

# FULLER MIDDLE SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Finance Subcommittee

October 10, 2018

# Agenda

1. Introduction and Project Need
2. The Design: Site and Building
3. Benefits to the Students and Community
4. Schedule and Cost
5. Important Dates
6. Questions

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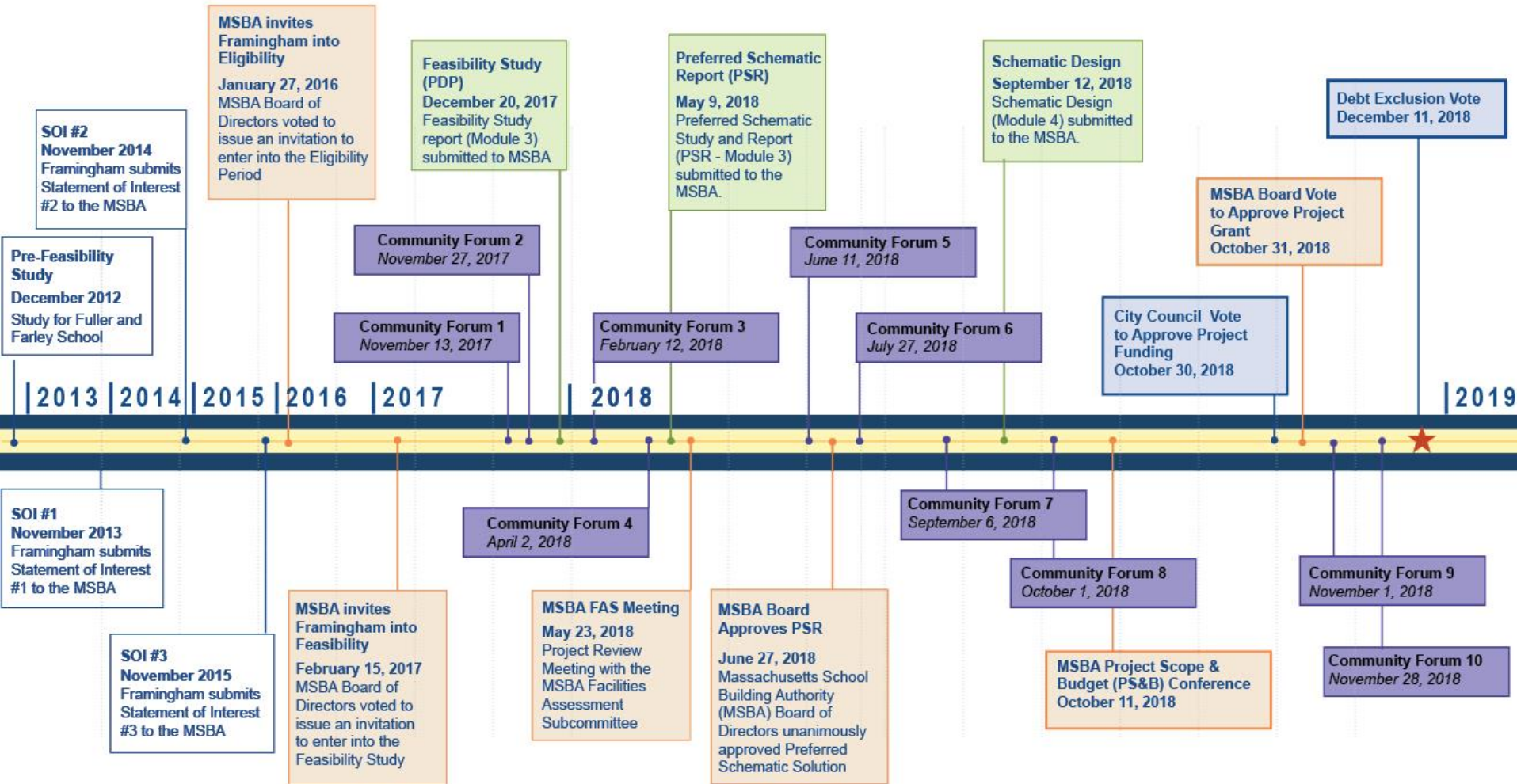
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# SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# SIX YEARS OF PLANNING



# HOW WE GOT HERE

- The Fuller Middle School is an aged facility that requires significant upkeep, spending which will not result in long-term educational benefits.
- Framingham submitted its initial application to MSBA for a grant in November 2013.
- The MSBA receives approximately 120 grant applications for capital projects annually, of which approximately 10 are approved annually.
- Framingham residents voted to approve the Feasibility Study funding at its October 18, 2016 Special Town Meeting.

# OPEN, TRANSPARENT AND PUBLIC PROCESS

For the past 18 months, public meetings have included:

- 27 School Building Committee Meetings
- 8 Community Forums
- 4 City Council Meetings
- 4 School Committee Meetings
- 2 Public Presentations at Library
- 1 Public Hearing at ZBA
- 1 Neighborhood Meeting

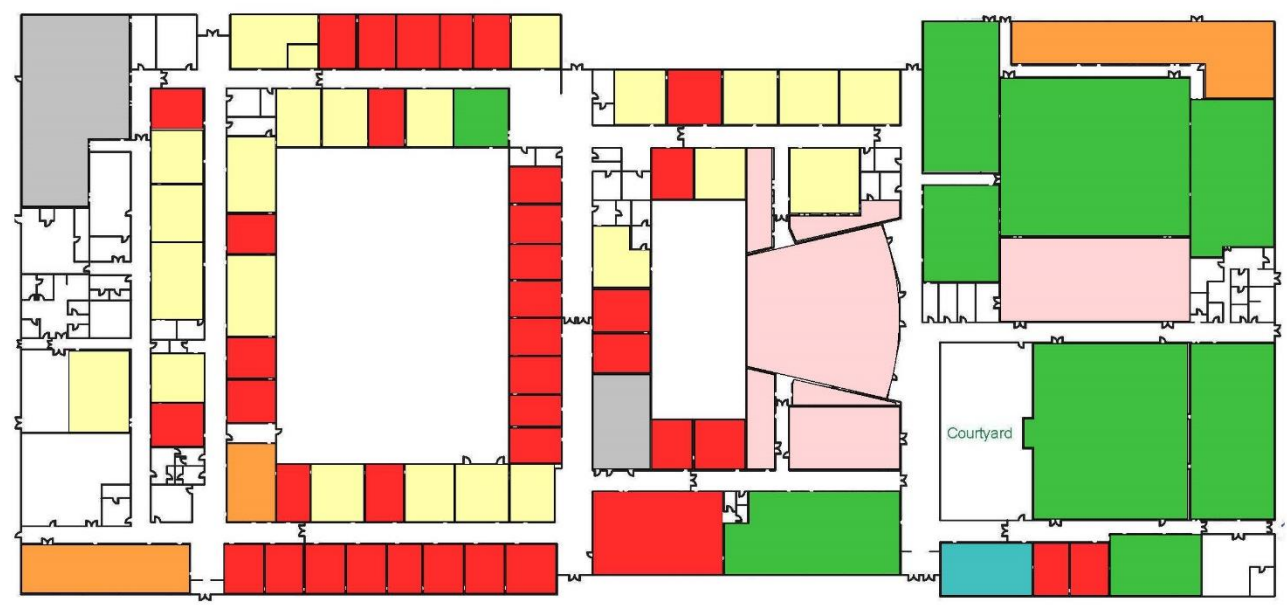
Project Website:

[www.fullerbuildingproject.com](http://www.fullerbuildingproject.com)





# EDUCATIONAL DEFICIENCIES



- BETWEEN 90% - 110% MSBA GUIDELINE
- MORE THAN 110% MSBA GUIDELINE
- LESS THAN 90% MSBA GUIDELINE
- NOT IN MSBA PROGRAM
- OUTSIDE PROGRAMS

