

Beal School Project Update

Dr. Joseph M. Sawyer, Superintendent October 24, 2018

Special Town Meeting Support

- <u>Overwhelming positive support</u> by Town Meeting members at their Special Town meeting on Monday, October 22nd.
- Town Meeting members voted to authorize the debt for the project.

• Thank you!

Background: Current Beal School



- Built in 1922
- Near the end of its useful life as a public school
- Has served this community well housing various grade levels throughout its history
- Beal was 1 of 26 projects selected by MSBA in 2015 out of an applicant pool of 97 based upon facility condition and lack of space

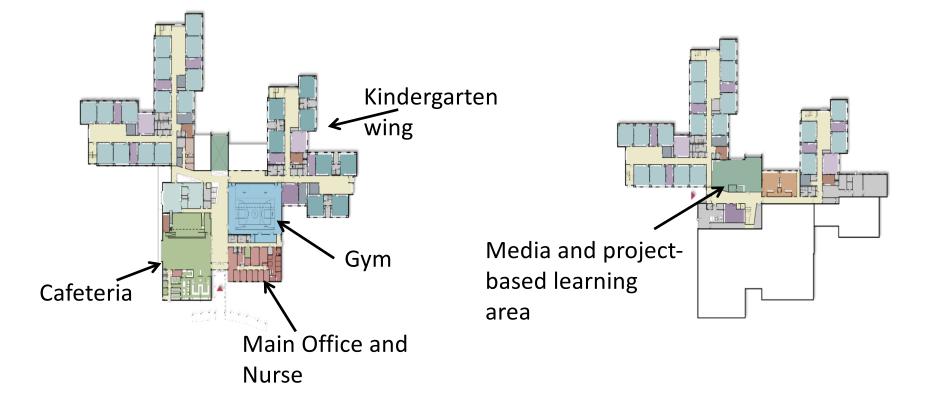
Project Overview: New Beal School

- Design capacity for 790 students (set by MSBA)
- Kindergarten through Grade 4
- 40 classrooms, 8 sections of each grade level

Educational Program & Building Design

Main Floor

Lower Level



Construction of the proposed Beal Project will:

Alleviate overcrowding at all elementary schools

 Provide equitable educational spaces for all K-4 students across all elementary schools

Elementary School Space Needs-Example

- Spring Street School: No Music Room
- Music Class on the Stage in the Cafeteria

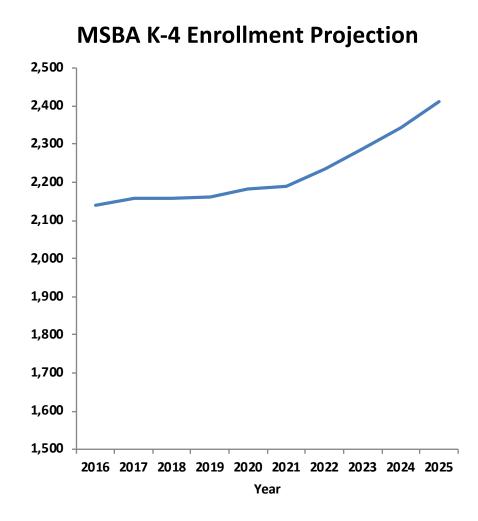


Educational Program & Building Design Attributes

- Space for current and projected enrollment
- Dedicated space to continue to educate as many special education students within the district as possible
- Dedicated space to educate English language learner students as required in small group instruction
- Dedicated space for art, music, and library/media
- Gymnasium large enough to meet code requirements for all-school assemblies

Meet Continued Enrollment Growth

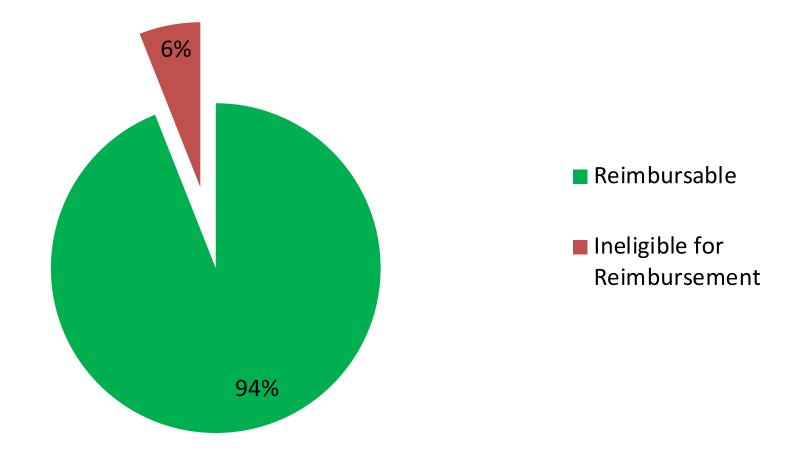
- MSBA devised 10-year enrollment projection
- Led to MSBA determination of a 790 seat elementary school
- Future enrollment growth expected



