



# **TOWN MEETING**

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **MSBA FEASIBILITY FUNDING**

# **02/25/2025**



# MASS. SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY INVITATION

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December 13, 2024

Mr. Richard G. Wells, Jr., Chair  
Milton Select Board  
325 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 Collier 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 Collier Elementary School for grades PreK-5 and the potential during a 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 will 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

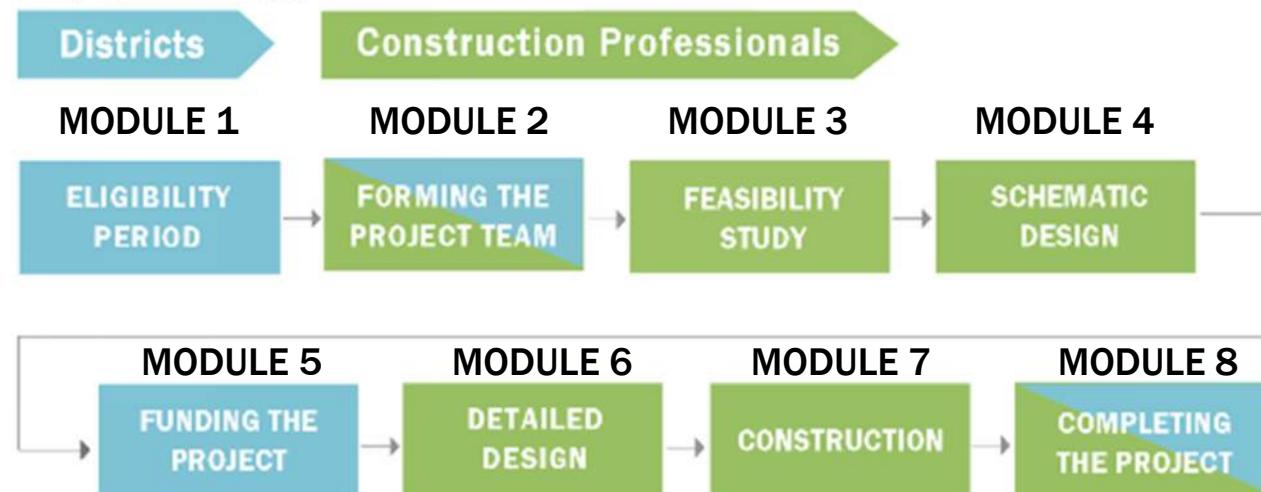


# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY PROCESS

## MSBA Building Process

*Steps primarily for:*

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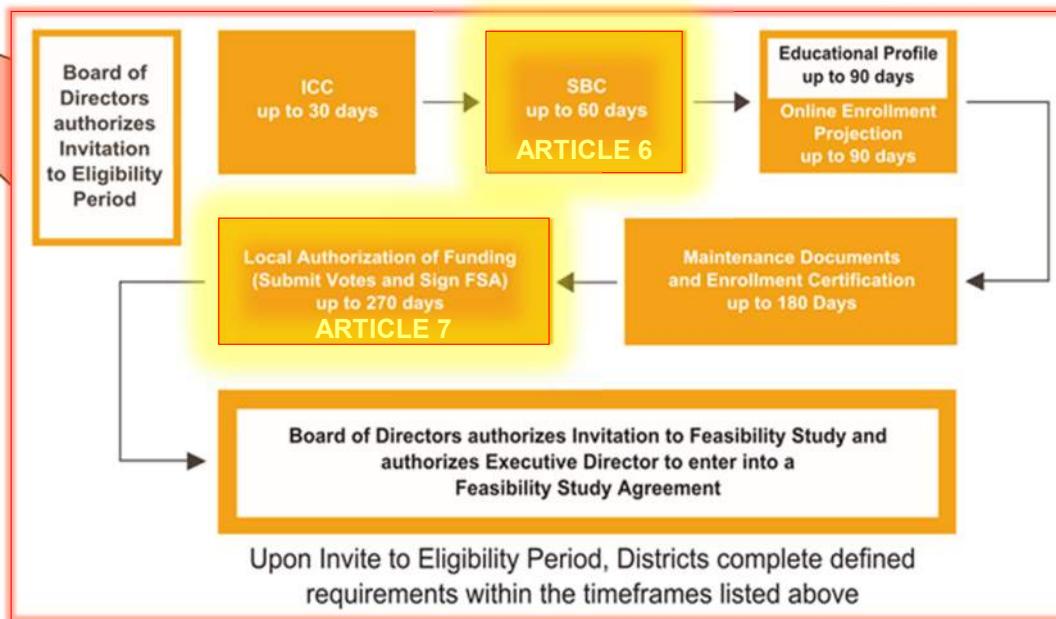
# MSBA MODULE 1: ELIGIBILITY PERIOD



## Module 1 – Eligibility Period

### Eligibility Period

Up to 270 Days



# 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 Cost	162,000 % of Total Construction	124,200 Cost	162,193 % of Total Construction	187,840 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
Design Development	\$1,345,334	1.94%	\$2,203,000	2.10%	\$1,792,090
Construction Contract Documents	\$2,280,979	3.30%	\$4,406,000	4.20%	\$2,752,141
Bidding	\$240,912	0.35%	\$440,000	0.42%	\$88,330
Construction Contract Administration	\$1,734,984	2.51%	\$2,644,000	2.52%	\$1,152,048
Closeout	\$124,342	0.18%	\$492,000	0.47%	\$80,016
Owner's Project Manager					
Feasibility Study	\$304,937	0.44%	\$664,360	0.63%	\$200,000
Design Development	\$250,000	0.36%	\$133,000	0.13%	\$125,000
Construction Contract Documents	\$320,000	0.46%	\$300,600	0.29%	\$200,000



# 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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