

Superintendent's Update

Continuous Improvement – School & District Reviews

- MERSD Annual Assessment Review scheduled for November 5th
 - Library Task Force – Seeking volunteers & scheduled to begin in November
 - DESE District Review Team Assigned / Site Visit Anticipated end of January
 - Elementary NEASC On Site Team – October 22nd
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- MERSD Class Size / Section Report
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- Essex Elementary School Building Tour
 - October 16– 9:30am

| Fall 2024 Elementary In-District Preliminary Enrollment 9.11.24 | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Memorial Total | Essex Total | Memorial Class Avg | Essex Class Avg | Class Size Benchmarks |
| Pre-Kindergarten | 38 | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 41 | 26 | 21 | 13 | 17-19 |
| First Grade | 43 | 36 | 14 | 18 | 18-20 |
| Second Grade | 48 | 34 | 24 | 17 | 18-20 |
| Third Grade | 38 | 37 | 19 | 19 | 19-22 |
| Fourth Grade | 49 | 38 | 25 | 19 | 19-22 |
| Fifth Grade | 47 | 47 | 24 | 24 | 19-22 |
| Total | 304 | 218 | <i>13 Sections</i> | <i>12 Sections</i> | |
| Avg Class Size | 20.5 | 18 | <i>3 Classrooms</i> | <i>2 Classrooms</i> | |
| <i>Shown current student enrollment by school. Inclusive of cross-district enrollment.</i> | | | | | |

| Fall 2024 Middle School In-District Preliminary Enrollment 9.11.24 | | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| | Total Enrollment | Avg. Class Size | Class Size Benchmarks | | |
| 6 | 85 | 21 | 19-22 | | |
| 7 | 96 | 19 | 19-22 | | |
| 8 | 97 | 19 | 19-22 | | |
| School Total | 278 | 20 | | Elementary Total | 522 |
| | | | | Middle School Total | 278 |
| | | | | HS Total | 398 |
| Fall 2024 High School In-District Preliminary Enrollment 9.11.24 | | | | Preliminary In-District Total | |
| | | | | 1198 | |
| 9 | 87 | 16 | 19-22 | | |
| 10 | 107 | 16 | 19-22 | | |
| 11 | 91 | 16 | 19-22 | | |
| 12 | 113 | 16 | 19-22 | | |
| School Total | 398 | | | | |

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MSBA/Essex SBC Update

- MSBA agreed to reassess enrollment projection in light new information available about housing development in Essex

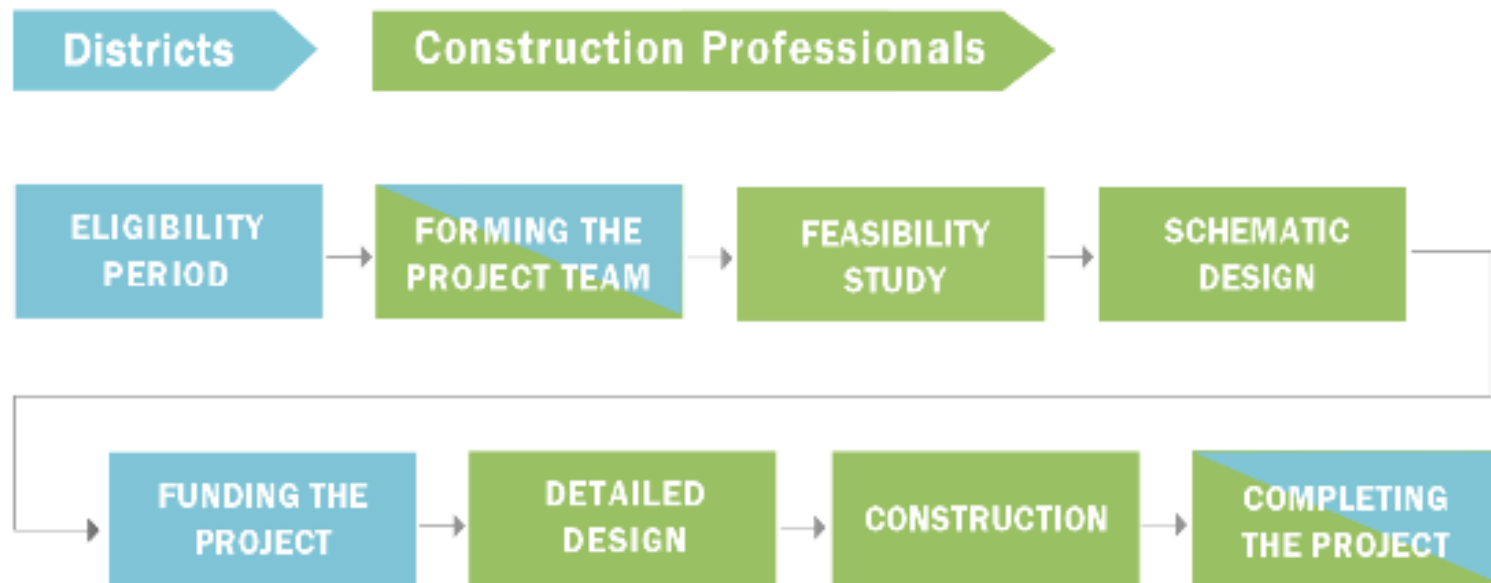
Updated Status: As of a preliminary meeting with the developer on October 2, 2024, the developer is planning 36 3-4 bedroom houses. While the original projection (reported to MSBA last spring) estimated 50 new bedrooms, the current project scope indicates the actual number could be closer to 144 new bedrooms. The project is very likely to go forward and there is an estimate of 2-3 years for completion and occupancy.