1 FULLER SCHOOL - MSBA SPACE NEEDS COMPLIANCE  
1" = 60'-0"

# PHYSICAL BUILDING DEFICIENCIES

Energy Code

Envelope

Accessibility

Structural

Mechanical, Electrical and  
Plumbing Systems

Hazardous Materials



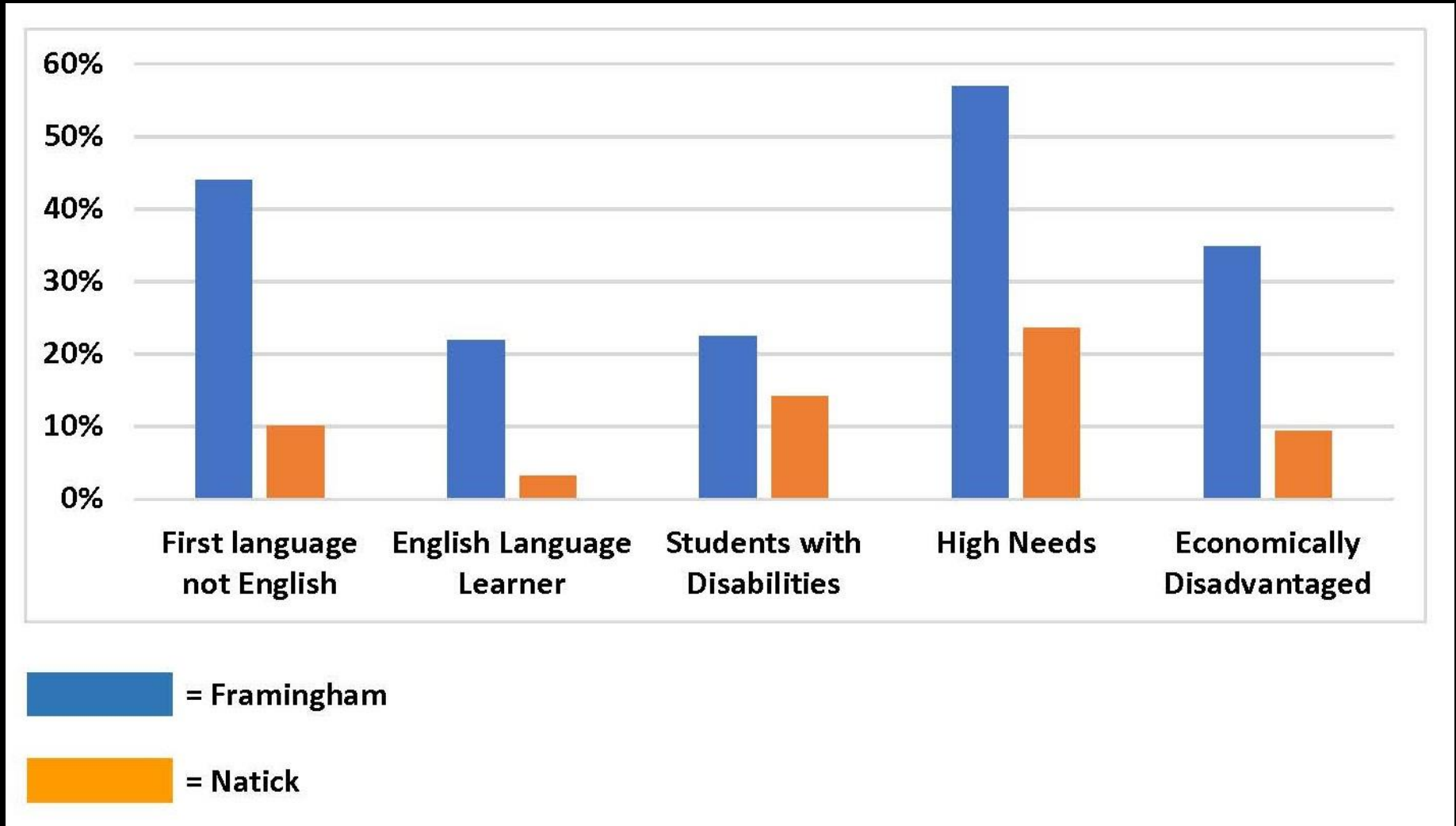
# DESIGN ENROLLMENT

- The MSBA initially provided an enrollment cap of 580 students, based on their demographic projections.
- FPS successfully appealed, and persuaded the MSBA that an enrollment of 630 students in grades 6-8 is appropriate
- 630 students is a good and supportable number
- Now established, the MSBA does not allow further renegotiation of the enrollment figure
- Current design allows flexibility to support more than 630 students

# VISIONING HIGHLIGHTS

- Personalized and Collaborative Learning
- Transdisciplinary Instruction
- Visible Learning
- Adaptability
- Whole Child, Whole Community
- Community and Civic

# FRAMINGHAM DEMOGRAPHICS – ILLUSTRATIVE COMPARISON



Source: Mass Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education

# TRANSLATING THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM INTO SPACE PLANNING

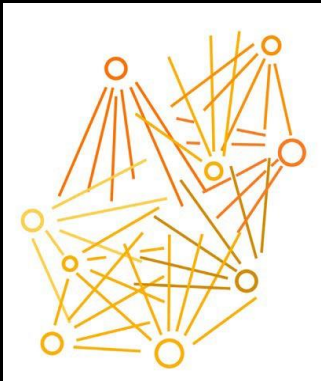
*Fuller Middle School 21st Century Teaching and Learning*

Student Driven, Web Complimentary, Collaboration-Based

## Space Principles



## Space Initiatives



Small Scale  
Collaborative  
Teaching  
Collaborative  
Learning  
Interdisciplinary  
Content Project  
Based Learning  
Visible Learning  
Flexible Learning  
Outdoor Learning  
Community  
Engagement

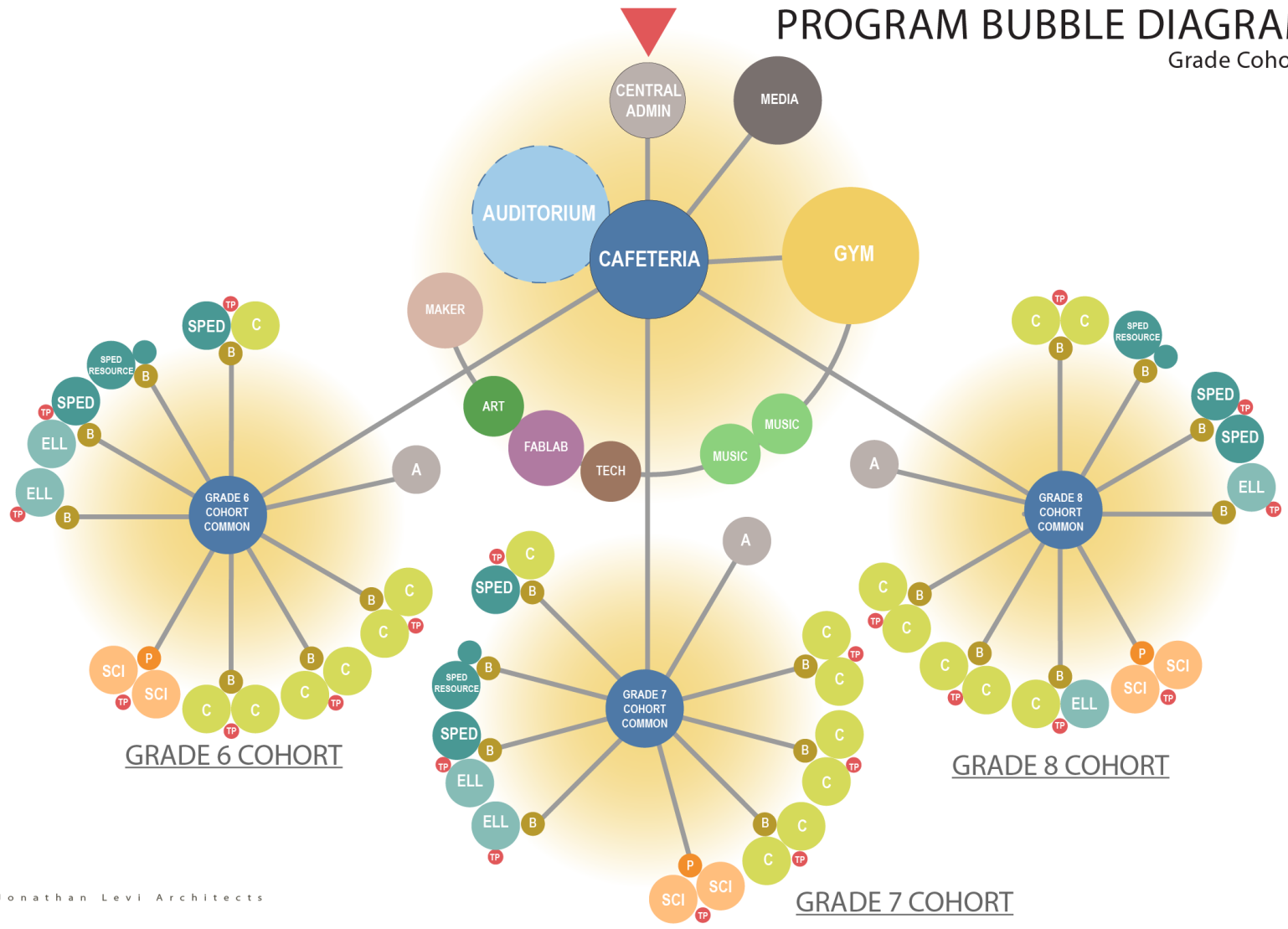


Ubiquitous Learning  
Agile, Varied Scale Classroom  
Specialized Learning Spaces  
Team Teaching  
STEAM Exploratory  
Maker Space  
Visible Teacher Office  
Small Group Collaboration  
Spaces  
Community Collaboration  
Spaces

