability issue, your company would be absolved of any assertion of negligent design, planning or construction. Consider though that a key component of negligence is foreseeability of harm resulting from an action or inaction. You now are on notice of the following: that the no-parking zones on the two roads that abut the school property have been violated continuously for many years; that the police do not have the resources to enforce the no-parking zones; that the violations create pedestrian danger zones and block emergency vehicles from a large cul-de-sac neighborhood; that the Committee's current preferred new design will increase enrollment by approximately sixty percent; that traffic volume, already 200+ per the SRO, will increase commensurately; and that the new design, with more vehicles in queue, will make illegal parking more attractive as a way to "cut" the line. These safety issues cannot be wished away. Consider a situation in which you proceed with a design that depends on compliance with parking regulations, while knowing those regulations will be neither followed nor enforced. How certain can you be that continuing to recommend Option #5 or similar—whose safety risks cannot be mitigated and for which safer alternatives exist—will not expose Fuss & O'Neill to future legal liability?

I remain hopeful that, with your guidance, the Committee's final design decision will reflect the safety concerns raised above. If not, I trust you will keep this correspondence on file, as I will be doing the same, so that the record is clear should any liability questions arise in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Shute

cc: South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, via email: shbuilds@shschools.com

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May 5, 2026

Mt. Vernon Group Architects, Inc.
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Via email: cleblanc@mvgarchitects.com and ftedesco@mvarchitects.com

Dear South Hadley Elementary School Building Team at Mt. Vernon Architects:

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cc: South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, via email: shbuilds@shschools.com

May 6, 2026

Dear Diane Mulvaney, Chairperson, and Members of the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project Committee,

As concerned South Hadley residents and career educators, we took special interest in the building committee meetings conducted in March and April. We appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from the architects, to view slide presentations, and to listen as others shared their thoughts. At the April 29th meeting, we heard two committee members refer to the Mosier on Mosier plan as a welcoming hug and nodded in agreement, knowing that the best design for the children of South Hadley had been identified.

Building the new elementary school on the same site as the current aging school provides many benefits:

- The main entrance of plans #8 and #8.1 are clearly visible from Mosier Street and eliminate any confusion for visitors who primarily enter from Newton Street.
- The playgrounds are located securely away from all streets and are accessible from the athletic fields so they can be used by town residents after hours.
- Building the new Mosier School near MESMS provides additional parking lots in close proximity for special events at either school and allows for plenty of off-street parking for community functions, as well.
- Positioning the new elementary school across the street from the middle school also allows for shared resources and eliminates travel time for specialists and maintenance personnel that might work in both locations.
- Building on the current site rather than on Parkview Drive respects the need for unimpeded traffic flow and timely emergency services for attendees at St Theresa's Church, parents, staff, and children at The Academy of the Little Flower day care center, and approximately 200- 250 residents that live on Parkview Drive, West Parkview Drive, East Parkview Drive, Ashton Lane, and Blueberry Bend in a neighborhood that has no other egress.

A construction zone within 40 feet is a major safety hazard for children, especially for those who are 7, 8, and 9 year olds. Staging construction vehicles and building materials nearby will peak curiosity and require multiple barriers to protect the children from harm. The noise of such a major undertaking will distract attention from the educational process for two to potentially three years and have a lasting impact on the progress made by those children in grades 2, 3 and 4. Moving the children off site will alleviate these concerns. The superintendent has already developed a plan and we applaud her for doing so thoughtfully.

Relocating students away from the building site will allow the construction crew to work unimpeded. It will eliminate the need for additional kid-proof safety barriers and should shorten the time frame needed to complete the project. With children and staff safely off the property, there will be sufficient space to stage building materials and construction vehicles on the athletic fields and no need to clog surrounding roadways or use space on or around the middle school grounds.

We'd like to encourage all members of the Elementary Building Committee to select either alternative plan #8, Mosier on Mosier Splayed, or alternative plan # 8.1, Mosier on Mosier Courtyard, as the committee's preferred plan to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

We also respectfully ask that public comment be scheduled before a formal vote is taken.

