

# Massachusetts School Building Authority

## *Statement of Interest Process*

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- The Statement of Interest Process [SOI]
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# The Massachusetts School Building Authority [MSBA]

- Formed by the state legislature in 2008
- Empowered to oversee public school construction, renovation, and improvements and allocate grants to partially fund projects based upon a set of objective, need-based criteria
- Has brought standardization, cost-efficiencies, and professionalism into this industry through a set of regulations and oversight
- Partners with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on space and program needs

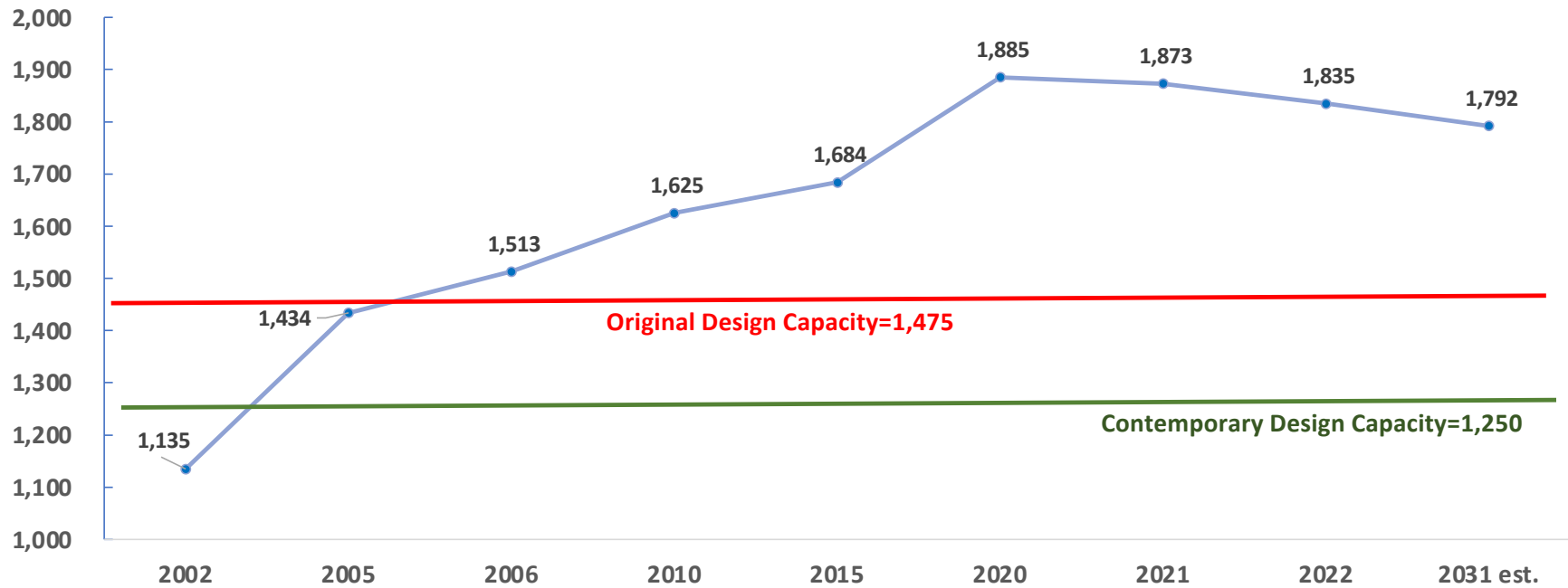
# The Massachusetts School Building Authority [MSBA]

- Shrewsbury has worked with the MSBA on the Sherwood Middle School and Beal School projects.
- We are currently in their “Accelerated Repair Program” pipeline to replace the Oak Middle School windows.
- Grant funding is primarily based on a community’s socio-economics with the range of state financial support from 31% to 80% of eligible costs.

# LPAA Enrollment and Space Study

- This in-depth study identified [Shrewsbury High School is the current highest priority](#) based on its status as significantly overcrowded based on the difference between its design capacity and enrollment.