# Building Space and Adjacency Diagram

## PROGRAM BUBBLE DIAGRAM

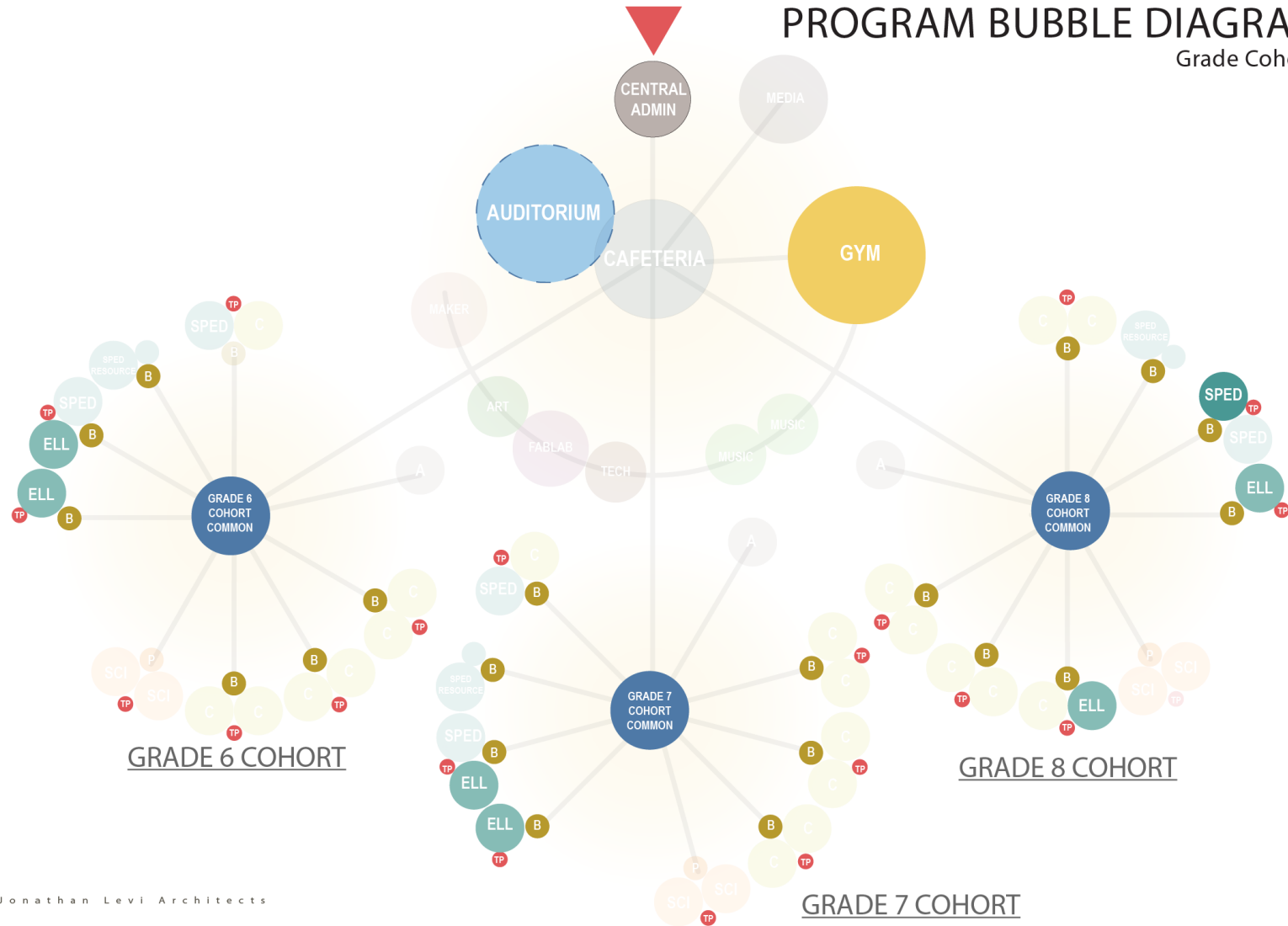
Grade Cohorts



# Spaces to Support Framingham Demographics and STEAM

## PROGRAM BUBBLE DIAGRAM

Grade Cohorts





# WHY AN AUDITORIUM AND INCREASED GYMNASIUM SPACE

The existing 1958 Fuller auditorium and gyms, to be demolished, serve an important function for the school and the South Framingham community.

The new school will:

- Continue to provide a home for these functions
- Maintain parity with Framingham's other Middle Schools
- Provide a safe and flexible environment for teaching and learning

# SQUARE FEET PER STUDENT DIFFERENTIATORS

1. Added auditorium space beyond MSBA standard including related circulation, toilets and services
2. Increased gym size beyond MSBA standard
3. Added stem educational program areas including collaboration zones, break-out areas and satellite administration suites
4. Added spaces for specialized ELL programs
5. Added space for Special Education due to Framingham student demographics
6. Minimum MSBA Space Sizes disproportionate in smaller Design populations

# OPTIONS STUDIED



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**RATINGS:**

+	Advantageous
-0-	Neutral
-	Disadvantageous
--	Very Disadvantageous

	Option 0 Repair to Code Baseline	Option A Add / Reno	Option B Tree Branch New Constr.	Option C Folded Hands New Constr.	Option D Butterfly New Constr.	Comments
<b>PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA</b>						
1 Total Project Cost	--	-	+	+	+	See costs below
2 Schedule	--	-	+	+	+	Renovation options will require phasing and additional construction time. Swing space requires additional time
3 Construction Impact to Education	--	-	+	-0-	+	Swing space will be disruptive and smaller than current Fuller use
4 Construction Impact to Campus and Neighbors	-0-	-	-	+	-	Swing space / trailers will be disruptive to neighbors. Options A, B and D close to Flagg Drive so potentially disruptive
5 Educational Program Accommodation	--	-0-	+	+	+	Options vary on ability to provide 3 appropriate cohort locations and identity
6 Flexibility-Fixed Classroom Count per Cohort	-0-	-	-	+	-	Option C allows each cohort to increase or decrease the number of SPED and general classrooms because they are not aggregated in a defined wing or floor.
7 STEM Enhancement-Visible learning	--	-	-0-	+	-0-	Open atrium has greatest visibility within and between cohorts. All options to facilitate project based learning.
8 Flexibility-Building Systems	--	-	+	+	+	New construction would be designed for flexible use and improved MEP accessibility
9 Open Space /Building Massing / Footprint	--	-	-0-	+	-0-	3 story Option C has smallest footprint, resulting in largest open area.
10 Security	--	-0-	+	+	+	All options A-D would be substantially more secure than existing
11 Community Use	-0-	-	+	+	+	All alternatives allow community use. New Construction options allow increased access to playfields.
12 Academic Campus	-	-	-0-	+	-0-	Locating Fuller closer to Farley and McCarthy improves ability to create identifiable campus. Option C most successful.
13 Outdoor Theater	-0-	-0-	-0-	+	-0-	South-facing sloped outdoor space inherent in Option C design
14 Natural Light and Views	--	-0-	+	+	+	one-story "Pancake" massing creates interior rooms with limited access to windows
15 LEED / Sustainability	-	-0-	-0-	+	-0-	Option C has best solar orientation
16 Risk	--	--	+	+	+	Options requiring renovation and/or swing space have more inherent risk due to unforeseen conditions
17 Long Term Maintenance and Repair Costs	-	-0-	+	+	+	3 story Option C has smallest roof area.
18 Operating Costs	-	-0-	+	+	+	Solar orientation and ext skin quantity impact energy loads
19 Design Scope Flexibility	--	--	+	+	-	Options B and C would most readily allow a modification to the Auditorium and/or Gym size in upcoming Schematic Design phase
Total GSF	196,000	167,000	154,000	154,000	154,000	



COMMUNITY ACCESS  
GYM&AUDITORIUM

NEW PARKING 154 SPACES

NEW FULLER MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEW PARKING 96 SPACES

