



Ipswich Public Schools

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To the Massachusetts School Building Authority,

In April, the Superintendent and Ipswich School Committee submitted Statements of Interest to the MSBA to address our two aging elementary school buildings: the Paul F. Doyon Memorial School and the Winthrop Elementary School. In the Statements, we selected the option to pursue a “potential consolidation,” and communicated the intent “to study a consolidated school on the Paul F. Doyon Memorial School site for all preschool through grade five students.”

Since then, we have continued planning for the future while we await an invitation into the Eligibility Period with the MSBA. On October 17th, 2024, the Ipswich School Committee voted to take the position to support a single building project that will create a unified community school for all Ipswich elementary students at the site of the current Paul F. Doyon Memorial School. The Ipswich School Committee came to support this position after careful examination of three primary factors: educational needs of our students and teachers, estimated project cost and timing, and town sentiment.

This vote reaffirms our commitment to addressing the issues with both of our elementary schools which are grossly outdated, overcrowded, and therefore are no longer able to support the educational needs of our students. While we understand deep analysis occurs during a Feasibility Study, we recognize the importance of our action as it both informs our town’s strategic plan, and will continue to inspire community engagement towards a project that will significantly shape the future of our young learners.

The Ipswich School Committee is excited to share this update with you and our broader community. We look forward to hearing from you in December, and remain eager to work with the MSBA on this transformative project.

Warm Regards,

The Ipswich School Committee