Sincerely,

Phil Turcotte and Odette Nunes-Turcotte

15 Ashton Lane, South Hadley, Massachusetts

SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIST OF EMAIL CORRESPONDENCES

May 11, 2026, School Building Committee

Emails received April 15 – April 30, 2026

Project Email (shbuilds@shschools.com)

- April 19 email (attached) from Mark Crowther requesting information about property values.
- April 22 email (attached) from Robet Shute, addressed to Lisa Wong requesting additional information about SH project emails process and responses to any open questions previously submitted to SBC but not responded to as of yet.
- April 23 email (attached) from Jeff Kristek opposing option #5 and requesting his email be shared prior to 04/29/206 SBC meeting.
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- April 22, April 29 (2) and April 30 emails (attached) from Ashley Crawley requesting live virtual participation via zoom, meetings be livestreamed on SHTV15 and

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

property values

5 messages

Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com> Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 11:48 AM
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Hello,

During the March 18th meeting, in response to a question concerning property values in the Parkview neighborhood, committee member Rudi Hall mentioned that in the 10 years since completion of the Eastampton High School building project, property values have increased by 120%. On its own, 120 is a lonely number, so curious as to what sources he was quoting from and is that number limited to properties in close proximity to the school or the entire town of Easthampton. Please respond so that I may get a better understanding of the situation.

Thanks

Mark Crowther
32 Ashton Lane
South Hadley

Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com> Mon, Apr 13, 2026 at 5:21 PM
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Hello,

It's been three weeks since my initial email concerning property values, and almost two weeks since the last committee meeting ,where I was assured that my question would be addressed but I have not yet received a response. While I understand that committee membership is a voluntary position and not a full time position, I would have reasonably expected an answer by this juncture, especially when the committee member was able to seemingly quote property values relating to the Easthampton High School quite readily on March 18th and that his research appeared to have already been completed. I don't believe that I am asking for any additional research on the subject, just a review of his notes in greater detail. I plan on attending the April 15th meeting and hope that my simple question will be addressed prior to, or at the meeting.

Thank You

Mark Crowther

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Tue, Apr 14, 2026 at 10:36 AM
To: Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com>

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your question regarding property values, and for your patience as we prepared a response.

As discussed at the March 18 School Building Committee meeting, one Committee member shared general observations based on prior project experience. That information was intended to provide context only and was not presented as a formal analysis or prediction. The example referenced was a high school project in Easthampton, with home values monitored on Trulia and Zillow, which was discussed in a general sense at the meeting.

Property values are influenced by a wide range of factors, including broader market conditions, neighborhood characteristics, and local economic trends. The School Building Committee does not conduct formal analysis related to

property values as part of its scope, and therefore is not in a position to make specific projections regarding how this project may impact individual properties.

More broadly, investment in public school facilities is often associated with maintaining and enhancing the overall quality of a community, which can be one of many factors considered by homebuyers.

The Committee's focus remains on evaluating the project options comprehensively, including educational, site, traffic, and community considerations. Public input, including questions such as yours, continues to be an important part of that process.

Thank you again for your engagement.

Sincerely,
South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com> Sun, Apr 19, 2026 at 10:57 AM
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Hello,

I can certainly agree with your assessment, if the committee member had spoken in general terms, but he offered a very specific scenario with very specific details including a very specific property value increase, and when asked by the committee chair to verify his information, he doubled down and repeated the same details, so it did nor appear that he was offering a general observation. Is it fair to say that he misspoke?

Thank you

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 3:03 PM
To: Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com>

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your follow-up.

To clarify, the comment shared at the March 18 meeting was intended as a general, anecdotal observation based on personal experience and was not presented as verified data or as a formal finding of the School Building Committee. The Committee has not independently reviewed or validated the specific figures referenced, and they should not be interpreted as an official analysis or projection.

As noted previously, the Committee does not conduct formal property value analysis as part of its scope. Property values are influenced by a range of factors beyond a single project, and the Committee is not in a position to confirm or quantify specific impacts.

The Committee's focus remains on evaluating the project options based on educational needs, site considerations, traffic, and overall community benefit. We appreciate your engagement and your participation

in the process.

Sincerely,
South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 2:07 PM
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>, "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

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To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.

Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.