FARLEY/MASS BAY

FOOTPRINT OF EXISTING 1958  
BUILDING TO BE REMOVED

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM GREEN

MCCARTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**SITE PLAN**



**AERIAL VIEW**

# FIRST FLOOR PLAN



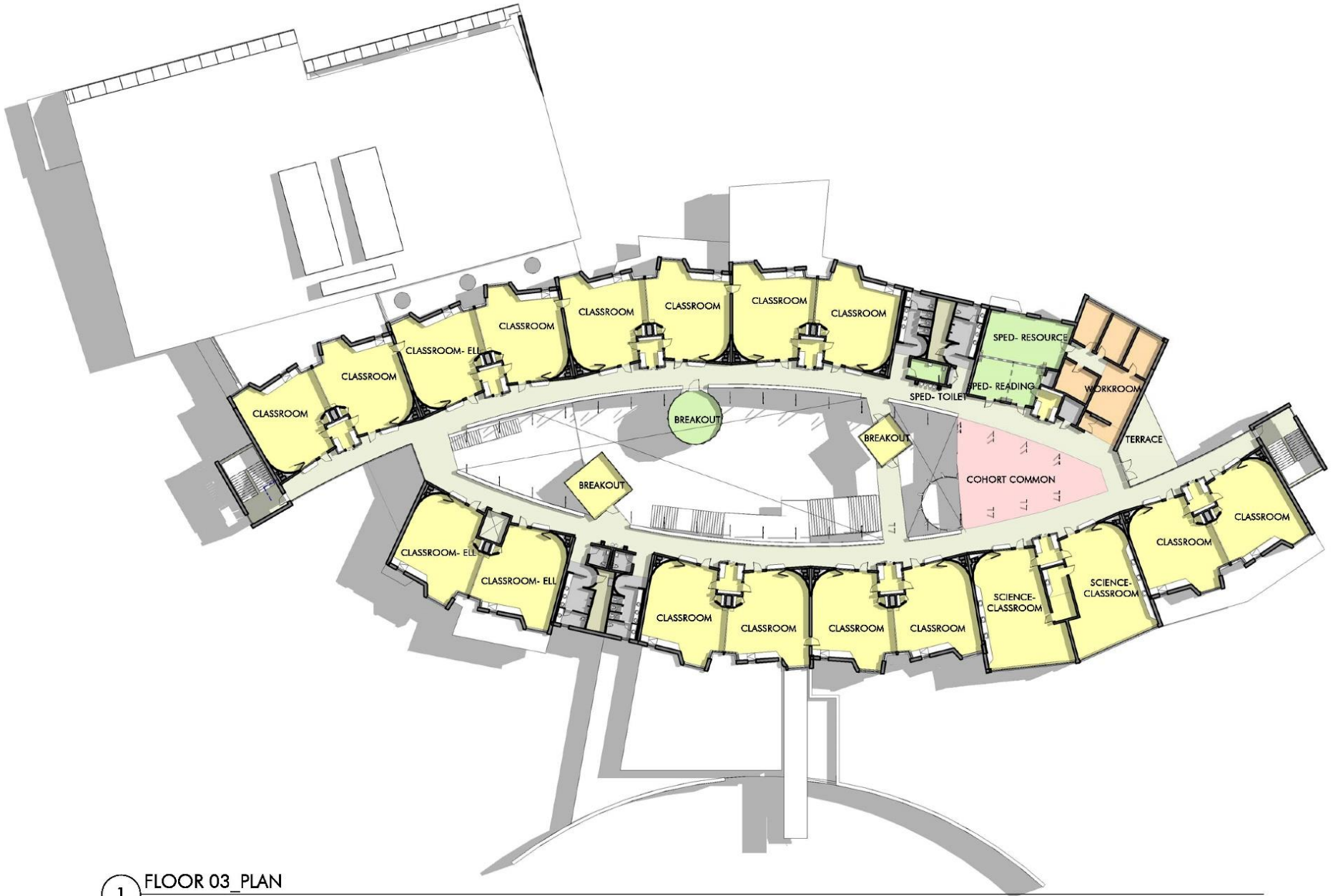
1 FLOOR 01\_PLAN  
1/32" = 1'-0"

# SECOND FLOOR PLAN





# THIRD FLOOR PLAN



WRITABLE MAGNETIC SURFACE

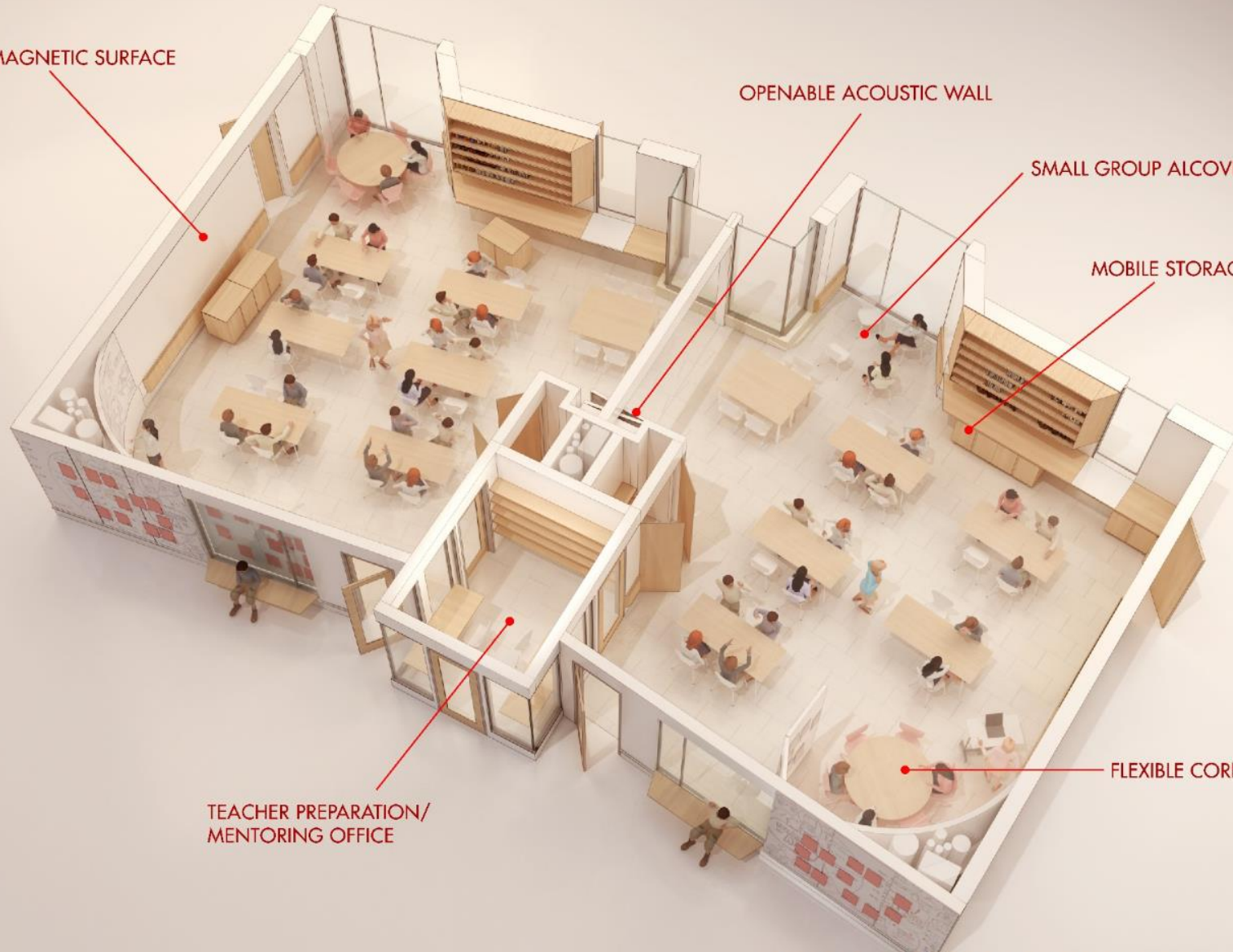
OPENABLE ACOUSTIC WALL

SMALL GROUP ALCOVE

MOBILE STORAGE

FLEXIBLE CORNER

TEACHER PREPARATION/  
MENTORING OFFICE



**TYPICAL CLASSROOM SUITE FROM CORRIDOR**

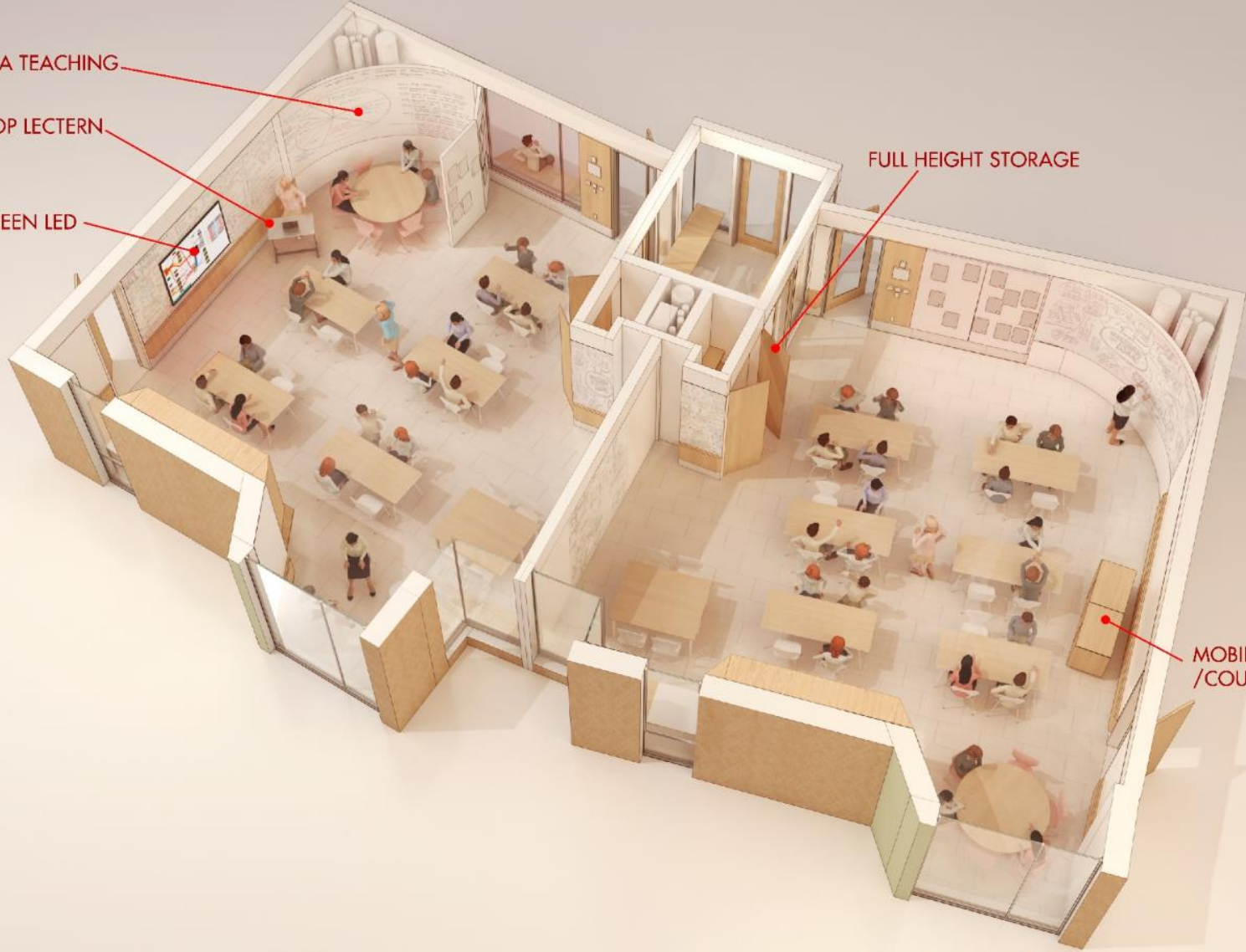
'PANORAMA TEACHING WALL'

