

Mosier Elementary School Building Project: Existing Conditions

South Hadley, MA



Why Does Mosier Elementary Need to be Replaced?

- Comprehensive facility studies began in the early 1990's
- Studies identified aging building systems, infrastructure limitations, and educational space constraints.
- These findings have consistently reinforced the need to renovate or replace Mosier Elementary.
- The current building has reached the end of its useful life and no longer supports today's educational needs.



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A Building That Has Served Generations

Mosier Elementary School

- Opened in 1969
- Now serving students in its seventh decade
- The Facilities Department has done an outstanding job maintaining the building.
- The Town has invested in repairs and improvements over the years.
- Despite these efforts, many critical systems have reached the end of their service life.

South Hadley Mosier Elementary School Building Project Project Timeline: How We Got Here & What's Next



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Aging Building Systems

Major Infrastructure Needs

Most original building systems now require replacement, including:

- Drafty windows and exterior doors
- Uneven floors
- Aging heating and ventilation systems
- Outdated mechanical infrastructure

In addition:

- Four modular classrooms have been in use for more than 25 years despite being intended as a temporary solution.

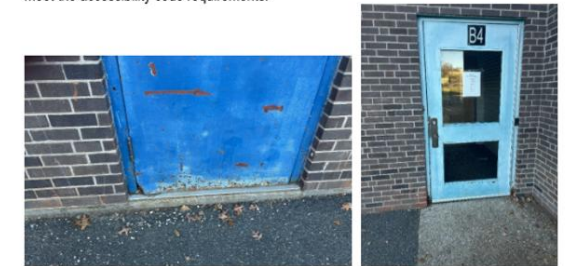
There are unit ventilators under each window unit location and in close proximity to the ground thereby open to pollutants and moisture exposure. The caulking around the unit ventilators is deteriorating and creating gaps allowing weather infiltration to the inside.



Typical Unit Ventilator

Missing Caulk

The painted metal exterior doors are in rough condition and showing signs of deterioration along the bottom in several locations. Most door locations are flush to grade to meet accessibility requirements. The glazing in the doors does not appear to have any insulative value for energy efficiency, nor do they appear to offer extensive security protection similar to that of security glazing. Not all of the exterior doors have the appropriate hardware to meet the accessibility code requirements.



Typical Door Deterioration

Glazed Exterior Door

The egress fiberglass doors at the gym which lead to the play area(s) do not have exterior hardware, likely for security purposes. However, this would be a good location for some type of access control system for ease of getting back into the building from recess. The only



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Health, Safety & Accessibility

Existing Conditions

The building no longer meets many modern expectations for:

- Indoor air quality
- Fire safety
- Accessibility (ADA)
- Overall health and safety

Additional challenges include:

- No fire sprinkler system
- Aging fire alarm system
- Limited fire-resistant construction
- Kitchen no longer meets modern food service needs

