

MSAD #51 Board of Directors



***Update on  
New School Project***  
*For NY Select Board*

December 19, 2023



# Where Are We Now?



## Referendum Vote

Referendum vote for new primary school in North Yarmouth did not pass on November 8, 2022



## Short-Term Plan

Need short-term plan for next 5 years given planning & construction minimum timelines



## Long-Term Plan

Need long-range major capital plan to address current & projected increases in enrollment

# What's Changed?



# Revisiting On Campus Process



**October 6**, Facilities Committee had an all buildings tour of campus, including the new 2.3 acre parcel of land purchased in July 2023; reconsideration of an on-site new elementary school was raised.

**October 25**, During the Joint Board Meeting, district presented opportunity to revisit on campus plan.

**November 14**, two architects, Oakpoint and Stephen Blatt Architects, both of whom MSAD 51 has worked with recently, were invited to interview for a proposed new 500-student PK-1 school on the 2.3 acre property which abuts campus .

**December 1**, Facilities Committee met to interview both architects.

# Architect Interview Questions Addressed



- 2.3 acre site suitability for school
- Parking and traffic
- Size of the school
- Current and projected student population
- Estimated cost of project
- Architect firm's availability pre-and post-referendum
- The possibilities of expansion both at the new school and at the other buildings on campus, as needed.



# One Campus Model Requires Investment

## Grade Span Shifts

- Build PK-1 new facility
- Grade span shift @ MIW & GMS

## Site Adjustments

- Off-site turn lanes per MDOT
- Traffic flow & parking upgrades
- MIW facility upgrades
- Play & athletic space upgrades
- Maintenance building rebuilt with vehicle bay

## Long-Term Investments

- Supportive capital projects & repairs
- Abutting land acquisition
- Designated expansion areas for future growth identified & utilized if conditions change



# Facility Committee Recommendation & Board Approval

Facility committee unanimously recommended **Stephen Blatt Architects** to the School Board as the architect to create a concept design for a pre-K-1 elementary school on the Greely campus. The MSAD 51 school board approved recommendation on Dec 4th, 2023.

- High level of experience with our district's needs
- Highly responsive to our questions and requests
- Confidence in their comprehensive vision for MSAD 51
- Energy and anticipation of our school's future



# Recommended Next Steps

- Cross-check November 2023 **enrollment study** with school projections (presented November 27th)
- Facilities Committee recommends an architect to move forward with **concept design & budget** for PK-1 facility on campus (Present Dec 1 recommendation today)
- Board **approves concept design contract** with selected architect (to vote Dec 4)
- Direct the Superintendent to identify and recommend necessary on-campus **adjustments & upgrades** to sustain one campus model
- Direct the Superintendent to enter into discussions with Town of Cumberland & MDOT on **infrastructure & offsite requirements**
- Direct the Superintendent to create a new **financial plan** for potential voter bond question
- Direct the Superintendent to **develop a timeline** for statutory steps needed to reach referendum
- Seek other potential **abutting properties**
- Update SAD's long-term **Facilities Plan**
- Set **referendum** date
- **Communicate & engage** with public about plan



# Review Proposed Timeline



Event	Suggested Dates
Superintendent <b>recommends on-campus</b> school project plan to BOD	November 6, 2023
<b>Architect Interviews</b>	December 1, 2023
<b>Board approval</b> of architect & contract for concept design	December 4, 2023
Architect <b>develops Concept Design &amp; Budget</b>	Dec 4-Jan , 2024
Facilities Committee meets to <b>review Concept Design</b> with architect	TBD
<b>School Board Mtg. on Project Concept:</b> Architect presents project concept and budget to School Board	TBD
<b>Public Hearing:</b> School Board holds Public Hearing on Project concept	TBD
<b>School Board Action Item: Vote on 80 Gray Road or On-Campus School Plan</b>	TBD
<b>Informational Meetings:</b> Board, Superintendent, Towns & Task Force hold Informational Meetings for the public	February-April, 2024
Prepare Referendum Information	By April 2024
<b>Public Hearing:</b> School Board holds public hearing on the project.	May 2024
<b>Referendum:</b> Voters participate in a district-wide referendum to approve the project and amount to borrow.	June 11, 2024