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The Acton-Boxborough Regional School District (ABRSD) operates eight buildings throughout both towns serving a student population of approximately 5,800 students in PreKindergarten through grade 12. During the budget process last year attention was drawn to the need for a comprehensive understanding of the maintenance and infrastructure improvements required throughout the district, in order to develop a sound long-term capital investment plan.

After an extensive interview process, the District hired *Dore & Whittier Architects* of Newburyport to complete phase one of an anticipated two-phase study. This first phase will include a comprehensive study of our campuses, buildings and educational needs throughout the district and will include the following:

1. **Site & Building Assessment Report with Recommendations** including:
  - a. Traffic and pedestrian circulation as well as site drainage
  - b. HVAC, electrical, plumbing systems
  - c. Security and access controls
  - d. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance
  - e. Life safety and building code compliance
  - f. Condition of exterior and interior walls, windows, doors, roofing, flooring, etc.
2. **Development of Capital Improvement Plan with Cost Estimates** based on the findings of the study
3. **A Written Report** that includes all of the information noted above that can be used for short and long term capital planning purposes
4. **Presentation of findings to the School Committee and the communities of Acton and Boxborough**

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The timeline for Phase I of the study includes the following:

**June 2015:**

- Hire Architect and review project scope and schedule

**Summer 2015:**

- Perform Site & Building Assessment

**October 2015:**

- Develop Capital Improvement Needs
- Site & Building Assessment Report presented
- Cost estimating begins

**November 2015:**

- Finalize cost estimates
- Cost Estimate Report presented to the School Committee and community

**December 2015:**

- Submit draft report for review

**January 2015:**

- Finalize report
- Hold Public Informational Meetings

The second phase of the study, examining the educational spaces of our district including consideration of enrollment projections, is anticipated to be included as a request within the FY17 budget process.

The Administration desires public review and involvement throughout the course of both phases of the study. In support of this pursuit, Dr. Glenn Brand, Superintendent of Schools, is proposing to launch a Future School Needs Committee that aims to bring together interested community members and town leaders from both Acton and Boxborough. Please watch for further information regarding how you can become involved in this process coming soon.

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