In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
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We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

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Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
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South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

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South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account

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If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

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Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

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On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing

with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.

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c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
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On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

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3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised 03252026.docx

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 9:56 AM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.

Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.

In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their

work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along

Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails?

The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to

community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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Sincerely,
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From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane

South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of

the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.

SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised 03252026.docx

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,

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c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM

To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane

South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect

that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For

the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your

specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that

there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------

From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
    b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
    c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.
2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to

reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.

3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

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a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
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3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

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From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested

from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 2:34 PM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School Building Committee Meeting. Please see our responses to your previous email below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study will be conducted on the preferred solution selected on 5/11. The final study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. However because it is being expedited and done with the PSR submission this will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to facilitate the traffic study by their subconsultant Fuss & O'Neill. Invoices and proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Building Committee.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair

Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

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27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
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To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please*

though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below. If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of

your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have

on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my

questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------

From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Mon, May 4, 2026 at 12:31 PM

To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the meantime, please let me know the email addresses for Mt. Vernon Group, Skanska and Fuss and O'Neill. I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.

Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School Building Committee Meeting. Please see our responses to your previous email below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study will be conducted on the preferred solution selected on 5/11. The final study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. However because it is being expedited and done with the PSR submission this will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to facilitate the traffic study by their subconsultant Fuss & O'Neill. Invoices and proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Building Committee.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
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South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building

committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of

your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have

on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

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On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my

questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
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South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

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----- Original Message ----------

From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
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South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Tue, May 5, 2026 at 7:53 AM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good morning, Mr. Shute,

The general process is that a member of the Skanska OPM team sends approved email responses on behalf of the following SBC members:

- Lisa Wong – Town Administrator – SBC Member
- Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools – SBC Member
- Eric Friesner – School Committee Chair – SBC Member
- Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair SBC - Selectboard
- Diane Mulvaney – Chair SBC

The contact information for the firms you have requested is listed below:

Skanska USA
101 Seaport Boulevard, Suite 200
Boston, MA 02210
Email: nicholas.lobik@skanska.com

Mount Vernon Group
1350 Main Street
Suite 1110
Springfield, MA 01103
Email: cleblanc@mvgarchitects.com

Fuss & O'Neill
1550 Main Street
Suite 400
Springfield, MA 01103
Email: cleblanc@mvgarchitects.com (communications will be forwarded to Fuss & O'Neill)

Sincerely,
Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Mon, May 4, 2026 at 12:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the meantime, please let me know the email addresses for Mt. Vernon Group, Skanska and Fuss and O'Neill. I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.

Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School

Building Committee Meeting. Please see our responses to your previous email below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study will be conducted on the preferred solution selected on 5/11. The final study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. However because it is being expedited and done with the PSR submission this will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to facilitate the traffic study by their subconsultant Fuss & O'Neill. Invoices and proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Building Committee.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.

Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.

In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator

Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6*

and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below. If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane

South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account

and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
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South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
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South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing

with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.

b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Thu, May 7, 2026 at 12:45 PM

To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>, "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I am following up on my 5/4/26 email as well as your 5/1/16 email that partially answered questions going to my 4/22/26 email (all in the email chain below.)

Please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who replies to this email and the individual and affiliation of whoever who send your 5/1/26 email. Someone answering anonymously for the Committee told me to watch a 1-hour, 40-minute Committee meeting video to find the answers to my emailed questions. I watched the video where receipt of my email was noted, but with no response whatsoever. Standard professional courtesy is to sign communications with a name and affiliation for accountability. Anonymity enables this kind of dismissive response which in turn permits the Committee to keep the public uninformed while pushing forward to its 5/11/26 vote.

As to your 5/1/26 comments in red font below, please see my follow-up in blue font in the email chain below.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 05/04/2026 12:31 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon:

I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the meantime, please let me know the email addresses for Mt. Vernon Group, Skanska and Fuss and O'Neill. I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.

Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School Building Committee Meeting. Please see our responses to your previous email below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study will be conducted on the preferred solution selected on 5/11. The final study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. However because it is being expedited and done with the PSR submission this will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

Thank you for that information but also for clarity and per my original email, that question called for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists as pert of the town's planned procedure

2.) *If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)* *Please answer this question (every part) as no answer was provided.*

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) *If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?*

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to facilitate the traffic study by their subconsultant Fuss & O'Neill. Invoices and proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting. I understand that votes will be taken in open session during a public noticed meeting. However, ther was an additional element to my question which was not addressed: "will a **roll call** vote be taken in open session..." (Emphasis added.) By roll call vote I mean where each committee member's name is called one by one. Each member votes yes, no, or abstain and the vote is recorded by individual name so everyone can see who voted which way. This would be as opposed to a voice vote where all members vote aye or nay at the same time and the chair decides which side sounds louder, or a show of hands or other method where no individual votes are recorded. or general consent where no individual votes are recorded. Please clarify.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

I am respectfully re-asking this question. You suggested that the most recent versions have maps scales, but the illustrations don't seem to be consolidated in one place. Also, and I cannot locate any versions of the "behind MES Middle School" proposals that have map scales and I don't want to have another time-consuming fruitless search like you sent me on regarding the answers to my emails supposedly being on the recording of a committee meeting.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please

list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Building Committee.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and

his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while

participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
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From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the

approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best

plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.

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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Support the "Mosier on Mosier" Option Reject Option 5

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Thu, Apr 23, 2026 at 11:59 AM
To: jkristek115@gmail.com, SHPS Building Project <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Jeff,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for sharing your perspective.

The School Building Committee appreciates hearing from abutters and community members, and your comments regarding Option #5, as well as the alternatives you noted, have been received and will be shared with the full Committee for consideration prior to our 4/29/2026 SBC meeting.

As discussed at our most recent meeting, the Committee has extended its timeline to allow for further evaluation of the options, including additional analysis related to site layout, traffic, and overall impacts. Community input, including feedback such as yours, is an important part of that process.

Thank you,
South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
[Quoted text hidden]

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Questions for the committee regarding Mosier School design selection

gina amodio <gmamodio@gmail.com> Tue, Apr 28, 2026 at 9:15 AM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Good morning,

My name is Gina Hargrave-Amodio and I live at 2 Parkview Drive, and am an abutter to Mosier School. I've written before stating my opposition to design option #5, which would place the new school building and bus traffic directly on Parkview Drive. Again, I thank the committee for continuing to hear resident's feedback and concerns. Today I am writing with some questions based on reviewing the posted minutes from school building committee meetings, and the recordings of the December and February community forums:

- Most of the neighbors I've spoken to (myself included) were unaware of the community forums before they occurred in December and February. The December 3rd committee meeting minutes stated there would be "targeted outreach to key stakeholders" in advance of the December forum. Why didn't "key stakeholders" include abutters or residents of the neighborhood adjacent to Mosier?

- In the recording of the December 11th community forum, the Superintendent stated "we are going to have many more community forums coming up." As far as I can tell, there was only one other community forum in February. Were there additional community forums presenting the design options to residents?

- I'm curious about the actual amount of community input that went into the school building committee's initial decision to focus on options #4 and #5. I see in meeting minutes that 28 individuals attended the December community forum (18 in person, 10 via Zoom). How many were residents of the neighborhood most impacted (Parkview Dr., W. Parkview Dr., Ashton Ln., Blueberry Bend, Mosier Street)? How many community members were present at the February community forum, and how many of those attendees were residents of the impacted neighborhood?

In the recording of the December community forum, six community members made comments or asked questions, and none (based on their stated address) live in the impacted neighborhood. Based on the meeting recording of the February community forum, the committee had already decided to focus solely on options #4 and #5 prior to the February community forum. Does that mean that the committee made that decision after collecting input from **only the 28 community members** present at the December community forum, and with minimal or no input from abutters or residents of the most impacted neighborhood?

The number of community members opposed to the selected option #5 – including the 26 residents who attended the March 18th school building committee meeting, the 28 residents who attended the March 31st meeting, the 27 residents at the April 15th meeting, and the 248 community members who signed the petition, most of whom are from the neighborhood that will be most impacted – far exceed the number of residents who were aware of and able to participate in the two community forums. Attendees of the February forum were only given options to vote on #4 and #5 – not the full set of design options, meaning they effectively had no say in the site location (current site vs. middle school) and really only got to vote on the grades 1-5 vs. 2-4 configuration. Furthermore, the recording shows only 7 people voted in that poll and only three offered questions or comments.

