



TOWN MEETING

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MSBA FEASIBILITY FUNDING

02/25/2025



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December 13, 2024

Mr. Richard G. Wells, Jr., Chair
Milton Select Board
525 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186

Re: Town of Milton, Cunningham Elementary School

Dear Mr. Wells:

I am pleased to report that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") Board of Directors has voted to invite the Statement of Interest (the "SOI") for the Cunningham Elementary School, which is co-located with the Collicott Elementary School, in the Town of Milton (the "Town") into the MSBA's Eligibility Period. The invitation for the Cunningham Elementary School is for the continued co-location with the Collicott Elementary School for grades PreK-5 and the potential during the feasibility study to examine an additional school, either an additional elementary school for grades PreK-5 or an additional middle school for district-wide grades 7-8 and PreK.

The 270-day Eligibility Period formalizes and streamlines the beginning of the MSBA's grant approval process and benefits the Town by providing a definitive schedule for the completion of preliminary requirements, assisting with the determination of financial and community readiness, and identifying needs for planning and budgeting. Successful completion of all activities in the Eligibility Period will allow the Town to be eligible for an MSBA invitation to Feasibility Study.

Invitation into the Eligibility Period is **not** an invitation to Feasibility Study. Moving forward in the MSBA's process requires collaboration with the MSBA, and an invitation to Feasibility Study will require a further vote of the MSBA Board of Directors. Communities that "get ahead" of the MSBA without MSBA approval will not be eligible for grant funding. Additionally, the Town's vote by the Board of Directors approving a potential invitation to Project Scope and Budget be no sooner than July 1, 2027. To qualify for any funding from the MSBA, local communities must follow the MSBA's statute and regulations, which require MSBA partnership and approval at each step of the process.

The Town's Eligibility Period will commence on Thursday, May 1, 2025, and conclude on Monday, January 26, 2026. During this time, the Town must complete the preliminary requirements in accordance with the schedule on page three of this letter. The first item that requires completion by the Town is the Initial Compliance Certification, which will be sent to the Town electronically two weeks prior to its commencement date, on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

The ability of the Town to complete the preliminary requirements within 270 days does not guarantee an invitation into the MSBA Capital Pipeline. Further, if the Town cannot complete the preliminary requirements

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12/13/2024

Letter Sent to Town Announcing Invitation

2/25/2025

Special Town Meeting

5/1/2025

Start of Eligibility Period (**270 Days**)

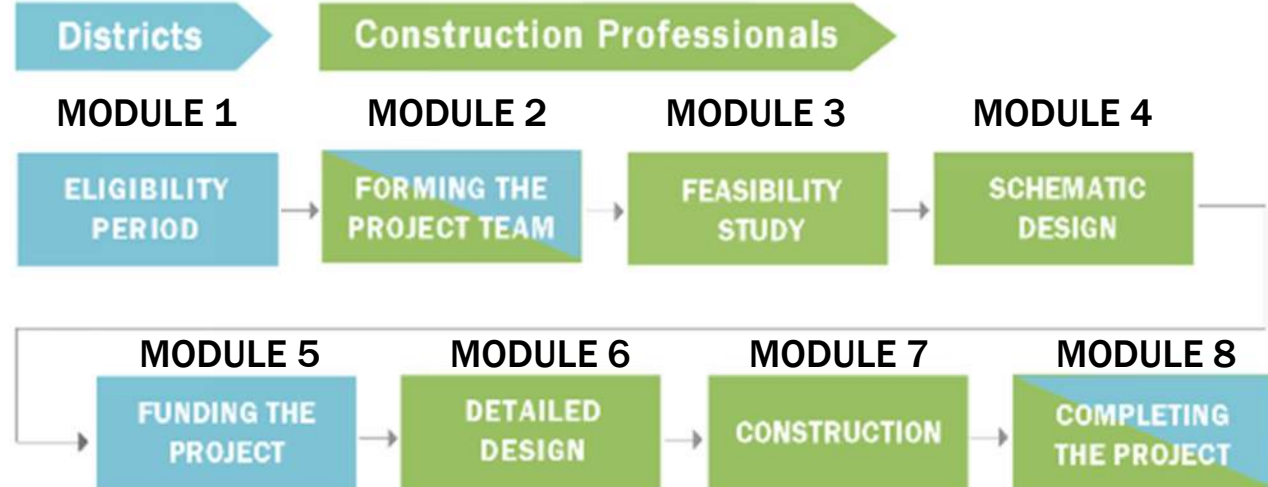
HEAD START OF 65 DAYS

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY PROCESS



MSBA Building Process

Steps primarily for:



