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Dear LPS School Community:

We have received questions regarding cost estimates for the Lexington High School Project. Some of you are asking whether the community submissions for projects have been cost-estimated like the other designs. The answer is yes!

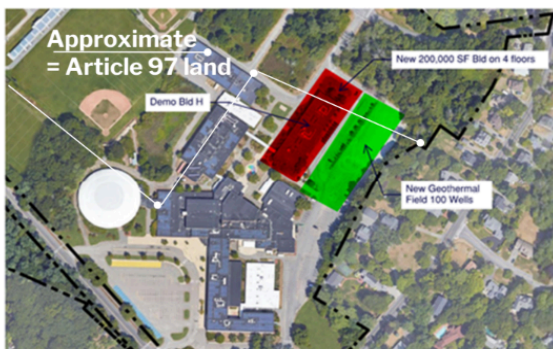
The official cost estimate for the "Thrive" concept is \$866,929,000, with no MSBA funding contribution. "Thrive," a community submission, is a phased project that proposes replacing the World Language Building, which would require the use of modular classrooms.

Turner Construction Company is well-known in the region. In addition to the cost estimates they completed for "Bloom" and other design options, the Construction Manager reviewed the community submissions, providing an "order of magnitude cost" similar to that which the design team provided during the PDP phase. We encourage you to click the link to view [the new cost estimates for community submissions](#) if you want to learn more.

To view the Project Team's presentation to the Permanent Building Committee on February 20, 2025, here is the video link: https://youtu.be/ctPj8au_Mlc

Community Submissions

Thrive .2 (with Modular Classrooms)



- Phase 1 Project Cost \$314,015,000
- Phase 2 Project Costs (assumed) \$552,914,000
- **Total Project Cost \$866,929,000**
- **After zero MSBA Contribution \$866,929,000**

Considerations:

- Does **not** address **Educational Program adjacencies/efficiencies**
- **Loss of MSBA Funding (\$100 million)**
- Phase 1 - Article 97 Land swap **required**
- Phase 1 & 2 - Impact to Students/Staff- **HIGH**
- Phase 1 & 2 - Completion likely **not before 2035**
- Phase 1 - required ADA only upgrades to existing building and Field House
- Phase 2 - Assumes all renovated areas from Phase 1 are replaced with Phase 2.
- Phase 1 - Retains existing MEP systems (at end of useful life) as is and increasing annual maintenance budget. Costs not included for ongoing maintenance.
- Phase 1 - Does not address Central Office
- Phase 1 - Parking (approx. 200 spaces) would need to be replicated on fields -Cost not included
- Phase 2 - Location for phase 2 addition would require **additional loss of fields**
- Phase 1 -Includes Modulares
- Phase 2 - May require Modulares, costs not included
- Phase 1 Requires gas and water main relocation

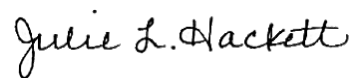
In related news, the MSBA Board of Directors approved the School Building Committee's submission of the Preferred Schematic Report today, which signifies the formal approval of the "Bloom" design option. In partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), we are officially entering [Module 4—Schematic Design](#), a new project phase.

Lexington High School is one of the largest high schools in Massachusetts. The Turner Construction Company estimates the total cost of "Bloom" (the preferred design) would be \$662,000,000.

Unlike the community submissions, the Bloom design **IS ELIGIBLE** for MSBA reimbursement, which is currently estimated at \$100M. **Therefore, the total cost of the Bloom design would be \$562,000,000.** This dollar amount includes a) the base high school project, b) the "add/reno" field house, and c) additional central office/student expansion space.

We hope this information is helpful, and we will keep you apprised as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie L. Hackett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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