



# Town of Lexington

## Special Town Meeting 2022 -2

### Article 2: Appropriate for Lexington High School Feasibility Study

This article requests \$1,825,000 to fund a feasibility study for Lexington High School.

The Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA) works with local communities to reimburse them for a percentage of the design and construction of new, sustainable and cost-effective public schools.

In 2019, the Superintendent, with the approval of the Select Board and School Committee, submitted a Core Program Statement of Interest (SOI) to the MSBA, which conveyed that Lexington High School was no longer adequate to support the current and projected school enrollment or educational programming. Although the Town was not invited into MSBA's program in 2019, we were encouraged to re-submit the SOI in subsequent years. Accordingly, the Town submitted an SOI again in 2020 and 2021. In March 2022, the MSBA invited Lexington to participate in the first module of the MSBA funding process known as the Eligibility Period.

Per the MSBA's recent invitation, the Town's 270-day Eligibility Period will commence on June 1, 2022 and conclude on February 27, 2023. During this time the Town must complete the preliminary requirements defined by the MSBA, including determination of financial and community readiness, and identifying needs for planning and budgeting. Successful completion of all activities in the Eligibility Period will allow the Town to be eligible for an MSBA invitation into the next phase known as Feasibility Study.

To demonstrate financial and community readiness during the Eligibility Period, a community is required to authorize spending for a Feasibility Study. The \$1,825,000 authorization requested in this article will help meet that requirement. It should be noted that an invitation into the Eligibility Period is *not necessarily* an invitation to Feasibility Study. Moving forward in the MSBA's process requires collaboration with the MSBA, and an invitation to Feasibility Study will require a further vote of the MSBA Board of Directors.

The Select Board unanimously supports passage of this article.