



Massachusetts School Building Authority
Statement of Interest Process

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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, needs-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 Major Howard W. Beal School projects
- We are currently in their “Accelerated Repair Program” 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% eligible costs
 - Major Howard W. Beal School’s reimbursement rate was **54.86% of eligible costs**



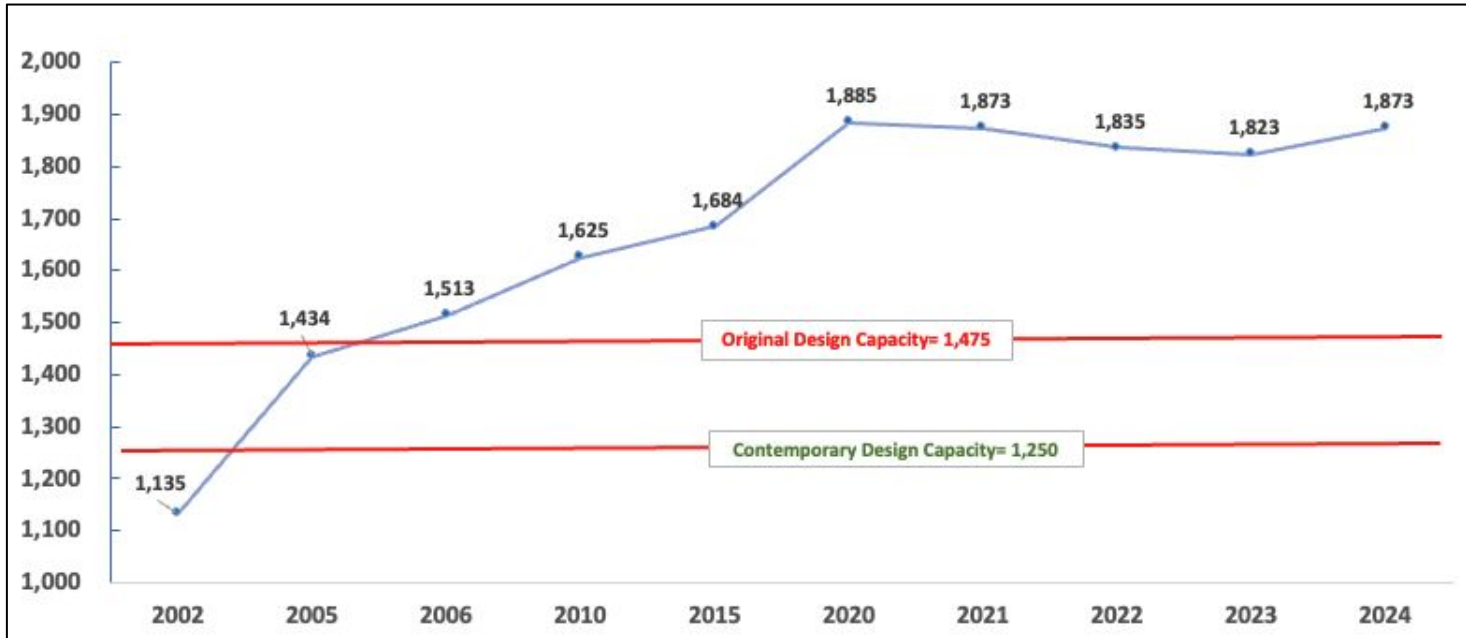
LPA|A Enrollment and Space Study

The in-depth [LPA|A Enrollment and Space Study](#) completed in March of 2023 identified Shrewsbury High School as 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

