

It's time to Vote Yes for MHS!



Urgent Issues

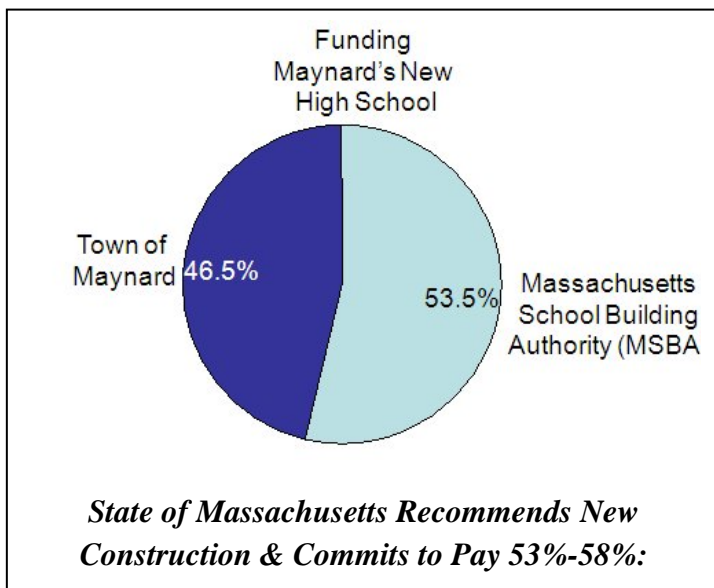
- **Physical Deficiencies:** MHS is on probation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and faces the loss of accreditation.
- **Essential Building Systems at End of Life:** heating, plumbing and electrical systems are at end of life. Additionally the roof must be replaced.
- **Not Compliant with ADA:** MHS is not handicap accessible or compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Poor Indoor Air Quality:** The air quality is poor due to an outdated and ineffective ventilation system.
- **Safety & Liability:** MHS does not have a fire sprinkler system and the current fire alarm system is in poor condition and obsolete.
- **Inadequate Facility:** Built in 1962, the building no longer supports a 21st century education and has met its 50 year design lifespan.

The Right Choice Now

- **State Recommends New Construction & Commits to Pay 53%-58%:** After reviewing plans for renovation vs. building new, the state concluded building new was a better investment and committed to pay 53%-58% of the new construction cost, a tremendous opportunity in this difficult economy.
- **Cost of Construction Continues to Decline:** Construction costs have declined significantly as the economy has slowed.
- **Solves Current Overcrowding:** The new high school, educating grades 8-12, allows us to solve overcrowding issues in the Green Meadow School.

New High School Will Benefit Our Community

- **Excellent Learning Environment:** A new high school will provide our Maynard students with a state -of-the-art learning environment.
- **Increased Productivity:** New schools built in the 21st century offer best in class practices that contribute to enhanced indoor air quality, improve faculty/student health, comfort and productivity.
- **Attract New Teaching Talent:** A new high school will improve Maynard's ability to attract new teaching talent.
- **Increase Property Value:** An accredited high school will increase the value of our homes.
- **Fewer students "choice out":** Fewer students "choice out" to neighboring districts, saving the town money as we have to pay the other districts who educate our children.



Selected Questions and Answers

The Committee to

MOVE MAYNARD *forward*

Q: What are we voting on at the Ballot on March 23 and where do I vote?

A: Voters will be asked to approve \$700,000 for the architectural design plan of a new MHS, grades 8-12. The warrant was approved overwhelmingly at the February 9, Special Town Meeting. Registered voters will vote at their usual voting location, either at Town Hall or the Fowler School; 7am -8pm.

Q: How would a “No” vote impact state funding and MHS’s New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation?

A: If any of the upcoming votes fail, we will lose our state funding from the MSBA. A “no” vote would mean **FULL** funding will have to come from Maynard taxpayers to make the High School a viable educational facility for our students. Further, a “no” vote would put the school’s accreditation at risk. NEASC has placed MHS on probation for not meeting present day standards for teaching and learning due specifically to the condition of the facility. If MHS’s accreditation were lost, our students would not have the same competitive edge when applying to colleges as students from other accredited schools, leading to lower property values.

Q: If the new school is approved, is there a plan to maintain the building to keep it functioning as long as possible?

A. Yes. As part of the MSBA funding process, the MSBA requires that we have a maintenance plan and person responsible for implementing this plan. Additionally, the School Committee and the Town have made a commitment to maintain all of our school and town buildings.

Q: If the MHS plan is approved, when will the project be completed?

A. September 2013. At this stage of planning this completion date is tentative.

Q: If the vote is successful on March 23, how many more votes are needed?

A: Two. A Town Meeting and subsequent town wide election will be in the fall 2010 to approve the final cost of the new MHS.

Q: What is the Committee to Move Maynard Forward?

A: It is a volunteer committee formed to secure a new High School for Maynard.

For more information see

www.movingmaynardforward.com



A New High School in Maynard will provide our Students and Faculty with an Excellent State-of-the-Art Learning Environment.