

The Concord Middle School Building Committee Report: Committee Adopts Revised Space Summary to Advance the Process to Schematic Design

Committee Advances Project to Schematic Design

Members of the Concord Middle School Building Committee voted to adopt a revised space summary plan to advance the project to the Schematic Design phase at their business meeting held on May 6th. The new space summary recommendation removed dedicated spaces for the maker space and alternate physical education space while increasing the size of the auditorium to 420 seats and revising the size of the gymnasium to accommodate two 74' basketball practice cross courts within the width required by the single MIAA regulation sized main basketball court. The vote also included language which calls for a review of the building design to seek opportunities to simplify and lower total project cost. The educational programmatic elements that are associated with the maker space and alternate physical education space will remain in the educational plan but will occur in other spaces in the proposed building.

The new space summary will guide the project architects as they further develop designs in the Schematic Design phase. Completing the Schematic Design phase, which will include detailed cost estimates, will give Concord residents the information necessary to make an informed decision on moving forward with funding for the middle school construction project at a Town Meeting vote.

The new space summary reflects the extensive feedback the Committee garnered from residents, local businesses, and other Town of Concord Committees such as the Select Board and Finance Committee. Members of the Middle School Building Committee have implemented a comprehensive effort to collect input and to ensure that all voices and stakeholders in the community are heard. These efforts have included a town-wide survey, public forums, public meetings, a web page, listening sessions with community-based organizations, regular updates in local media, and a designated email address that allows individuals to write the Committee, msbc@concordps.org.

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Interested individuals can find all relevant materials regarding the Concord Middle School Building Committee including meeting dates, agendas and minutes as well as reports that led to the Town Meeting Warrant Article at www.cmsbuildingproject.org. For questions and comments, individuals can email the Committee at msbc@concordps.org or utilize the form on the aforementioned web page, <https://www.cmsbuildingproject.org/contact>.