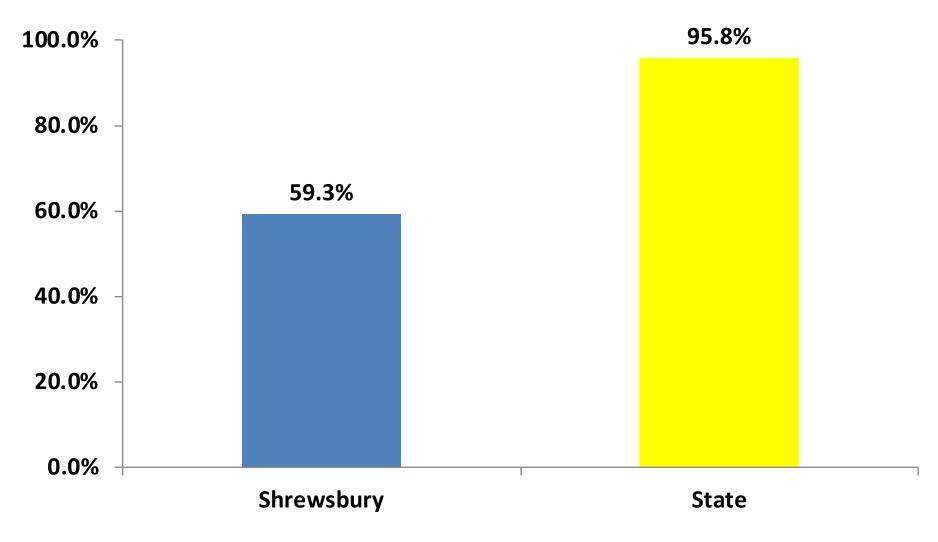
Past Projects: Capacity versus Enrollment

School	Completi on Date	Design Capacity	Current Enrollment	Percent % over Capacity
Floral Street School	1997	660	722	9%
High School	2002	1,475	1,837	25%
Oak Middle	2004	900	1,006	12%
Sherwood Middle	2013	900	958	6%

Square Footage of Building that MSBA Has Agreed to Reimburse



Percent of Students in Full Day Kindergarten



Project Cost Review

Cost Area	Estimate
Construction	\$74,111,830
Design, Engineering, Mgmt, Etc.	\$18,697,444
Total Project Budget	\$92,809,274
Town Share	\$58,753,593
MSBA Grant	\$34,055,681
MSBA Effective Reimbursement	36.69%
MSBA Full Reimbursement Rate	54.86%

Recommendation to Community

- As your Superintendent of Schools, I strongly recommend passage of the November 6th Ballot Question.
- Please Vote Yes

Upcoming Milestones

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
October 31 st	Mass. School Building Authority- Board of Directors Vote on Project Scope and Budget	Allows us to enter into formal agreement and state funding commitment upon successful town- wide election
November 6 th	Town-wide Election on the Beal Project	Simple majority required to pass
Fall 2019	Beal Project Design Complete and Bid Solicitation	
Fall 2021	Open New Beal Elementary School	All elementary schools reconfigured to K-4



For the November 6 Election The first choice you'll make is which day to vote



You can early vote from October 22 to November 2 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

****EXTENDED HOURS****

Wednesday, October 24 from 8 AM to 8 PM Saturday, October 27 from 9 AM to 1 PM Tuesday, October 30 from 8 AM to 8 PM

Town Hall Located at 100 Maple Ave., Shrewsbury, MA Voting is now more convenient than ever and on YOUR schedule.



Questions: Please call us! (508)841-8507, we're here to help! Email: swright@shrewsburyma.gov

Questions/Comments

