## The Concord Middle School Building Committee Report: Design Development Progress Update and Upcoming Meetings

## **Design Development Update**

The Concord Middle School Building Committee (CMSBC) met in late April to discuss and share updates on the Design Development process.

The design and owner's project manager teams have been meeting with multiple Town of Concord departments such as Engineering, Water, Public Works, Fire, public school facilities, and the Board of Health to coordinate connecting the new facility to town infrastructure and the approach for the building's septic system.

Committee members also reviewed an overview of the proposed mechanical, engineering, and plumbing plans, commonly referred to as MEP. This review included discussing heating and cooling units, lighting design, the emergency generator, and the energy recovery units. Review of these elements will continue at the Sustainability Subcommittee as they impact the project's sustainability goals of reducing emissions, saving energy, and providing high quality air for building occupants.

The Committee also reviewed the project's desired site plan and landscaping as it relates to vehicle circulation on the site including bus parking, pick-up, drop-off, and loading functions. A draft traffic study was received that indicated that no mitigation was required and confirming circulation patterns for the project. Draft geotechnical reports indicate that the site's existing soils can be re-used if managed properly on the site which is good news as the project will not have to absorb the costs of trucking the material off site and paying to place it in an appropriate landfill.

The meeting included a discussion of the building's interior design features such as palate and materials for the common spaces, auditorium, and cafeteria. This discussion will continue in the Building Committee's next meeting in May.

The Committee and project team are working to develop a Design Development cost estimate package for the end of May to ensure that the project remains on track to achieve its approved budget.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

CMSBC Thursday, May 26 at 7:30am

Agendas and zoom links can be found on both the Town of Concord's website and the CMSBC website at https://www.cmsbuildingproject.org/meeting-agendas-minutes.

## **Concord Middle School Building Committee Contact Information**

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 <a href="www.cmsbuildingproject.org">www.cmsbuildingproject.org</a>. For questions and comments, individuals can email the Committee at <a href="msbc@concordps.org">msbc@concordps.org</a> or utilize the form on the web page, <a href="www.cmsbuildingproject.org">www.cmsbuildingproject.org</a>.