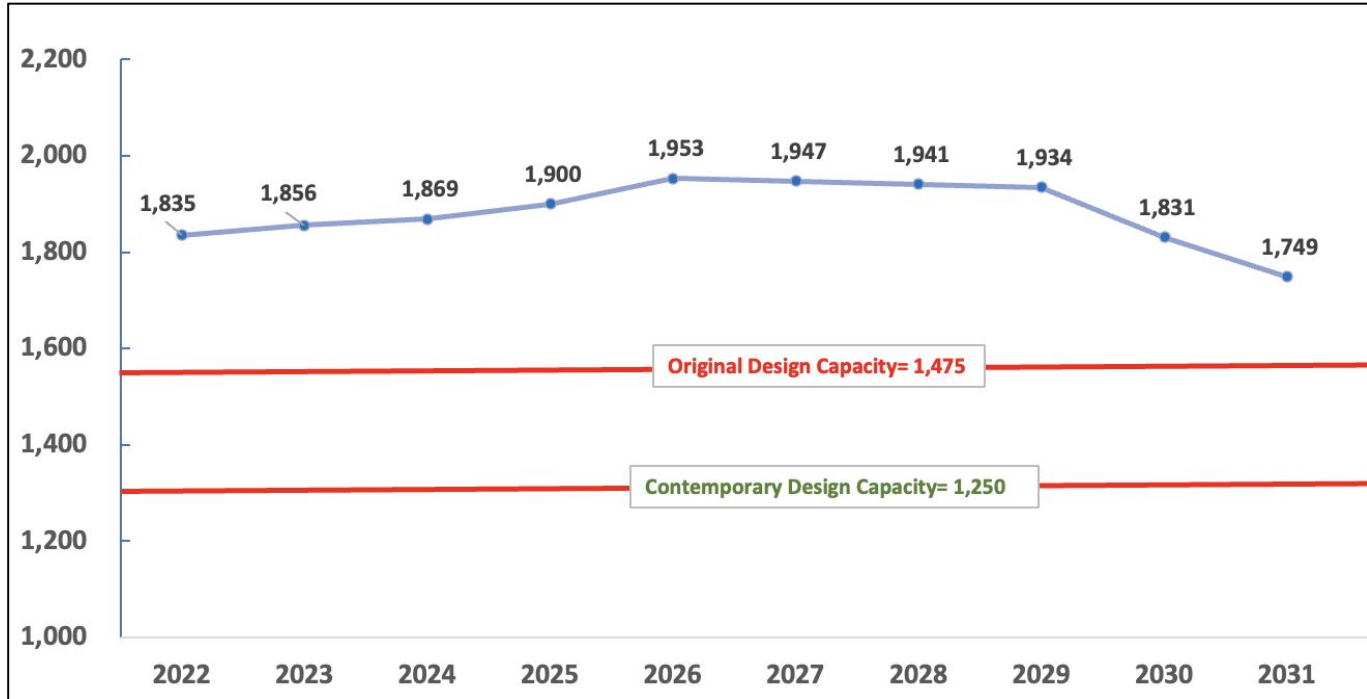




Shrewsbury High School Enrollment- McKibben Report 10 Year Projection

*The McKibben Enrollment Projection Report, completed in March 2022, was made prior to Assabet Vocational Technical High School changing their admissions policy to no longer accept Shrewsbury students.

These projections will increase by ~120 students per year beginning in 2026.

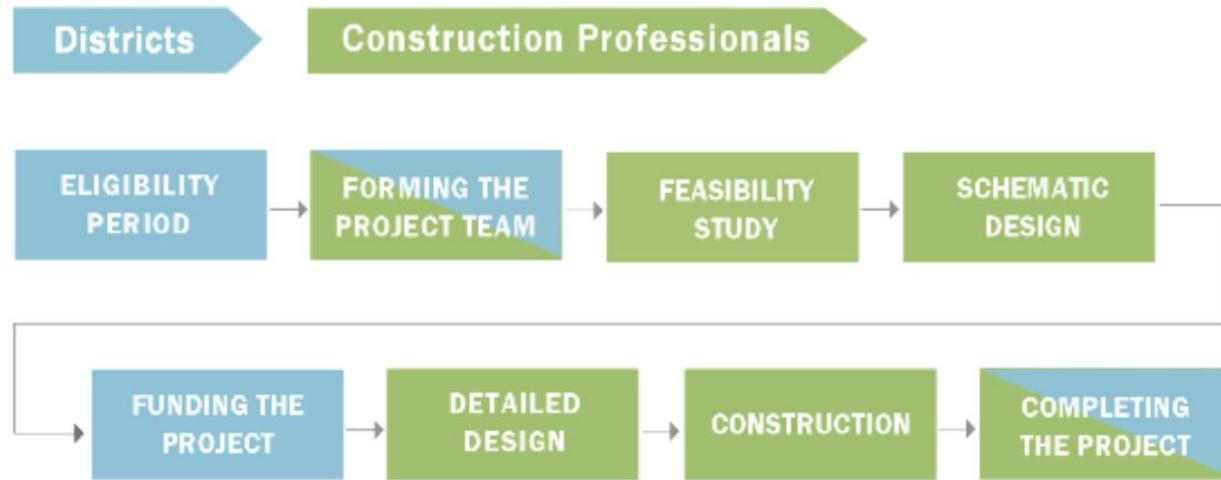




Capital projects with MSBA can take 6 years

MSBA Building Process

Steps primarily for:





Statement of Interest Application Period

The 2024 application deadline is April 12, 2024

1. Both the School Committee and Select Board must vote to authorize the submission of an SOI.
2. Submission of an SOI does **not** commit the Town of Shrewsbury to any future action on a potential building project.
3. If the MSBA issues an invitation for the Town of Shrewsbury to enter their process that could potentially result in shared state and local funding for a project to expand SHS, there would be multiple decision points throughout that process as to whether the town would decide to move forward.
4. For the past two school building projects in Shrewsbury that the MSBA jointly funded (Sherwood Middle School and Beal School), the MSBA funded roughly half of the project costs.



What are the chances of being selected?

In 2023, 19 of 63 (30%)
“Core Program”
 applicants were
 accepted

Of the 19 selected, the
 school’s age ranged
 from 1922 to 2007

- 6 high schools
- 4 middle schools
- 9 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		
2023	63	63	19	N/A	N/A		

2008: MSBA launched the annual filing period.

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

2012: 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?

- Wait for the 2025 MSBA Statement of Interest cycle to consider re-submitting a Statement of Interest
- Some communities, after several years of unsuccessful attempts, have moved ahead without MSBA financial support and assume 100% of the project cost



Vote/Rationale

It is recommended that the School Committee vote to submit a Statement of Interest to MSBA for Shrewsbury High School using the following three 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 Department votes to submit a Statement of Interest, then the following steps would need to occur to complete the process
 - A majority vote of the Select Board to support submitting a Statement of Interest
 - Completion of the Statement of Interest application submitted to MSBA by April 12, 2024

*If Shrewsbury chooses to submit a Statement of Interest, we expect to receive a decision in December 2024 from the MSBA regarding whether or not Shrewsbury will receive an invitation into the Eligibility process



Questions?