MOBILE LAPTOP LECTERN

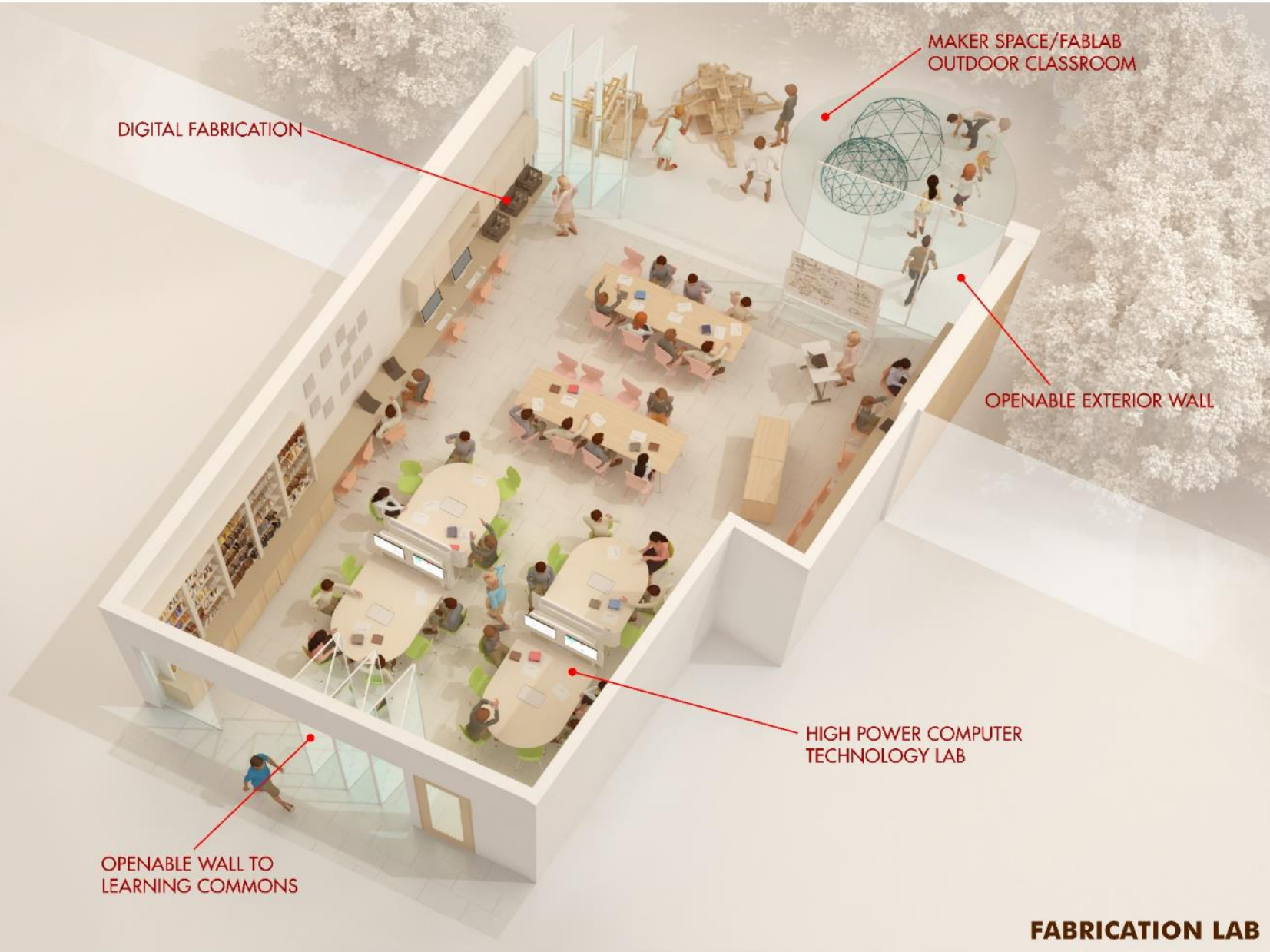
WIDE SCREEN LED DISPLAY

FULL HEIGHT STORAGE

MOBILE STORAGE /COUNTER



**TYPICAL CLASSROOM SUITE FROM EXTERIOR**



DIGITAL FABRICATION

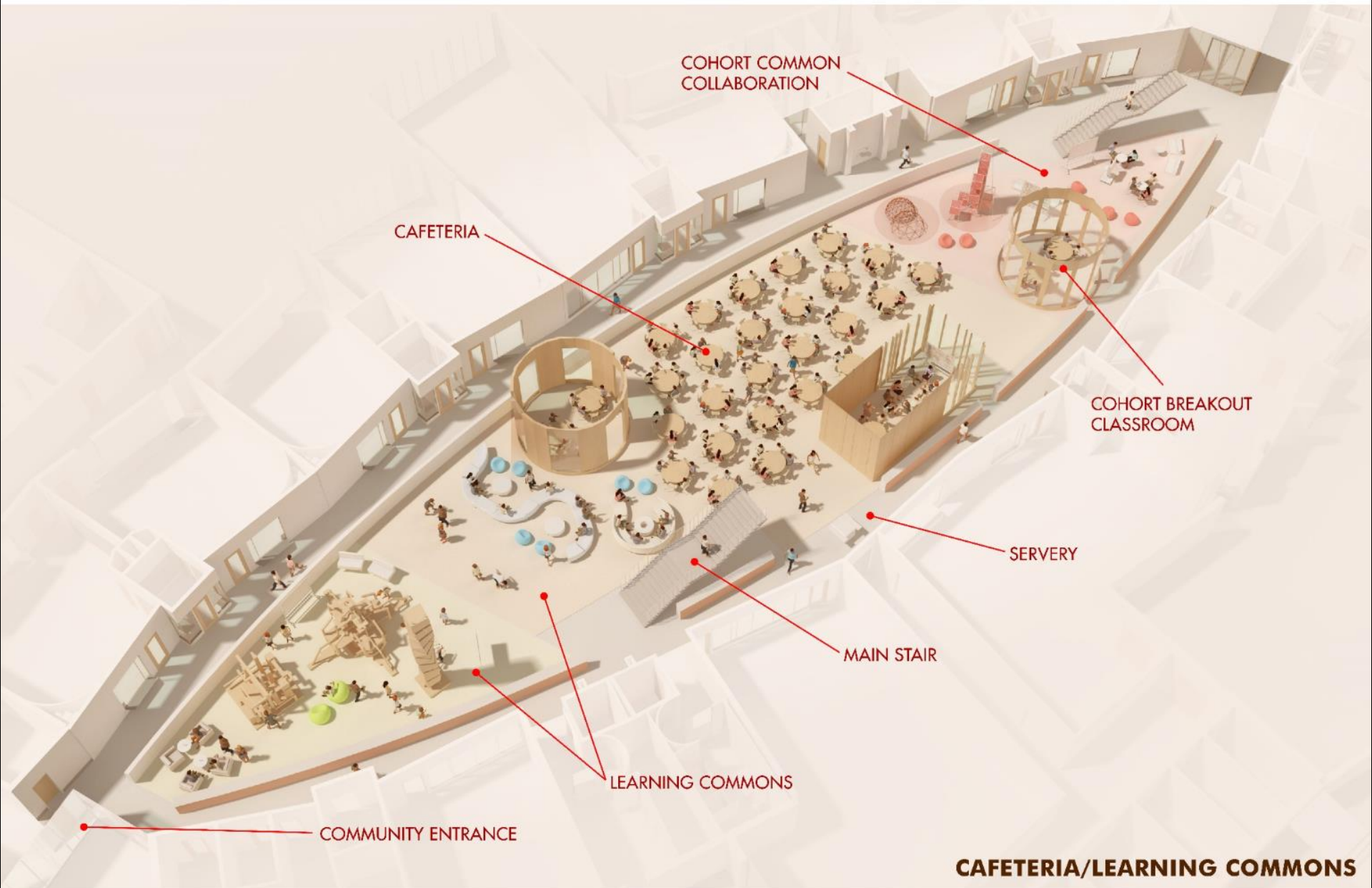
MAKER SPACE/FABLAB  
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

