



Town of Lexington Massachusetts

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To: Select Board, School Building Committee

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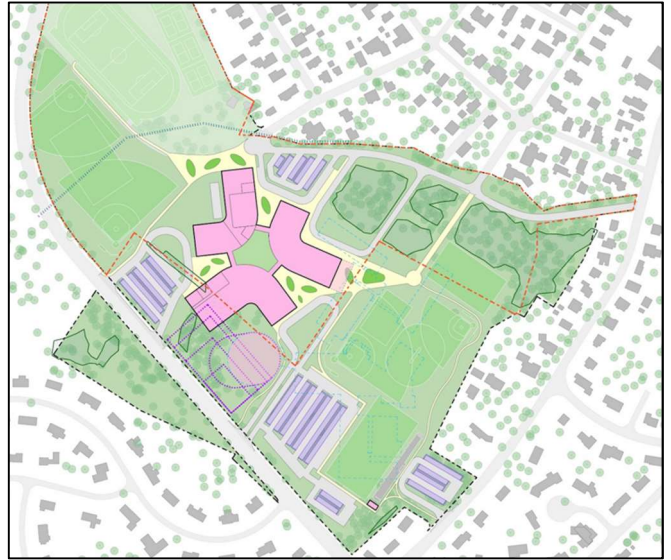
School Committee

School Building Committee

Re: Updated Recreation Committee position on LHS Building Project

At the Recreation Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, the Committee took the following position by unanimous approval (5-0):

- the Recreation Committee appreciates the work involved in the compromise solutions that have been sought by the SBC and SMMA and supports in concept the massing option C.5b – “Bloom” as revised on 09/16/2024 and shown at right;
- the Committee appreciates that Center Fields 1, 2, and 7 ultimately will remain in their current location and urges the SBC to continue to seek options to reduce their loss during construction including by careful evaluation of potential alternate sites for geothermal energy development;
- the Committee remains deeply concerned about the bifurcation of the Center Recreation Complex, with community recreation land split to the north and south of the high school, and urges the SBC to strive to develop maximal connectivity between old fields and new fields, old facilities and new facilities, and to restore to the greatest extent possible the existing feel of our largest active recreation community space;
- and the Committee continues to support either renovation or renovation & expansion of the existing field house rather than development of a new, standalone field house.



Finally, the Recreation Committee expresses its appreciation that a Committee (non-voting) liaison position was added to the SBC and expresses that said liaison position will continue to be of great importance as the project moves forward to design, building construction, and ultimately field rehabilitation and construction.

Sincerely,

Christian Boutwell
Vice Chair, Recreation Committee