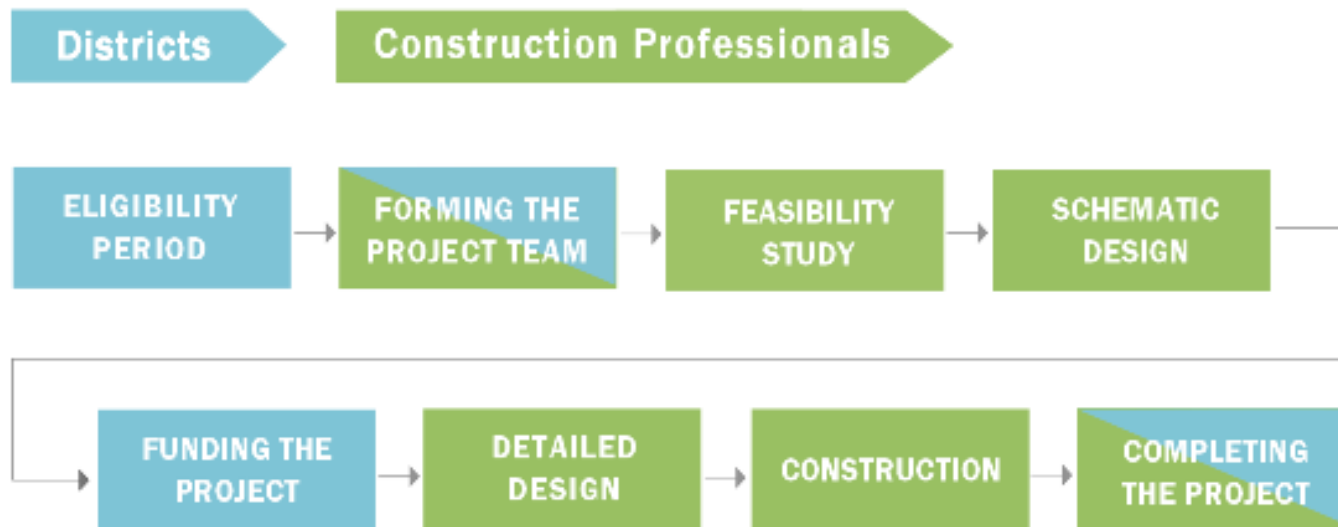
# Shrewsbury High School Enrollment History



# Capital Projects with MSBA Can Take **Six Years**

## MSBA Building Process

*Steps primarily for:*



# The Statement of Application Period

- The 2023 application window is January 13, 2023 to April 14, 2023.
- SOI submittals are non-binding on both the MSBA nor the Town of Shrewsbury.
- This is a “competitive” process with limited annual funding from MSBA. The schools with greatest need are selected.



# What Are the Chances of Being Selected?

- In 2022 only 10 of 54 [19%] “Core Program” applicants were accepted.
- Of the 10 selected schools the schools ranged in age from 1927 to 1976
  - 1 Voc./Tech high school
  - 3 high schools
  - 2 middle schools
  - 4 elementary schools

| Year | Total Number of SOIs Submitted | Number of Core Program SOIs Submitted | Number of Core Program Invitations | Number of Green Repair or Accelerated Repair Program SOIs Submitted | Number of Green Repair or Accelerated Program Repair Invitations | Number of SCILAB SOIs Submitted | Number of SCILAB Program Invitations |
|------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2008 | 431                            | 425                                   | 104                                | 6   | 6  |                                 |                                      |
| 2009 | 237                            | 206                                   | 41                                 | 31  | 31   |                                 |                                      |
| 2010 | 224                            | 202                                   | 19                                 | 22  | 22   |                                 |                                      |
| 2011 | 371                            | 184                                   | 18                                 | 187   | 149  |                                 |                                      |
| 2012 | 280                            | 198                                   | 11                                 | 69  | 36   | 13                              | 11                                   |
| 2013 | 201                            | 123                                   | 17                                 | 78  | 47   |                                 |                                      |
| 2014 | 229                            | 110                                   | 18                                 | 119   | 51   |                                 |                                      |
| 2015 | 158                            | 97                                    | 26                                 | 61  | 44   |                                 |                                      |
| 2016 | 156                            | 89                                    | 17                                 | 67  | 49   |                                 |                                      |
| 2017 | 156                            | 83                                    | 15                                 | 73  | 36   |                                 |                                      |
| 2018 | 130                            | 70                                    | 12                                 | 60  | 34   |                                 |                                      |
| 2019 | 144                            | 61                                    | 11                                 | 83  | 42   |                                 |                                      |
| 2020 | 161                            | 71                                    | 15                                 | 90  | 25   |                                 |                                      |
| 2021 | 118                            | 58                                    | 17                                 | 60  | 28   |                                 |                                      |
| 2022 | 121                            | 54                                    | 10                                 | 67  | 33   |                                 |                                      |

2008: The MSBA launched the annual filing period.

2011: The MSBA opened the annual filing period twice, which included a dedicated opening for interest in the Green Repair Program and the annual opening.

2012: The MSBA's annual filing period captures interest in the newly created Accelerated Repair Program, the 2012 Science Laboratory Initiative and the Core Program.

# What Happens if Not Selected?

- We can wait to re-apply in the 2024 application cycle.
- Some communities, after several years of unsuccessful attempts to secure MSBA grant funds, have moved ahead without MSBA financial support and bear 100% of their project cost.
- The Beal School MSBA reimbursement rate was 54.86% of eligible costs.

## Recommended Vote/Rationale

- It is recommended that the School Committee vote to submit a Statement of Interest for the high school using three of their eight priorities:
- Priority #2: Severe and persistent overcrowding
- Priority#5: Replacement/modernization of the roof and HVAC systems nearing end of life and incorporating new, energy efficient systems
- Priority#7: Addition to the building to provide a full range of programs to potentially include some Chapter 74 vocational/technical programs and/or Innovation Pathways Programs

# Next Steps

- If the School Committee votes affirmatively to support submitting a Statement of Interest, then the following steps would need to occur to complete the process:
  - A majority vote of the elect Board to support submitting an SOI
  - Completion of the SOI form by April 14, 2023

\*Note, we likely would not learn results of our submittal until December 2023-January 2024 timeframe.

Questions?