- Next meeting Committee will tour Memorial School
- Routine meetings will be held at EES
- Next Meeting October 22nd
- Anticipated MSBA Board Review – now scheduled for December

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MSBA Building Process

Steps primarily for:



Draft: Essex Elementary – Projected Timeline For Planning Purposes

| MSBA Module/Actions | Length | Potential Timeline | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Module 1 - Eligibility | 270 | March 4, 2024 | 11/29/24 |
| <i>BOD Authorization invite to eligibility</i> | 0 days | | |
| <i>Initial Compliance Certification</i> | 30 days | 3/4/2024 | 4/4/2024 |
| <i>SBC</i> | 60 days | 3/4/2024 | 5/3/2024 |
| <i>*Educational Profile Questionnaire</i> | 90 days | | 6/3/2024 |
| <i>Enrollment Projections</i> | 90 days | | 6/3/2024 |
| <i>Maintenance & Capital Planning Information</i> | 130 days | | 8/30/2024 |
| <i>Enrollment Meeting</i> | 180 days | | 8/30/2024 |
| <i>Local authorization of funding</i> | 270 days | | 11/29/2024 |
| <i>BOD Authorization invite to F&S</i> | 270 days | | 11/29/2024 |
| Module 2 – Forming the Project Team | 185 days | Wed 11/29/24 | Tue 8/12/25 |
| <u>Key Activities</u> | | | |
| <i>Hire Owners Project Manager (OPM)</i> | | | |
| <i>Hire Designer (Architect)</i> | | | |
| <i>MSBA Approvals</i> | | | |
| Module 3 – Feasibility Study | 202 days | Wed 8/13/25 | Thu 5/21/26 |
| <u>Key Activities</u> | | | |
| <i>PDP (Preliminary Design Program)</i> | | | |
| <i>PSD (Preferred Schematic Design)</i> | | | |
| <i>MSBA Approval</i> | | | |
| Module 4 – Schematic Design | 151 days | Fri 5/22/26 | Fri 12/18/26 |
| <u>Key Activities</u> | | | |
| <i>Schematic Design</i> | | | |
| <i>MSBA Approval</i> | | | |
| Module 5 - Local Actions/approvals | 70 days | Mon 10/26/26 | Fri 1/29/27 |
| <i>Final Appropriation / Fall Town Meeting</i> | 50 days | Mon 10/26/26 | Fri 1/1/27 |
| Module 6 – Detailed Design | | | |
| Module 7 – Construction | | | |
| Module 8 – Project Closeout | | | |

We
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Here

FEASIBILITY FUNDING

Existing Conditions /Site Development
/Educational program /Develop Prelim
Alternatives /Final Evaluation of Alternatives

*Can indicate interest in studying consolidation/reconfiguration.