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SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Presented by South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School Building Committee
Fall 2024



WELCOME

This bulletin contains important information for the member communities of the South Shore Regional Vocational School District in regard to the Proposed South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School project. The School Building Committee thanks the community for the support and input that this project has received to date.

What?

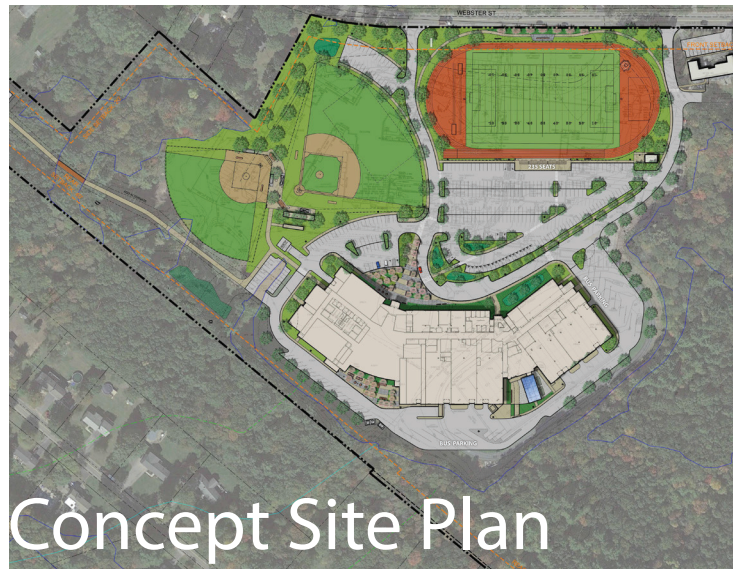
South Shore Tech is proposing to build a new 250,000 square foot school to accommodate 900 students. The new energy-efficient building will be built on the current athletic fields behind the existing school on Webster Street in Hanover. The school will provide space for 14 career technical programs, including two new programs in Veterinary Science and Plumbing.

Why?

The current 62 year-old school is overcrowded and outdated. The building systems are inefficient and expensive to maintain. The existing building cannot provide space for the growing enrollment or new programs, and the layout cannot support a 21st century educational program. New construction provides the best long-term value for essentially the same cost to the District as a renovation/addition project.

Why Now?

Every year South Shore Tech is forced to turn away over 40% of the students who apply due to lack of space. The building, the second oldest regional vocational school in Massachusetts, is at the end of its useful life. Recognizing the need, the Massachusetts School Building Authority has invited South Shore Tech into its Capital Construction grant program making the District eligible for up to 60% reimbursement of eligible costs.



Concept Site Plan

- Anticipated Student Enrollment: 900
- Compact Three-Story Design with New Vocational Spaces
- New Student Programs & Hub for Community Learning!
- Right-size learning spaces to promote safety
- Promotes flexible learning through multi-purpose spaces

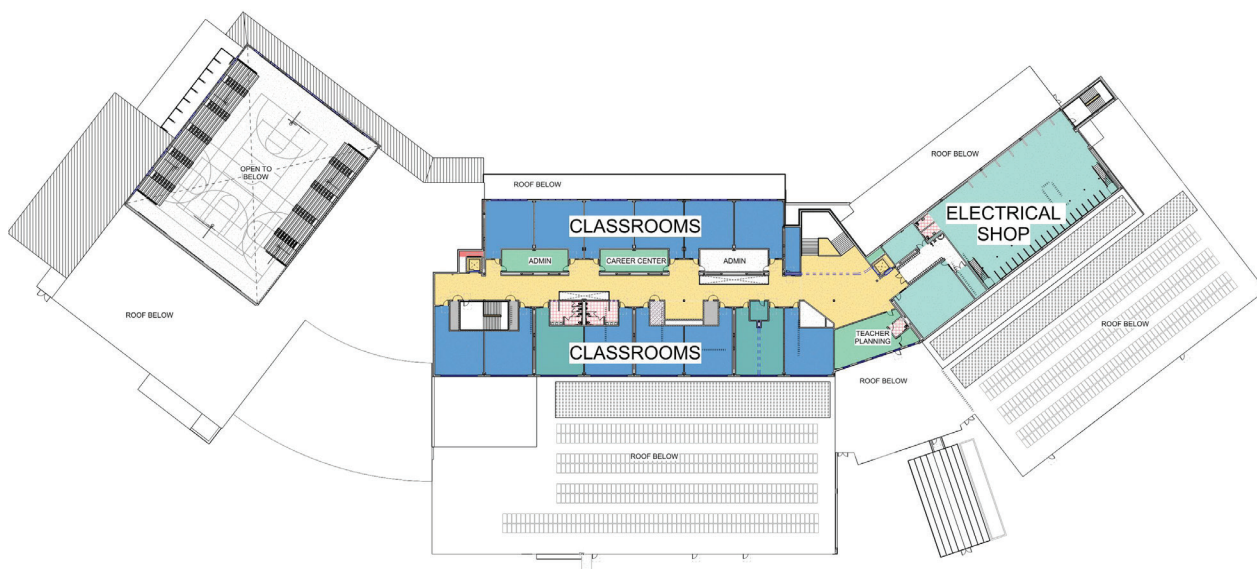
Scan the code to visit the Project Website!
<https://southshorettechproject.com/>
and learn more about this exciting new community project!