OPENABLE EXTERIOR WALL

HIGH POWER COMPUTER  
TECHNOLOGY LAB

OPENABLE WALL TO  
LEARNING COMMONS

## FABRICATION LAB



COMMUNITY ENTRANCE

CAFETERIA

COHORT COMMON COLLABORATION

COHORT BREAKOUT CLASSROOM

SERVERY

MAIN STAIR

LEARNING COMMONS

**CAFETERIA/LEARNING COMMONS**

MAKER SPACE SHOP

OVERHEAD DOOR TO  
OUTDOORS

MAKER SPACE/FABLAB  
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

OPENABLE WALL TO  
LEARNING COMMONS

## MAKER SPACE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018  
FRAMINGHAM FULLER SCHOOL

FLEXIBLE CORNER WITH 'PANORAMA'  
TEACHING WALL

TEACHER PREPARATION/  
MENTORING OFFICE

LAB BENCHES

CHEMISTRY/BIOLOGY  
PREPARATION ROOM

DELUGE STATION

DOUBLE ACCESS FUME  
HOOD

OPENABLE ACOUSTIC PARTITION

## SCIENCE CLASSROOM SUITE



**CROSS SECTION THROUGH CAFETERIA/LEARNING COMMONS**





**PERSPECTIVE FROM FLAGG DRIVE**

3 Story Compact Design means lower costs for foundations and more open space when complete

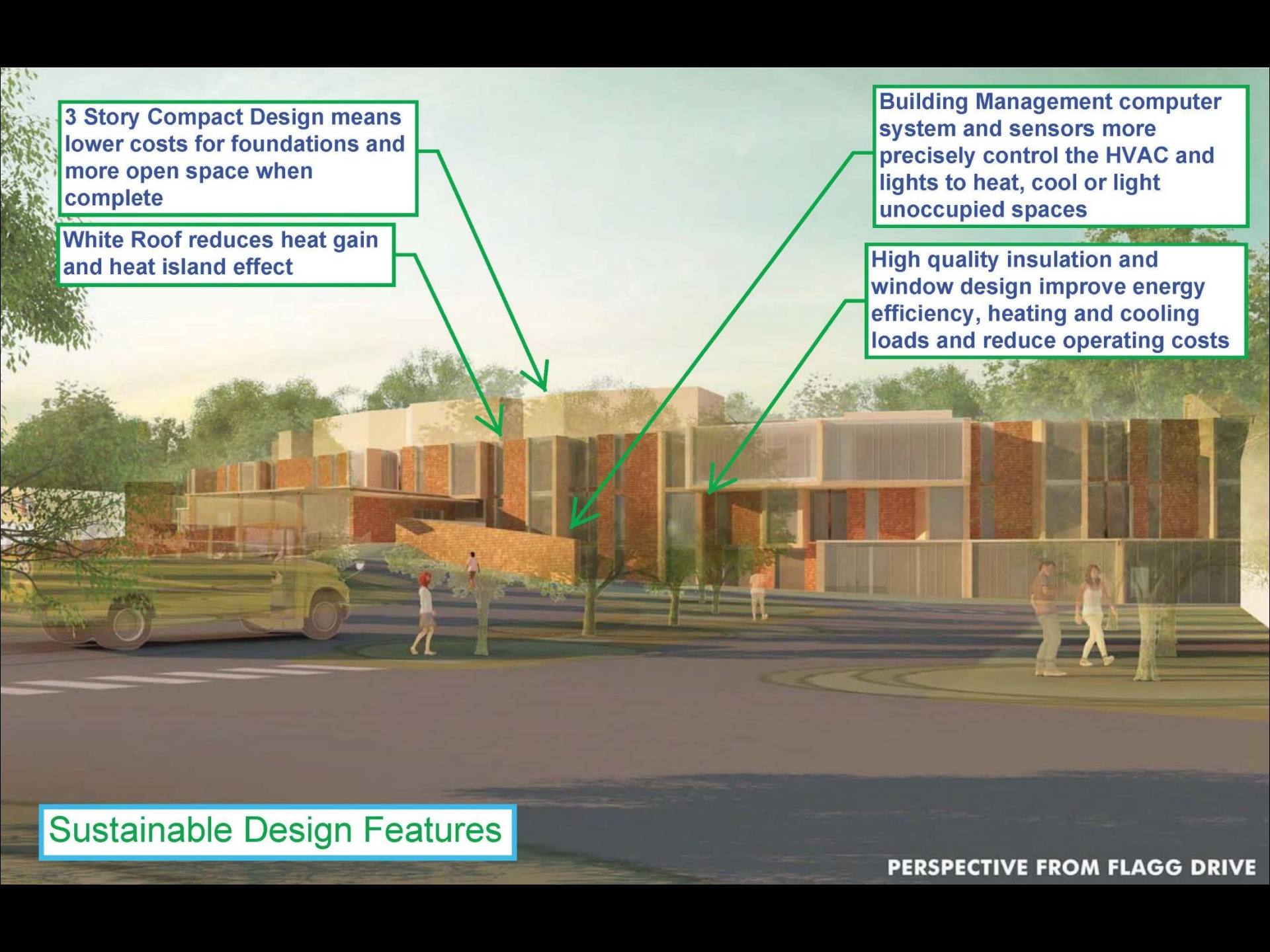
White Roof reduces heat gain and heat island effect

Building Management computer system and sensors more precisely control the HVAC and lights to heat, cool or light unoccupied spaces

High quality insulation and window design improve energy efficiency, heating and cooling loads and reduce operating costs

## Sustainable Design Features

PERSPECTIVE FROM FLAGG DRIVE



# BENEFITS TO THE STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS

- Appropriate classroom sizes and relationships according to contemporary educational standards.
- Collaboration spaces that support project based learning - preparing students for the contemporary workforce.
- Natural daylighting and healthy ventilation for improved educational outcomes.
- Full range of special education spaces to support individual student needs.
- STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) instruction spaces to fulfill district's elementary feeder school commitment to STEM curricula.
- Spaces that facilitate teacher collaboration toward improved teaching practices.

# BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

- Replacement of decaying, inefficient facility with ever increasing maintenance and operation cost burden to the City. Reduced building size, modern materials, and far more energy efficient HVAC systems will increase operating efficiency over the next 70 years.
- Reduced building footprint yields increased City open space and playfield space, and improves impact to adjacent conservation lands.
- Traffic calming measures improve public safety.
- Renewal of community access athletic and performance facilities for future use.

# PROJECT TIMELINE

December 2018 – Detailed Design Commences

Summer 2019 – Construction Commences

Summer 2021 – New Building is Completed

December 2021 – Demolition and Sitework Completed

# TOTAL PROJECT COST

CONSTRUCTION COST (BUILDING + SITE WORK+ MARK-UPS)	\$77.9M
FEES & EXPENSES	\$12.6M
FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	\$2.3M
CONTINGENCIES	\$5.5M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$98.3M</b>

# WAS THE TOTAL PROJECT COST REDUCED?

	PROJECT COST	COST TO CITY	BUILDING SIZE
PSR SUBMISSION - 5/9/2018	\$110.5M	\$66.6M	153,905 SF
REDUCED ELL SPACES - 6/18/2018	\$104.5M	\$63.6M	141,750 SF
REDUCED AUDITORIUM - 7/16/2018	\$101.3M	\$60.8M	136,790 SF
SCHEMATIC DESIGN SUBMISSION - 9/12/2018	\$ 98.3M	\$58.8M	136,790 SF
<b>TOTAL REDUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 12.2M</b>	<b>\$7.8M</b>	<b>17,115 SF</b>