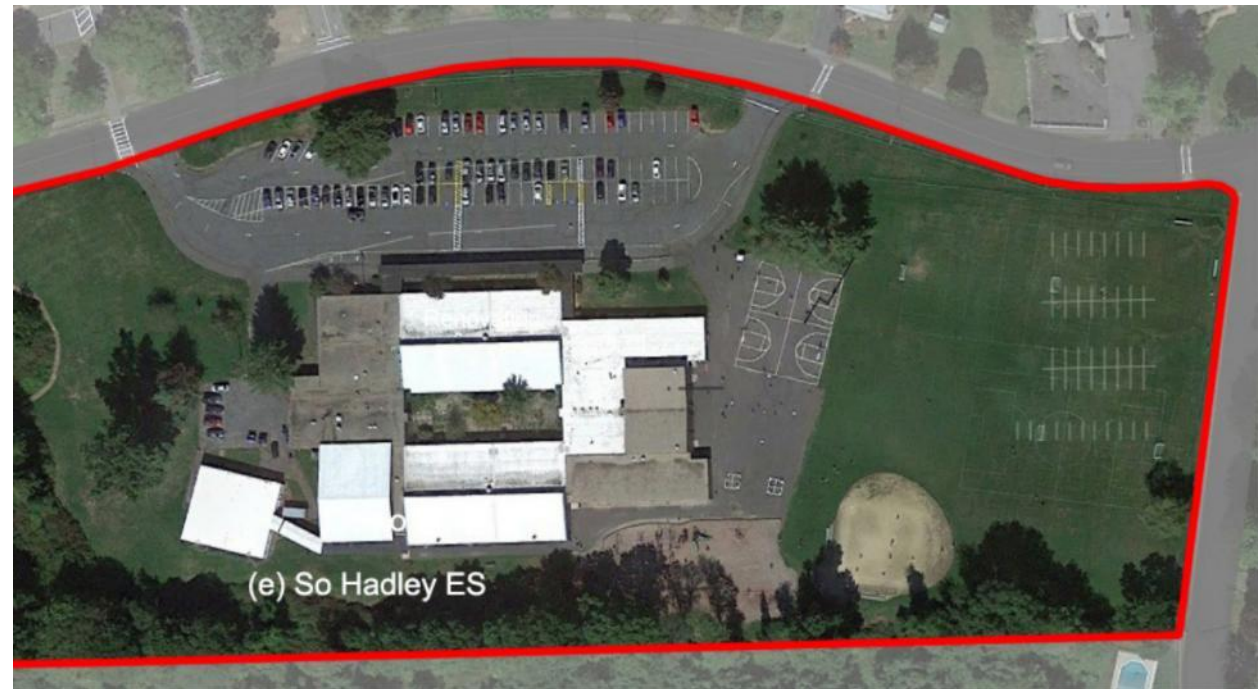


Site Challenges

Outside the Building

The current site was designed for a different era and presents challenges such as:

- Limited pedestrian access
- Inaccessible pathways
- Deteriorating curbs and sidewalks
- Traffic circulation concerns



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Educational Limitations

Supporting Today's Learners

The existing building limits the district's ability to provide:

- Flexible learning environments
- Student collaboration
- Innovative instruction
- Modern educational programming
- Spaces that support today's teaching practices

Continued investment in repairs would not provide a strong long-term return for the community.



Investing in the Future

District Vision

The Town of South Hadley and South Hadley Public Schools remain committed to:

- Student achievement
- High-quality educational opportunities
- Sustainable financial planning
- Safe and welcoming learning environments
- Transparent communication with the community

The Mosier Elementary School Building Project is designed to support these priorities for generations to come.



Community Engagement

Your Voice Matters

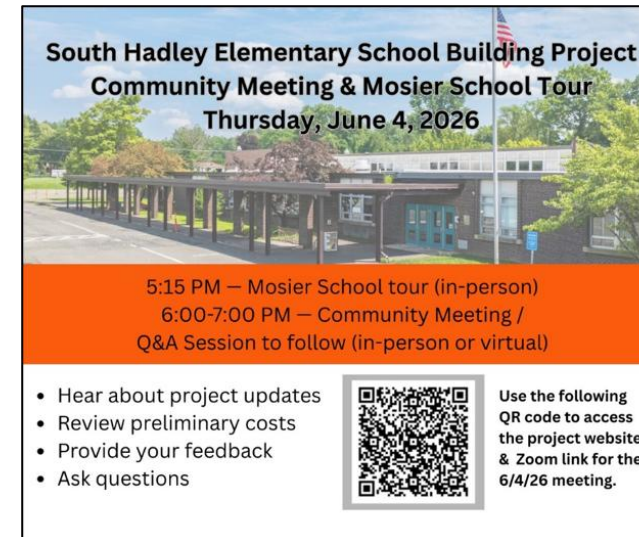
Community feedback continues to shape this project.

Recent outreach has included:

- Public Community Forums
- Mentimeter Surveys
- School Building Committee Meetings
- Social Media Posts
- Online Project Updates
- Informational Tables at Community Events



Community Event Flyer



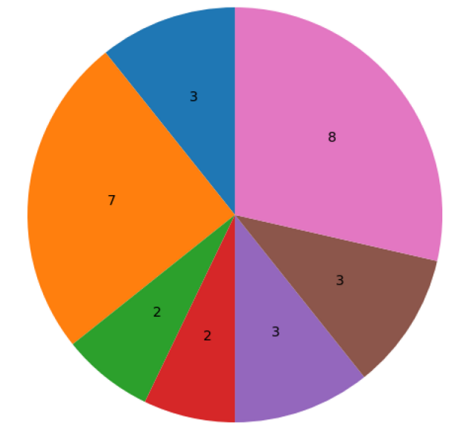
Campaigning at Community Event



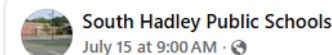
Mentimeter Survey



Community Priorities Based on Votes



Facebook Post



The Mosier School Building Committee continues to make progress on the new school project! During the July 8 virtual meeting, the committee reviewed the latest design overview, with discussion centered on site plan options for parent pick-up/drop-off access and parking configurations. Following the discussion, the SBC voted to move forward with the play-in loop option.

The committee also discussed upcoming visits to several local elementary schools to explore air displacement (HVAC) and air conditioning system options. These site tours will provide valuable insight as we continue making informed design decisions for the new school. [See less](#)

Stay Informed, Get Involved

- Together, we're building more than a new school, we're investing in the future of South Hadley. Thank you for being part of the journey!
- Sign up here for our Email Distribution to be notified of community meetings and school tours.
 - <https://forms.office.com/e/CYd7CiW272>
- Community members are encouraged to visit the [project website](#) for:
 - Project updates
 - Meeting materials
 - Community forum recordings
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