Questions?
Email the Superintendent:
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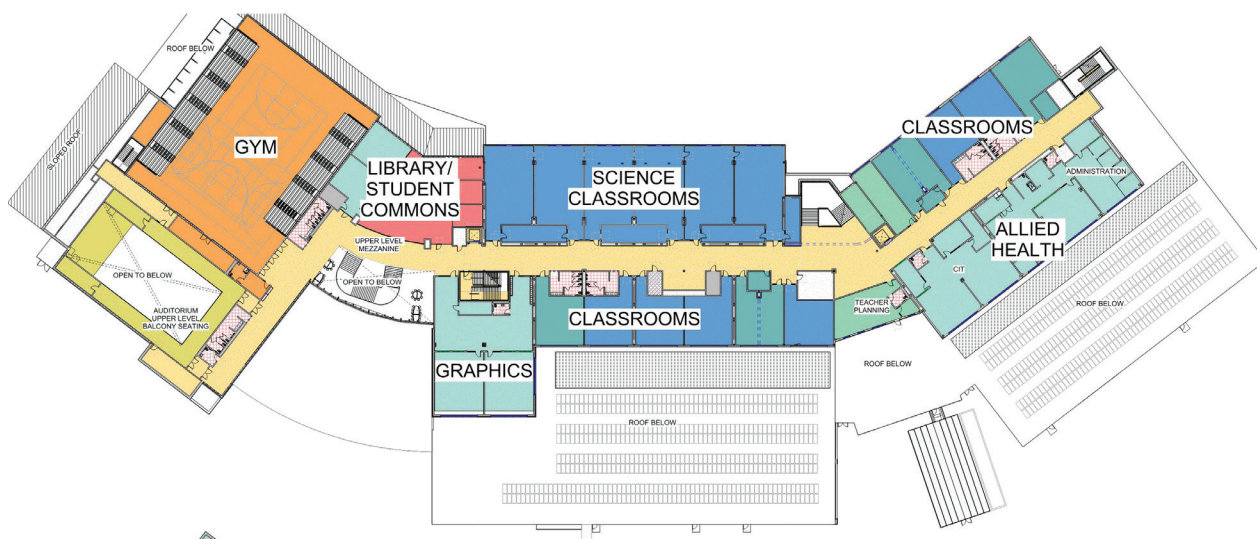