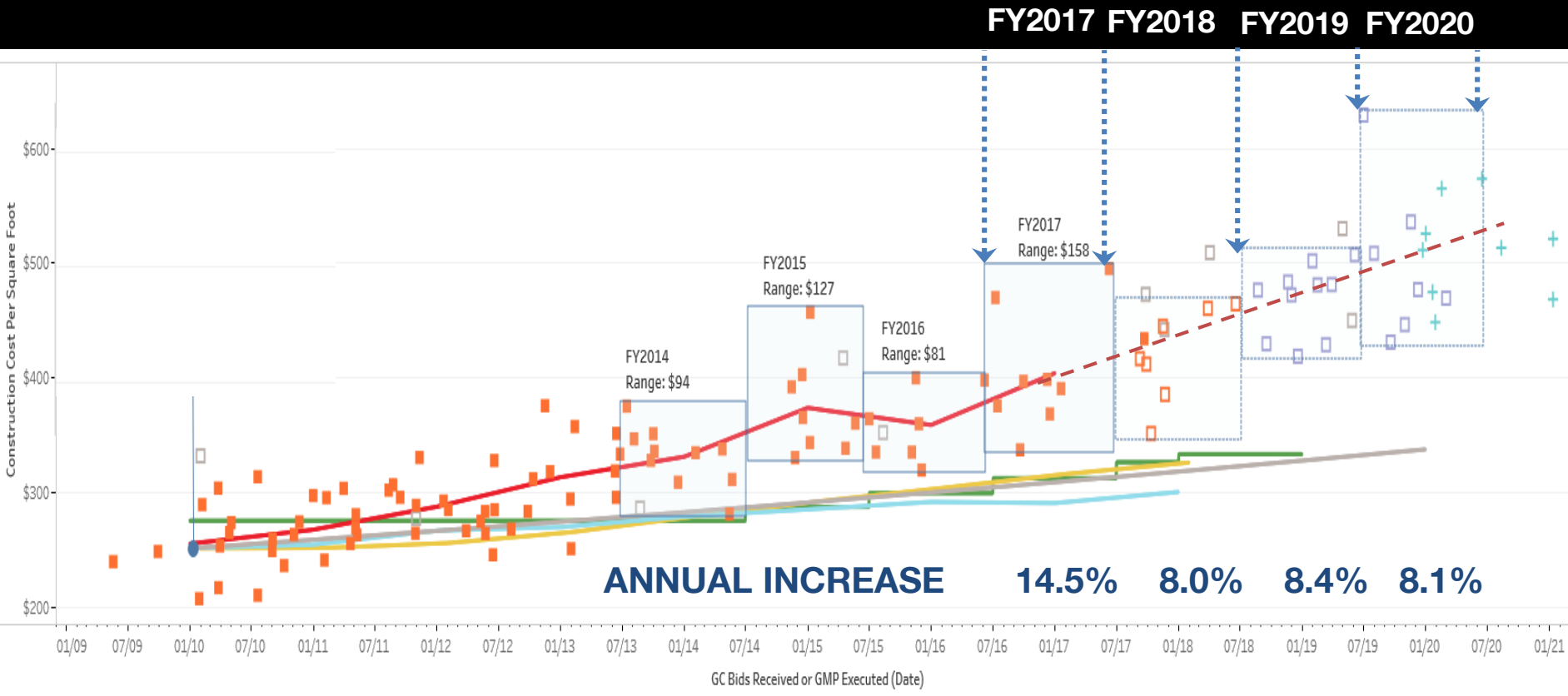
# COLLABORATIVE COST REDUCTION STRATEGY ACTION

- Reduce 30 Classrooms to 27
- Reduce 9 Science Classrooms to 6
- Combine Tech Classroom with Fabrication Lab
- Combine Small Group Seminar with Teacher Work Rooms
- Reduce Auditorium from 750 seats to 420 seats

Combined total reduction of 17,115 GSF, representing a savings of approximately \$12.2M in total project costs, representing a savings of \$7.8M to the City.



# HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO RECENT MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS?



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# HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO RECENT MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS?

*(Sorted by Total Project Cost)*

Project Name	Students	Cost Escalated to Fuller (\$M)
Lynn Middle Schools	1,660	\$213
Saugus Middle/High School	1,360	\$186
Beverly Middle School	1,395	\$136
Holyoke Lawrence Middle School	1,100	\$132
Abington Middle/High School	1,115	\$129
Natick Kennedy Middle School	1,000	\$116
Dennis-Yarmouth Mattacheese Middle School	940	\$113
Westport Middle/High School	860	\$112
<b>Framingham Fuller Middle School</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>\$98</b>
Boston Dearborn STEM Academy	600	\$94
Quincy Sterling Middle School	430	\$70

# HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO RECENT MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS?

*(Sorted by Cost per Student)*

Project Name	Students	Cost/Student (\$K)
Quincy Sterling Middle School	430	\$162
Boston Dearborn STEM Academy	600	\$156
<b>Framingham Fuller Middle School</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>\$156</b>
Saugus Middle/High School	1,360	\$137
Westport Middle/High School	860	\$130
Lynn Middle Schools	1,660	\$129
Dennis-Yarmouth Mattacheese Middle School	940	\$120
Holyoke Lawrence Middle School	1,100	\$120
Natick Kennedy Middle School	1,000	\$116
Abington Middle/High School	1,115	\$115
Beverly Middle School	1,395	\$97

# HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO RECENT MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS?

*(Sorted by Cost per Square Feet)*

Project Name	Students	Cost/SF
Boston Dearborn STEM Academy	600	\$730
Quincy Sterling Middle School	430	\$727
<b>Framingham Fuller Middle School</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>\$718</b>
Saugus Middle/High School	1,360	\$693
Lynn Middle Schools	1,660	\$674
Natick Kennedy Middle School	1,000	\$638
Holyoke Lawrence Middle School	1,100	\$617
Dennis-Yarmouth Mattacheese Middle School	940	\$614
Westport Middle/High School	860	\$597
Beverly Middle School	1,395	\$586
Abington Middle/High School	1,115	\$546

# COST PER SQUARE FEET DIFFERENTIATORS

- Increased Site Costs against Small Building Area
- Overlarge Existing Building Demolition and Abatement
- Soil Conditions Foundation Support
- Auditorium and Added Gymnasium Premium
- Full Air Conditioning

# MSBA REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Base Points	31.00
Income Factor	7.73
Property Wealth Factor	17.68
Poverty Factor	1.42
<b>BASE RATE</b>	<b>57.83</b>
Maintenance	1.48
CM @ Risk	1.00
“Green Schools”	2.00
<b>INCENTIVE POINTS</b>	<b>4.48</b>
<b>REIMBURSEMENT RATE</b>	<b>62.31</b>

# WHAT WILL BE FRAMINGHAM'S SHARE?

Total Project Cost	\$ 98,276,878
Approximate Ineligible Costs	\$ 34,910,495
Eligible Costs	\$ 63,366,383
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Reimbursement Rate	62.31%
Approximate MSBA Grant	\$ 39,483,593
Total Project Cost	\$ 98,276,878
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<b>Approximate Cost to the City</b>	<b>\$ 58,793,285</b>

# WHAT ARE THE APPROXIMATE INELIGIBLE COSTS?

Legal fees	\$ 80,000
OPM fee associated with Ineligible Spaces	\$ 286,361
Architect fee associated with Ineligible Spaces	\$ 837,936
Asbestos flooring abatement	\$ 388,800
Site costs over 8%	\$ 4,162,845
Building costs over \$333/s.f.	\$16,912,791
Auditorium ineligible space	\$ 5,823,829
Gymnasium ineligible space over 6,500 s.f.	\$ 1,440,421
Administration ineligible space over MSBA Guideline	\$ 904,095
Furnishings and equipment over \$1,200/student	\$ 378,000
Educational technology over \$1,200/student	\$ 378,000
Moving expenses	\$ 200,000
Construction contingency over 1%	\$ 3,117,417
<b>Total Approximate Ineligible Costs</b>	<b>\$34,910,495</b>



# WHAT WILL BE FRAMINGHAM'S SHARE?

<b>PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$98.3M</b>
<b>APPROXIMATE MSBA GRANT</b>	<b>\$39.5M</b>
<b>APPROXIMATE COST TO FRAMINGHAM</b>	<b>\$58.8M</b>

# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER?

