

## **Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)/NRHS**

### **Awareness Campaign FAQ**

#### **1) How old is the Nashoba Regional High School building?**

*NRHS was built in 1961. A modernization project was completed in 2000.*

#### **2) Why is there an article on the Town warrant?**

*This article will allow the NRSD to borrow the funds necessary to fund the Feasibility Study which is a critical, necessary component to moving forward with the possible NRHS project.*

#### **3) What is a Feasibility Study and why does one need to be completed?**

*A Feasibility study incorporates several stakeholders in and out of the district to determine the specific needs of the building in question and determines what kind of project is the best fit for the district given what is found during this study. It looks at educational visioning, property, building specs, etc..*

#### **4) How much will a Feasibility Study cost?**

*When researching school districts and schools of our size and costs associated with their Feasibility Studies completed, costs incurred were generally in the 1-2 million dollar cost range.*

#### **5) What happens during the Eligibility Period with MSBA?**

*The eligibility period gives the district time to organize, vote on a feasibility study and engage all stakeholders for approval of the study before moving forward with any work associated with the study or project.*

#### **6) When does the Eligibility Period begin with the Massachusetts School Building Authority and how long is it?**

*We currently have requested a start date of August 1, 2020 to begin the Eligibility Period. It lasts for 270 days.*

#### **7) Has a decision been made as to the scope of this potential project?**

*No, there have been no decisions made regarding the scope of any NRHS project. Options would be presented to the three communities once the Feasibility Study is completed.*

**8) If we vote to approve the Feasibility Study funding, does that mean that we have to support an NRHS project?**

*No, it does not. An additional vote will be necessary in all three communities once a project has been identified prior to any additional movement forward with the project. At that time, all three communities will have to agree to support it.*

**9) Will the Feasibility Study be completed during the Eligibility Period?**

*No. The Feasibility Study is completed in the module after the Eligibility Period has been completed and is regarded as a separate module. Once all paperwork has been completed during the Eligibility Period, MSBA will then consider taking another vote to move us into the next level of the process - only after a successful MSBA vote has occurred may NRSD move to the Feasibility Study module.*

**10) How long does the entire new school building project take from start to finish?**

*The entire process may take anywhere from 5-7 years.*

**11) What happens if the feasibility study is not passed in all three towns?**

*In order to move forward with any project we need to have agreement by all three communities.*

**12) What are some of the reasons why the MSBA strongly endorsed moving forward with a project at NRHS?**

*Our Statement of Interest was submitted last year and while we were looked at and visited, we then had to resubmit this year and we were invited to the Eligibility Period. Given the age of the building, condition of the building and condition of essential services such as HVAC, ventilation and other major structures and educational spaces, it was determined NRHS was in strong need of a new building or major renovations and upgrades which will be determined during the Feasibility Study.*