

Dedham Elementary Schools Facilities Master Plan Forums Coming Up in October

Three New Forums Create Opportunities for Community Input into Future Elementary School Facility Plans

Dedham residents, parents of Dedham elementary school children, and future Dedham school families are invited and encouraged to attend one of three upcoming School Facilities Master Plan community forums around future plans and options for Greenlodge, Riverdale and Oakdale Elementary Schools.

The forums are open to all and will be hosted by the PTOs at each of the Elementary Schools during October:

- Tuesday, 10/15 @7:00 PM at Greenlodge Elementary School
- Tuesday, 10/22 @7:00 PM at Riverdale Elementary School
- Wednesday, 10/23 @7:00 PM at Oakdale Elementary School

The School Facilities Master Plan forums will provide an opportunity to learn more about the ongoing planning process, as well as a chance for families and neighbors to provide input, discuss concerns or desires regarding the future elementary school facilities of the Dedham Public Schools. The goal of these events is to continue gathering as much input as possible from all potential stakeholders, so that the recommendations for next steps in the improvement, renovation, or replacement of school facilities in Dedham can best reflect the needs and desires of the community.

On May 21, 2018 at the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting, members voted to approve Article Eighteen, Appropriation to Fund Update of Long Term Facilities Master Plan of the Dedham Public Schools. After a competitive bidding process, the Town's School Building Rehabilitation Committee (SBRC) and School Committee selected Symmes, Maini, McKee and Associates (SMMA) a firm with long standing architecture, engineering, and site design expertise.

As the Town has recently completed construction of the Dr. Thomas J. Curran Early Childhood Education Center the focus has now shifted to review the Greenlodge, Oakdale and Riverdale Elementary Schools and Dedham High School facilities which have not undergone major renovations or reconstruction in the past 30 years or more.