29 Cents annual tax increase per \$1,000  
valuation

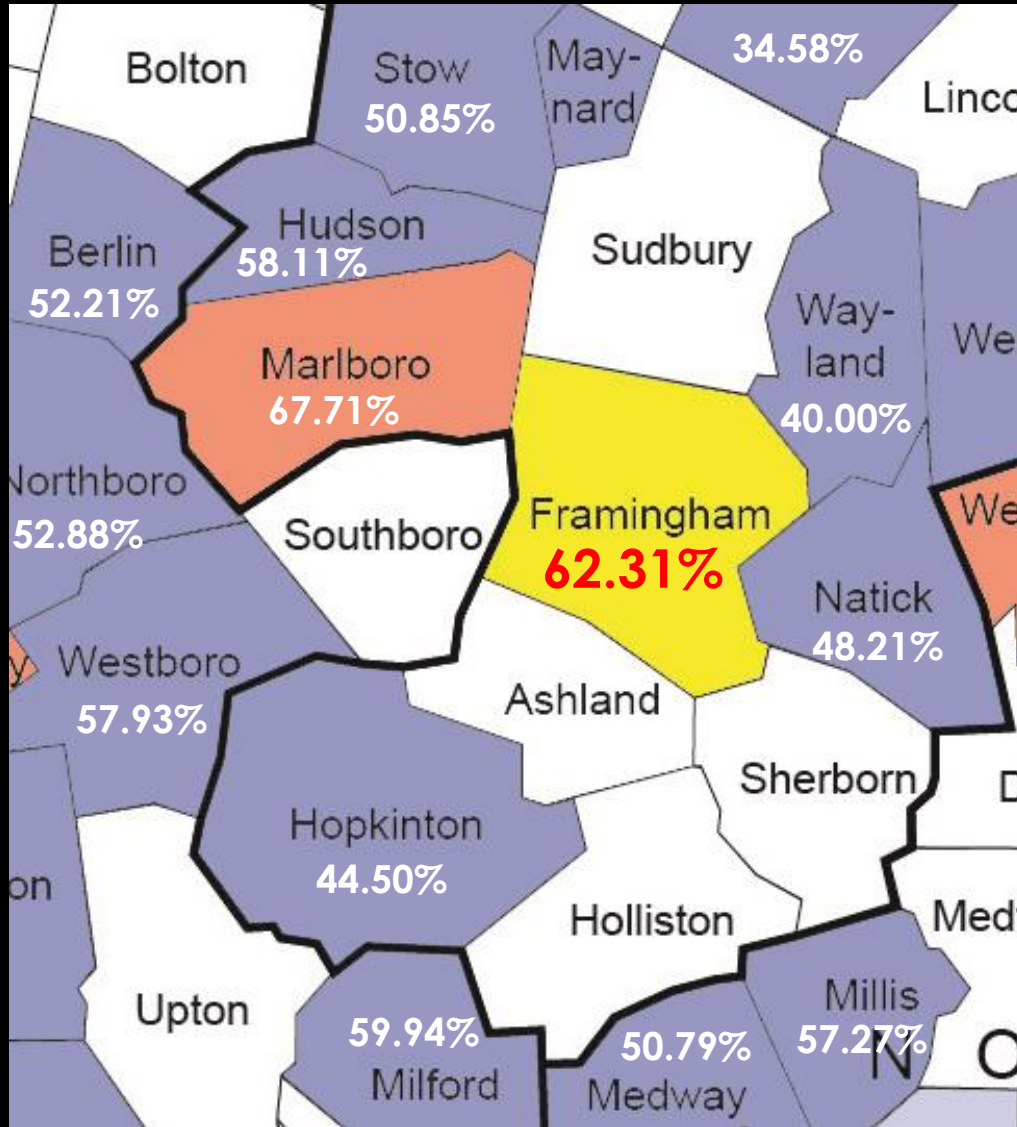
**\$101 per year, OR**

**\$8.41 per month, OR**

**28 Cents per day**

Based on a 20-year bond utilizing \$8  
million of the Capital Stabilization Fund

# WHAT HAVE OUR NEIGHBORS BEEN DOING?



## MSBA CORE PROGRAM PROJECTS IN NEIGHBORING TOWNS

(within past ten years):



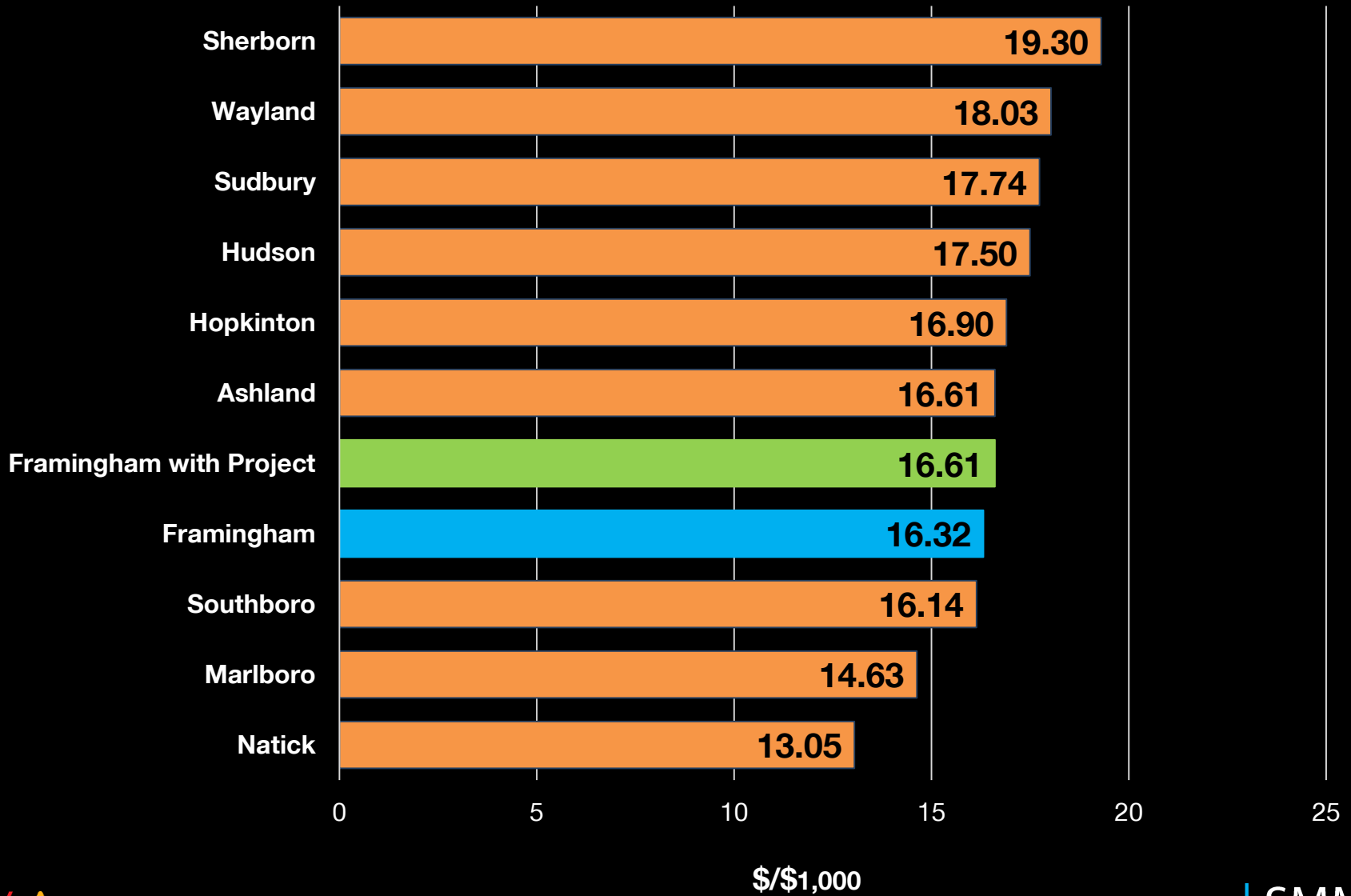
Completed or Under Construction



In Feasibility to Design Development Phase

51.26% Average

# SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES 2018 RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE (\$/\$1,000 Assessed Value)



# THE COST OF VOTING “NO”?

## Case Study: Lincoln – Paying More... Getting Less

- July 2012 (MSBA Board Approval)
- November 2012 (Lincoln Town Meeting Failed)
  - \$50M Total Project Budget
  - \$21M MSBA Grant
- Not re-accepted into MSBA program after several attempts
- Now evaluating options forecast to cost \$90-100 million at 100% Town cost

# THE COST OF VOTING “NO”?

## Possible Scenarios

		COST TO CITY	AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL TAX IMPACT
<b>VOTE PASSES</b>			
	<b>NEW FULLER NOW</b> (with MSBA GRANT)	<b>\$ 58.8M</b>	<b>\$101</b>
<b>VOTE FAILS</b>			
	<b>NEW FULLER IN 10 YEARS</b> (ASSUMED with MSBA GRANT)	<b>\$ 84.4M *</b>	<b>\$145</b>
	<b>OPERATE AND MAINTAIN EXISTING FULLER</b>	<b>\$ 18.6M **</b>	<b>?</b>
		<b>\$103.0M</b>	
	<b>REPAIR-ONLY FULLER NOW</b>	<b>\$131.0M</b>	<b>\$244</b>

\* - Based on 4% escalation, current borrowing rate, 20 year term, using \$11M of Capital Stabilization Fund, MSBA Grant not guaranteed.

\*\* - Assumes no major system failures in next 10 years.

# THE COST OF VOTING “NO”?

- A “NO” vote means educational offerings continue to not meet the needs of students and educators due to facility needs
- A “NO” vote does not avoid future expenses. In fact, the opposite is true:
  - State aid (\$39.5M) will go to another district and the City is unlikely to get another opportunity.
  - No benefit to show for the Feasibility Study funds expended by the City.
  - Current and future generations inherit an inadequate building with big costs ahead (\$131M).
  - The cost of future repairs and construction will only go up, including their impact on taxes.

# IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 16, 2018 – City Council Public Hearing**
- **October 30, 2018 – City Council Meeting to approve funding**
- **October 31, 2018 – MSBA Board Meeting to approve project**
- **November 1, 2018 – Community Forum No. 9**
- **November 28, 2018 – Community Forum No. 10**
- **December 11, 2018 – Anticipated Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote**



# WHY A NEW FULLER?

- **Physical and Educational Deficiencies**
- **STEAM based Educational Vision**
- **6 Years of Study**
- **MSBA Partnership**