



YES! For Lexington

On DECEMBER 4th, Lexington will vote on three important projects

Maria Hastings Elementary School • Lexington Children's Place (Pre-K) • Fire Station Headquarters

Investing in these projects will improve schools and public safety for all of Lexington.

Maria Hastings Elementary School



Existing Building

- » Built in 1955, this is the oldest school building still in use in Lexington.
- » 50,800 sq. ft., two-story building with 21 classrooms, including 8 modular classrooms—all of which have exceeded their useful lifespans.
- » Houses district-wide Intensive Learning Program for students on the autism spectrum; other special needs programming; ELL instruction for over 30 students.
- » 1950's design complicates renovations (e.g. low ceilings), and severely impedes individualized and inclusive instruction.

New Building

- » Approved by Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for replacement, with reimbursement of \$16.5 million in construction costs.
- » Three-story building with 30 classrooms, adding 9 new classrooms to help Lexington's over-crowded system.
- » Construction co-located on current school property, with no interruptions in service.
- » Old school demolished and converted to play space.
- » Sustainability: Geo-thermal HVAC system, energy-efficient systems and building materials.
- » Total cost: \$65.3 million.
- » Town's cost is \$48.8 million with MSBA reimbursement.



Problems With Existing Building

- » Individualized services and small group instruction rely on makeshift, windowless, and poorly ventilated spaces with limited privacy.
- » Nurse's office was designed for one ill child; needs exceed available space.
- » Undersized gym (3,600 sq. ft.) has suffered repeated structural failures in ceiling beams.
- » Ice dams have caused flooding in 16 classrooms.
- » No sprinkler system.
- » Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems do not meet current building code standards.
- » Bathrooms are not ADA compliant.

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