It appears that minimal community input went into the committee's decision, with little to no feedback

from the nearby neighbors who will be most impacted by the selected design. I urge the committee to listen to the input of the neighbors most impacted by the design decision – to us, the selected design and whether the school building and traffic remain in the current location, or are moved to Parkview Drive, matters very much and I hope our input informs the committee's final decision. Of the options currently on the table, it is clear residents of the impacted neighborhood would prefer design option #3 or the new Mosier on Mosier option.

Thank you,
Gina

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Request for Cost Information – Elementary School Project

2 messages

Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com> Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 9:30 AM
To: jvoyik@shschools.com, LWong@southhadleyma.gov, shbuilds@shschools.com

Good morning Superintendent Voyik, Town Administrator Wong, and the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee (SBC),

I'm writing to request some additional detail regarding the current and projected costs associated with the elementary school building project.

Specifically, I'm hoping to better understand:

1. The total amount spent to date on the project, including feasibility, design, Owner's Project Manager (OPM), and any other consulting or contractual costs.
2. The anticipated total project spending between now and the expected debt exclusion vote in Winter 2027, broken down by major category where possible (e.g., design development, engineering, OPM, etc.).
3. Any contractual obligations the Town currently holds that would result in additional costs if the project were paused or discontinued at this stage (for example, termination costs or payments for work already authorized but not yet completed).
4. Of the projected spending over the next year, how much would be eligible for reimbursement through the MSBA, and how much would be borne entirely by the Town if the project does not proceed.

If this information is available in an existing report or presentation, I would appreciate being directed to it. Otherwise, even a high-level estimate would be very helpful.

Thank you for your time and for any information you can provide.

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Ashley D. Crawley

Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com> Wed, Apr 29, 2026 at 8:34 AM
To: jvoyik@shschools.com, LWong@southhadleyma.gov, shbuilds@shschools.com

Good morning Superintendent Voyik, Town Administrator Wong, and the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee (SBC),

I'm writing to follow up on my email from last week requesting additional detail on the current and projected costs associated with the elementary school building project.

As tonight's School Building Committee meeting is scheduled to take place without a virtual participation option (Zoom link), I am unable to attend or ask questions in real time. Given that limitation, I respectfully request that the information outlined in my previous email be addressed or presented during tonight's meeting so that it is available to the public.

To reiterate, I am seeking:

- Total spending to date on the project
- Anticipated spending through the expected debt exclusion vote
- Any contractual obligations that would result in costs if the project were paused or discontinued
- The breakdown of reimbursable vs. non-reimbursable costs to the Town

Even a high-level summary would be helpful for residents trying to understand the current financial position and future commitments related to this project.

I appreciate your time and consideration, and I hope this information can be shared publicly this evening.

Thank you,
Ashley

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Ashley D. Crawley

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Zoom for Today's Meeting

4 messages

Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com> Wed, Apr 29, 2026 at 8:13 AM
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Hello, is there an option to have tonight's Mosier School building committee meeting available on Zoom? I did not see a link listed on the agenda.

Thank you,

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Ashley D. Crawley

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Wed, Apr 29, 2026 at 10:26 AM
To: Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com>

Hello Ashley,

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.

We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership and Town and School District representatives.

Unfortunately, there is not a live zoom option for this meeting. It is held in person only. However, the local cable organization does record the meeting. I am unsure if it is a live recording, or just posted publicly a few days later. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit the project website for the latest updates, meeting materials, and information. Once a copy of tonight's recording is shared with us, we will post to the project website.

If your question has been previously addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

Thank you again for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,
South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
[Quoted text hidden]

Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com> Thu, Apr 30, 2026 at 1:21 PM
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

I would like to officially request that all future School Building Committee meetings be accessible to residents via live virtual participation on Zoom, and that meetings be livestreamed on SHTV15, to ensure full public access and transparency.

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Ashley D. Crawley

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM
To: Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com>

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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