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UPDATE ON PROPOSED
MSBA BUILDING PROJECT

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#### South Shore Tech Background

- Second oldest regional vocational school in MA (1962)
- Current enrollment 684 students
- Highest enrollment in school history
- 75-100 student waiting list
- 12 programs offered currently
- Applicant to Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program since 2015.
- Statement of Interest noted the following deficiencies and challenges:
  - Undersized CTE Shops
  - Outdated Infrastructure
  - Inefficient Building Envelope
  - Space Needs: Science Labs, Related Rooms, Gym

#### **PROGRAMS**

Allied Health

**Automotive** 

Carpentry

**Computer Information Tech** 

Cosmetology

**Culinary Arts** 

**Design Visual Communications** 

**Electrical** 

HVAC-R

**Horticulture/Landscape Construction** 

Manufacturing Engineering Tech

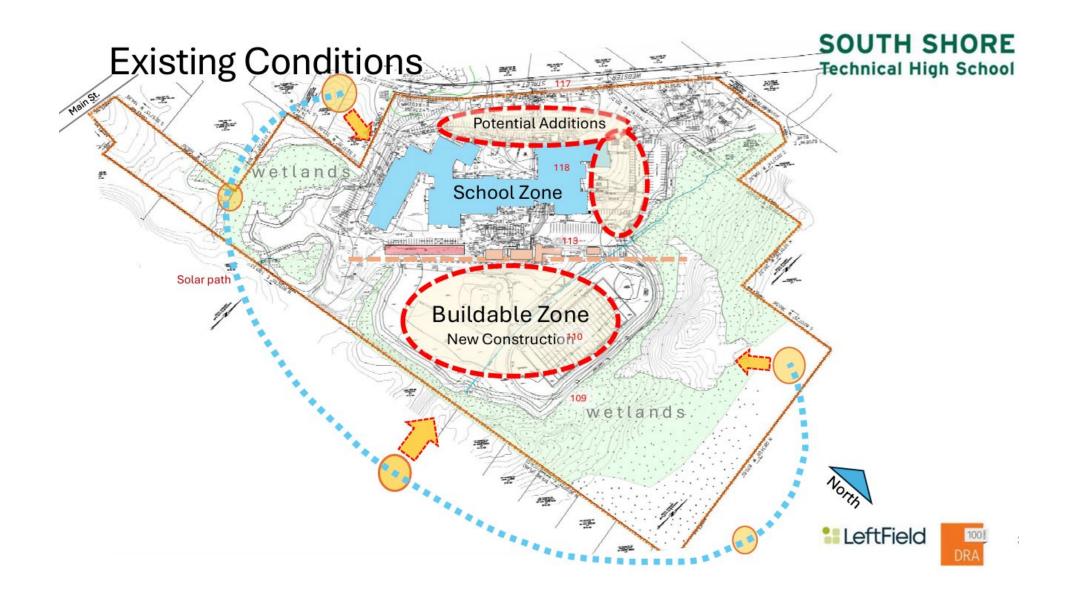
Metal Fabrication Welding

**PROPOSED NEW: Plumbing** 

**PROPOSED NEW: Veterinary Science** 

# Proposed Building Project







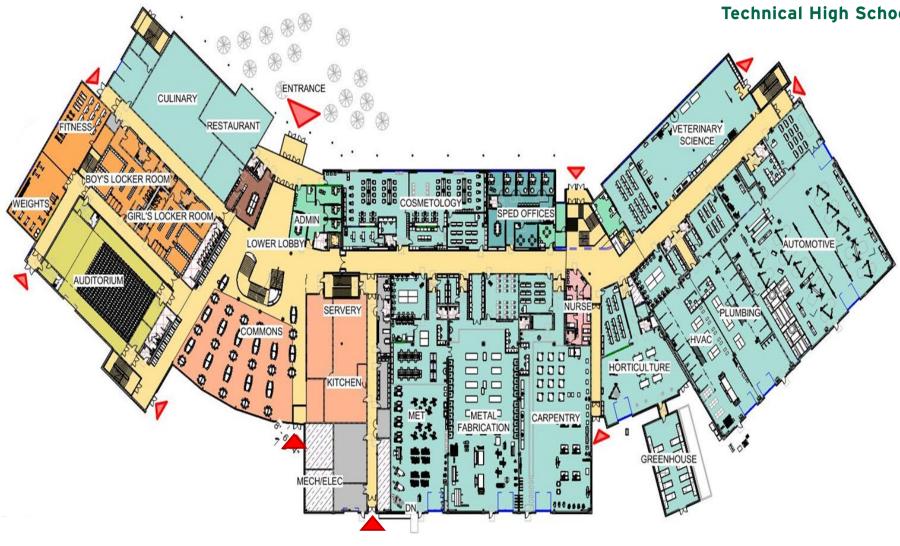


900 student school will include new Plumbing and Veterinary Science Programs.