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MSBA MODULE 1: ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

Module 1 – Eligibility Period

Eligibility Period

Up to 270 Days

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MSBA COST DATA



	Aug-19		Feb-21		Apr-21		Aug-21		Mar-22	
	Braintree		Lawrence		Somerset		Walpole		Norwood	
	South MS		Henry K Oliver		Somerset MS		Bird MS		Dr. Philip O. Coakley MS	
	New Construction		Addition / Renovation		New Construction		New Construction		New Construction	
	800		1,000		590		905		1,070	
	145,846		162,000		124,200		162,193		187,840	
	Cost	% of Total Construction	Cost	% of Total Construction	Cost	% of Total Construction	Cost	% of Total Construction	Cost	% of Total Construction
Designer	Miller Dyer Spears Inc.		Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, Inc.		Ai3 Architects LLC		Tappe Architects, Inc.		Ai3 Architects LLC	
Basic Services										
Feasibility Study	\$695,063	1.00%	\$1,051,880	1.00%	\$600,000	0.87%	\$879,900	0.95%	\$1,025,000	0.90%
Design Development	\$1,345,334	1.94%	\$2,203,000	2.10%	\$1,792,090	2.60%	\$1,206,500	1.30%	\$3,024,964	2.66%
Construction Contract Documents	\$2,280,979	3.30%	\$4,406,000	4.20%	\$2,752,141	3.99%	\$2,698,500	2.91%	\$4,573,514	4.02%
Bidding	\$240,912	0.35%	\$440,000	0.42%	\$88,330	0.13%	\$385,500	0.42%	\$265,902	0.23%
Construction Contract Administration	\$1,734,984	2.51%	\$2,644,000	2.52%	\$1,152,048	1.67%	\$2,698,500	2.91%	\$1,808,134	1.59%
Closeout	\$124,342	0.18%	\$492,000	0.47%	\$80,016	0.12%	\$771,000	0.83%	\$159,541	0.14%
Owner's Project Manager										
Feasibility Study	\$304,937	0.44%	\$664,360	0.63%	\$200,000	0.29%	\$620,100	0.67%	\$475,000	0.42%
Design Development	\$250,000	0.36%	\$133,000	0.13%	\$125,000	0.18%	\$195,000	0.21%	\$132,440	0.12%
Construction Contract Documents	\$320,000	0.46%	\$300,600	0.29%	\$200,000	0.29%	\$220,000	0.24%	\$305,208	0.27%

MSBA MODULE 1: ELIGIBILITY PERIOD - FUNDING



SBC Construction Estimate and MSBA DATA

\$ 128,962,718.00	SBC Construction Cost (11.08.2024)
\$ 1,289,627.18	1.00% Architects-Engineers
\$ 644,813.59	0.50% Owner's Project Manager (OPM)
\$ 1,934,440.77	Feasibility Funding per MSBA Data

Milton SBC Request

\$ 128,962,718.00	SBC Construction Cost (11.08.2024)
\$ 1,000,000.00	0.775% Architects-Engineers
\$ 500,000.00	0.388% Owner's Project Manager (OPM)
\$ 1,500,000.00 *	Feasibility Funding Request

(\$ 675,000.00)

MSBA REIMBURSEMENT (45%)

MSBA FEASIBILITY FUNDING CONCLUSIONS



1. This is an authorization to issue debt. No funds expended until invited into MSBA Feasibility Study (Module 3).
2. 45% (\$675,000.00) will be reimbursed to the Town as eligible costs from MSBA.
3. Time is Money! Expediting MSBA Module 1 will save money.



**THANK
YOU**



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