

Superintendent's Update

Upcoming Open Houses

- Essex Elementary
 - September 19th @ 6:00pm
- Middle School
 - September 26th @ 6:00pm

School Committee Building Tours

- Memorial School
 - October 2 – 10:00am
- Middle High School
 - October 8th @ 8:30am
- Essex Elementary School
 - October 16– 9:30am



Join us!

September 26th, 2024
8:45-9:45AM
Central Office

Come share your thoughts, ask questions,
and connect with our school community.
Allison Collins, Director of Student Services, will be
joining us to share updates and answer questions.

Please RSVP by September 24th.



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General Update

Continuous Improvement – School & District Reviews

- NEASC On Site Team – October 22nd
- DESE District Review Timeline & Format Pending

Technology & Facilities Improvements

- Interactive Board Upgrade Complete @ MHS
- Test Launch of Raptor Visitor Management System

Spring 2024 MCAS Results & Accountability Data

- Scheduled for release beginning September 24th
- MERSD Annual Assessment Review scheduled for November 5th

Essex SBC Meeting Next Tuesday ~ 7:00pm @ EES

- Committee will tour facility

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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	13 Sections	12 Sections	
Avg Class Size	20	18	3 Classrooms	2 Classrooms	
<i>Shown current student enrollment by school. Inclusive of cross-district enrollment.</i>					

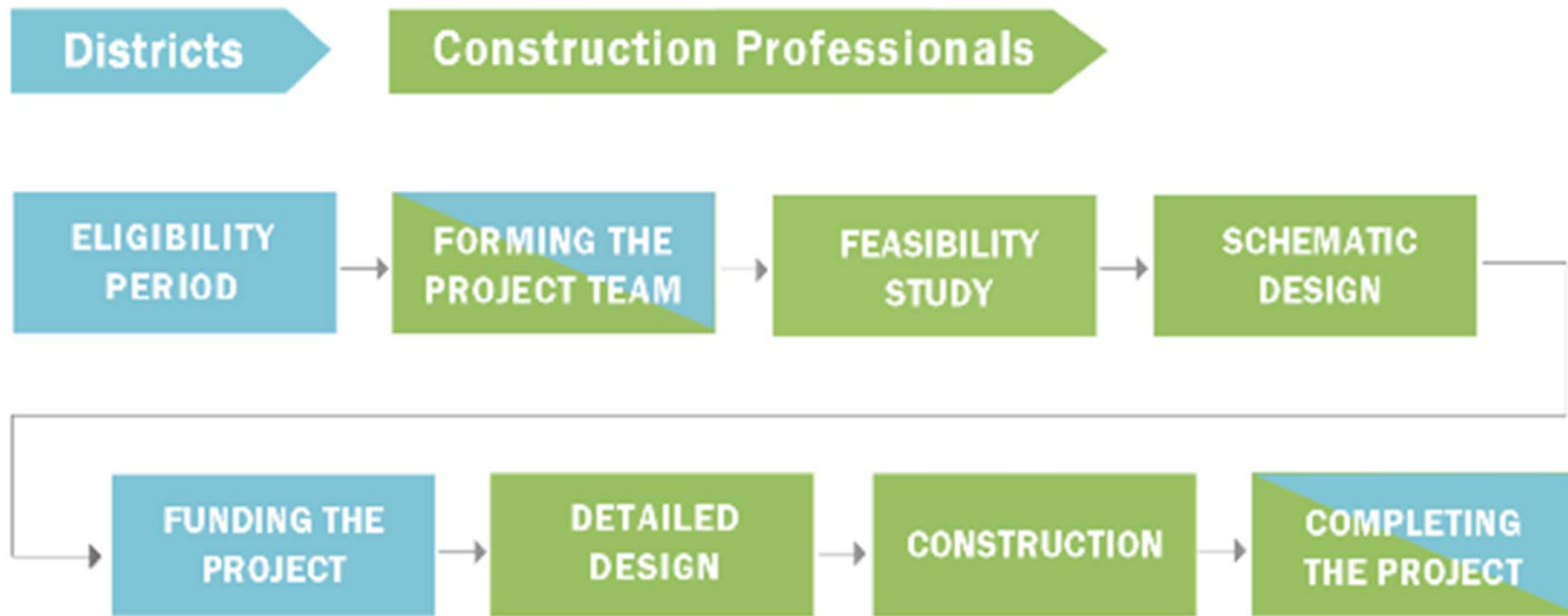
Fall 2024 Middle School In-District Preliminary Enrollment 9.11.24			
	Total Enrollment	Avg. Class Size	Class Size Benchmarks
6	85	21	19-22
7	96	19	19-22
8	97	19	19-22
School Total	278	20	
Fall 2024 High School In-District Preliminary Enrollment 9.11.24			
9	87	16	19-22
10	107	16	19-22
11	91	16	19-22
12	113	16	19-22
School Total	398		
<i>Overall class size average as of 9/11. Full HS sectioning report anticipated 10/1.</i>			

Elementary Total	522
Middle School Total	278
HS Total	398
Preliminary In-District Total	1198

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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			

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FEASIBILITY FUNDING

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

*Can indicate interest in studying consolidation/reconfiguration.