**Opening Fall 2028** 































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Metal Fabrication/Welding



Allied Health



Automotive



Carpentry



Computer Information Technology



Cosmetology



Design Visual Communications



# Electrical



Horticulture Landscape Construction



HVAC-R



Veterinary Science



Plumbing

# Determining the Construction Approach

New, Add/Reno, Base Repair

# Why a New Build?

| Current Building Challenge | New Build Solution   |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Waiting list               | 45+ more seats per grade; building for 900 students                            |  |
| Limited space              | More space in shops, classrooms, breakout rooms for small groups               |  |
|                            | Meets educational goals & expanded enrollment                                  |  |
| In demand programming      | Addition of plumbing and veterinary science                                    |  |
| Security                   | Priority in building design  |  |
| Cost                       | Better investment than code upgrades on old building                           |  |
| Aging facility             | Best long-term value, best longevity, energy efficiency, lower operating costs |  |
|                            | Least disruptive to learning and the community                                 |  |

### Why not a renovation/addition?

- 1 Poor long-term value
  - Lower MSBA reimbursement rate; cost very close or in some cases more than a new building
  - Significant costs spent on temporary non-reimbursables (e.g. modular classrooms, longer construction phases)
- 2 Disruptive to learning and community
  - Up to four years of construction in a fully occupied building, with considerable noise, learning, parking and traffic impacts
  - Some shops would need to relocate, an extremely difficult and complex task given specialized equipment
- 3 Does not meet educational goals
  - Plumbing and Veterinary Science will be a challenge.
  - Required code upgrades would reduce long-term value which would translate to fewer students and a longer waiting list
  - Substandard building security/multiple public access points; Existing building is sprawling with less than desirable layout
- Band Aid: Limited longevity and energy efficiency
  - Even after being brought up to code, structure and underground plumbing pipes will be over 60 years old
  - Even with added insulation, the building's exterior envelope would not be as energy efficient as it would be with new construction

## New Design vs. Code Upgrade Comparison

| Preferred Option   | Major Code Upgrade                                     |  |
|--|--|--|
| Estimated Total Project Cost \$276M                          | Estimated Total Project Cost<br><b>\$140M</b>          |  |
| Estimated MSBA Share \$111M                                  | Estimated MSBA Share<br>\$0                            |  |
| Estimated District Share Approx \$162-165M (incl escalation) | Estimated District Share \$140M (incl escalation)      |  |
| Length of construction: 24-30 Months                         | Length of renovations in occupied bldg: 60+ Months     |  |
| Meets educational and student enrollment needs               | Does NOT meet educational and student enrollment needs |  |
| Provides appropriately sized spaces                          | Shrinks existing footprint                             |  |
| Ability to add 2 new programs                                | May require downsizing existing programs               |  |

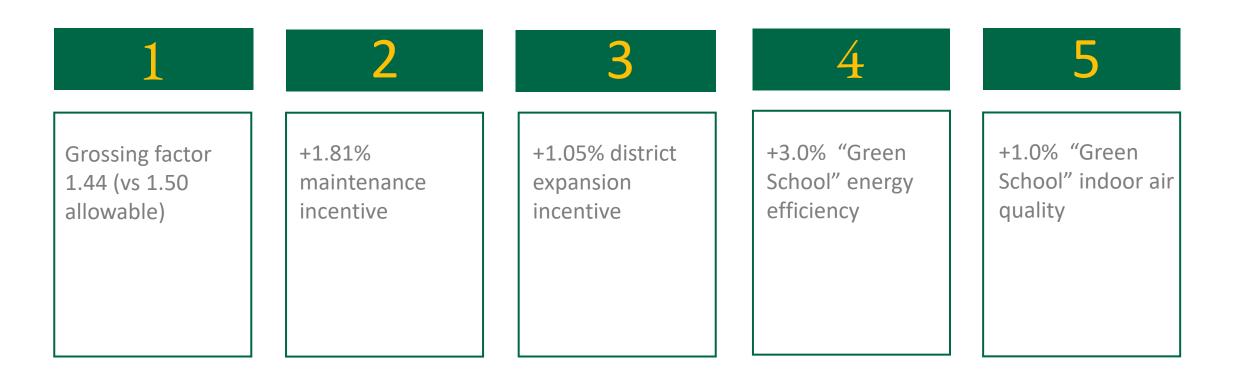
### Preferred Design at Each MSBA Phase

| Options                          | PDP            | PSR            | SD             |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  | (900 students) | (900 students) | (900 students) |
| Estimated Construction Costs     | \$294.3m       | \$225.7m       | \$223.6m       |
| Estimated<br>Total Project Costs | \$367.9m       | \$283.5m       | \$276.4m       |
| Estimated                        | 35.4%          | 37.89%         | 40%            |
| MSBA Share                       | \$130m         | \$107m         | \$111m         |
| Estimated                        | 64.6%          | 62.11%         | 60%            |
| District Share                   | \$237M         | \$176 M        | \$164m         |

#### **SUMMARY**

- Best value for 900 students with 2 new programs.
- Costs lower than projected during PSR phase in early 2024.
- Better reimbursement due to incentive points and tight design.

### Project Budget Savings



6.86% increase in MSBA reimbursement equals approximately \$12.4 Million savings to the District

#### **Next Steps**

#### **Regional Agreement**

**Special Town Meetings:** 

- 1 Hanson October 7
- 2 Scituate November 18
- 3. Rockland November 20
- 4. Abington November 25
- 5. Whitman December 2
- 6. Cohasset December 9
- 7. Hanover December 9
- 8. Norwell December 12
- 9. Marshfield December 16

#### **Building Project**

Continued outreach at community events, town board/committees, community groups and public forums.

Special district election on Saturday January 25, 2025, from 9AM -5PM in all 9 towns.

Polling places determined by local town clerks and listed on official election warrant

