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Informational Update: Neary Building Committee Update

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The Public Schools of Southborough

Friday, June 14, 2024

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Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), and Citizen(s),

The Neary Building Committee (NBC) would like to use this opportunity to provide an update to the community on its progress and next steps. **NBC would like to emphasize that community input is critical to the next steps of this project.** To stay up to date on the progress of the project, please visit www.nearybuilding.com, join our public meetings, watch replays if you are not able to attend live, or sign up for the [Neary Building Project listserv](#).

On Monday, May 20, 2024, NBC voted to submit the Preliminary Design Program (“PDP”) to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”) as part of the ongoing Feasibility Study. The PDP encompasses all potential options that NBC will be exploring as potential solutions for the Neary School building project. Some options are far more feasible and realistic than others. In the upcoming weeks, NBC will continue to hold public meetings and start to narrow down the list of potential scenarios for further evaluation.

For purposes of determining the square footage needed for various grade configurations, the PDP outlines the maximum square footage needed. NBC, in collaboration with the School Administration, will start to further refine what is truly needed to meet the educational vision for the district for a building that will serve the building for the next 50 years.

During the summer months, NBC will narrow down the list of potential options resulting in one program and grade configuration that will be further designed, which will include refined cost estimates at each step.

NBC intends to survey the community at various points in time during the summer and welcomes the continued engagement of the community to help us narrow down options.

A few weeks ago, NBC received its first preliminary cost estimate. Using the maximum square footage needed, initial estimates received were between \$51 million and \$120 million, which is net of the estimated MSBA contribution to the project. **The range is largely driven by the number of potential scenarios that are still under review which includes the number of grades that this school will house and the type of rebuild (new or renovation).**

	Two Grade School	Four Grade School
Base Repair	\$51 million	N/A
Addition/Renovation (2 grade school)	\$88 million	\$122 million
New Construction	\$89 million	\$120 million

Numbers represent an estimated 18 % net reimbursement for the top end of the estimated ranges provided to date by the cost estimator

NBC’s dedicated Finance Subcommittee will start to work through the projections of the potential impact that this project budget will have on the average taxpayer so that those numbers can be provided side by side with design options. **It is critically important to realize that these are initial estimates and NBC has a lot more work to perform to narrow this range and to land on the best-proposed option for our community.**

Based on the latest project timeline, It is still expected that this project will be presented to voters in April 2025.

Again, to stay up to date on the progress of the project, please visit www.nearybuilding.com, join our public meetings, watch replays if you are not able to attend live, or sign up for the [Neary Building Project listserv](#). If you have questions, comments, or concerns, NBC has a dedicated email box at NBC@nsboro.k12.ma.us.

We appreciate the engagement of the community to date and **encourage the community to take the opportunity to participate in this process as it moves forward.**

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Chair, Neary Building Committee