



ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Existing Conditions Study Update

Overview

- In the FY15 budget process the administration recommended undertaking an existing conditions study that would focus attention on a thorough assessment of our current infrastructure
- Based upon industry recommendations on a per square foot basis, \$200,000 was included to support this study
- After a number of discussions, and in light of the budgetary constraints, the study was divided into two parts with \$100,000 included in the approved FY16 budget
- The second half of the study will be proposed for the FY17 budget

What is an Existing Conditions Study?

- Is completed by objective experts in the field who know schools and public facilities including engineers and architects
- Thoroughly examines the current state of our buildings and their systems (i.e. HVAC), the envelope of our buildings (i.e. windows and roofs) and interior needs such as repair and renovation items
- Will consider current spatial use of our facilities and examine student population projections to help make informed choices of the best use of space moving forward
- Will compile such information in priority order to help the administration and the community prioritize capital-related needs given “life-expectancy”, compliance with existing building codes, and consideration of any needs related to instructional program delivery

Highlights of Deliverables

- Reviews educational specifications and engages faculty and staff in terms of future uses of educational space
- Examines population trends and projections alongside physical building capacity
- Assesses deficiencies in the buildings, systems and property of each school and establishes a replacement/repair schedule as part of a master plan
- Establishes a set of proposals or options that our district should consider
- Identifies options for seeking MSBA funding support

Next Steps

- The district completed a public bid process and the firm Dore & Whittier was awarded the contract in June.
- Work has begun with various contractors and engineers thoroughly reviewing our buildings, systems and infrastructure.
- It is anticipated that a final report will be available sometime around January, 2016.
- The FY17 budget will include a recommendation of \$100,000 to complete the second portion of the study.

Projected Timeframe

July – November, 2015	Investigation of Buildings
January, 2016	Finalized Existing Conditions Study
July 1, 2016	2 nd Phase of Study Commences
November, 2016	FY18 Budget Planning with Initial Capital Plan
March/April, 2017	2 nd Phase of Study Completed