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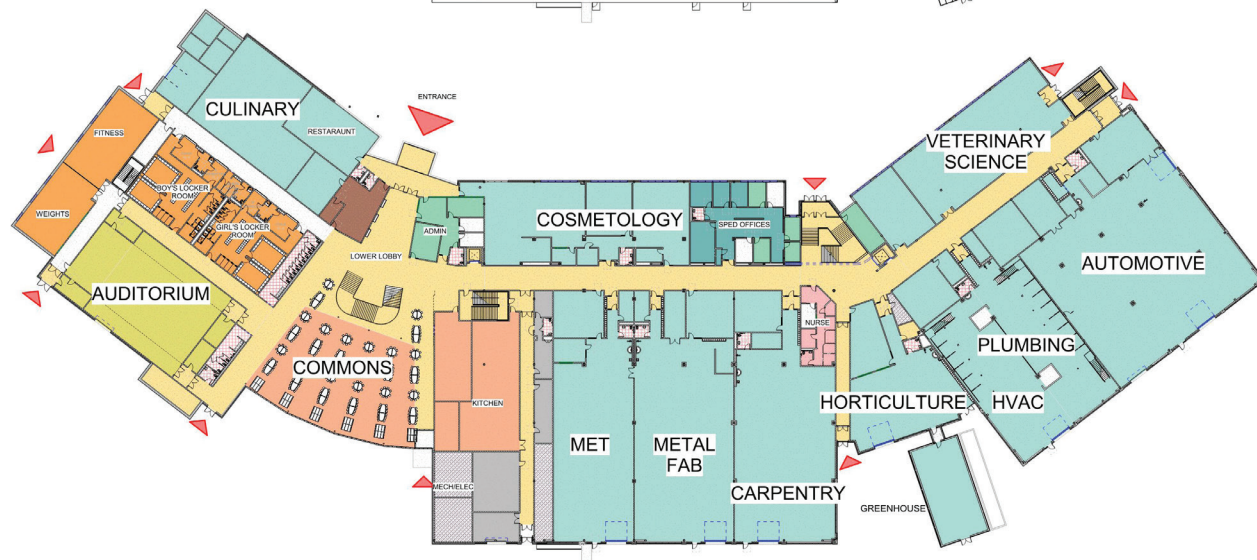
3rd



2nd



1st



SST Floor Plans



Main Entrance



Collaboration Areas



Student Commons



Multi-purpose Auditorium



Main Entrance Lobby

NOV. 2024 Feasibility & Schematic Design	JAN. 2025 District Wide Vote	MAR. 2025 Start Design Phase	FALL 2025 Start Construction Document Package	APR. 2026 Start of Construction	AUG. 2028 Occupancy of New School
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Total Project Cost: \$276 Million

Anticipated District Share: Approximately \$166M-\$168M (Reduced by \$9M from previous conceptual estimates). The total local share (after MSBA reimbursement is confirmed by the MSBA Board in October) will be divided among member towns based on enrollment.

What is the impact on each community?

We have a tax impact sheet on our project website to show the potential breakdown by town using the 100% borrowing/ FY29 figures and making some borrowing assumptions (e.g. interest rates). We will revise these figures in October 2024 as we approach the end of schematic design. These figures do not yet include the arrival of Marshfield in the district as of July 2024. Marshfield will pay a proportional share of the project costs as their enrollment grows over the next several years.

How is each town share determined?

It is based on our regional agreement, looking back at each town’s SST enrollments. The current regional agreement fixes debt at the time of authorization, but the district will be proposing a regional agreement amendment at Fall special town meetings (where TMs are scheduled) that debt shares would adjust on a four year rolling average, taking into account flucuations of enrollments over time. Please reach out to Superintendent Tom Hickey if you would like more information as this amendment is being reviewed by DESE.

How has the District controlled costs?

The School Building Committee has been very focused on controlling project costs and limiting the scope of the project to the essential educational needs while maintaining appropriate quality. The design team has improved the efficiency of the building layout and the District has reduced the administration space in the new school by maintaining the District offices in the house at 436 Webster St. These revisions have reduced the overall size of the proposed school by roughly 10,000 square feet. Additionally the District has determined that the scope can be further reduced by having certain aspects of the project, such as concession building and storage sheds constructed by the students and instructors. These reductions have reduced the overall project cost by approximately \$9 Million.

Districtwide election: How is project approval determined?

On January 25, 2025, from 9AM to 5PM, there will be a single ballot election in all nine member towns (voting options include in person same day voting and absentee voting). This is not a town-specific vote, but rather an aggregate vote combining all the votes from all nine towns. If the project is approved, each town will determine how it will fund its share of the project (e.g. debt exclusion).

