# Pierce School MSBA Building Project Community Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

## Meeting Agenda

- Update on Progress to Date and Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Vote to Enter Feasibility Phase
- 2. Feasibility Phase Timeline and Deliverables
- 3. Ongoing Pierce School Community Engagement
- 4. Q & A

# Pierce School Building Committee

Bernard Greene - Co-chair, Select Board Helen Charlupski - Co-chair, School Committee		
		Suzanne Federspiel - Co-chair, School Committee
Ken Kaplan - Building Commission	Ben Lummis - Interim Superintendent of Schools	
Steve Heikin - Planning Board	Nicole Gittens - Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning	
Carol Levin - Advisory (Finance) Committee	Mary Ellen Normen - Deputy Superintendent for Administration and Finance	
Aaron Williams - Community Representative/Pierce Parent	Lesley Ryan Miller - Pierce School Principal	
Nurit Zuker - Community Representative/Pierce Parent	Charlie Simmons - Director of Public Buildings	
Mel Kleckner - Town Administrator	Tony Guigli - Project Manager, Building Department	
Melissa Goff - Deputy Town Administrator	Daniel Bennett - Building Commissioner	

# Working with the MSBA



#### Working with MSBA: Fall 2019 - March 2020

- PSB entered the Eligibility Period with the MSBA in the Fall of 2019.
- During Eligibility, PSB provided documentation to the MSBA to help them produce enrollment projections for the district.
- MSBA's Initial enrollment projections showed that due to their projected declining enrollment, replacing the Pierce School was not necessary.
- Additional information was provided:
  - Typical class size Brookline plans for when building schools (K: 18, 1-8: 21)
  - Current and future school utilization plans
  - BEEP classes returning to K-8 buildings
  - Information on district-wide programming
  - District enrollment projections from Cropper & McKibben
- ☐ MSBA enrollment letter was provided to PSB on March 9, 2020
  - District projection: 5190 K-8 students
  - Pierce projection: 725 K-8 students

#### MSBA Enrollment Projections

- MSBA Methodology:
  - Modified grade to grade cohort survival, birth data, female population data, and fertility rates
  - Project at the district K-8 level (PreK included in feasibility phase)

MSBA		
Calendar Year	K-8 Projection	
2020	5440	
2021	5303	
2022	5255	
2023	5155	
2024	5102	
2025	5124	
2026	5108	
2027	5105	
2028	5123	
2029	5210	

- K-8 10 yr. projection: 5190 students
- Pierce 10 yr. projection: 725 students
- To obtain 725:
  - 5190 (district projection)
  - 4465 (K-8 projection w/out Pierce)
  - 5190-4465 = 725

#### PSB Cropper & McKibben Forecasts

- Cropper & McKibben Methodology:
  - Historical enrollment combined with population demographics, housing patterns, migration matters and birth rates
  - Forecast at the district and school PreK-12 level

Cropper & McKibben	
Calendar Year	K-8 Forecast
2020	5486
2021	5456
2022	5484
2023	5450
2024	5463
2025	5526
2026	5534
2027	5538
2028	5526
2029	5510

Cropper & McKibben		
Calendar Year	K-8 Pierce Forecast	
2020	850	
2021	852	
2022	833	
2023	811	
2024	794	
2025	788	
2026	771	
2027	758	
2028	746	
2029	739	

#### MSBA/Pierce 4 Section School

- With MSBA determined that the Pierce project would be a 4 section school that will have BEEP and a Native Language Support Program:
  - PreK-8 Pierce capacity would be approximately 800 students (21 per classroom)
  - SY19-20 K-8 enrollment is 842 students
  - Cropper/McKibben forecasts a decline to fewer than 800 K-8 students at Pierce by 2024-25 and then continued decline
  - MSBA determined the need at Pierce will be 725 students based on utilization across the district
  - With Driscoll a 4 section school, North Brookline continues to have the same number of sections available
  - Adjustments can also be made in school zones and district wide programs if necessary

# Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) Vote April 15, 2020

- MSBA voted to move to partner with the Public Schools of Brookline to complete a Feasibility Study for a four-section Pierce School.
- During this period the district will hire an Owner's Project Manager and Architectural Firm to establish:
  - Existing conditions
  - Design parameters
  - Alternative designs
  - Identify most cost effective / educationally appropriate solution

## Feasibility Phase Timeline

- Owner's Project Manager Selection (OPM)
  - Mid May 2020 Early July 2020
- Architect Selection
  - September 2020 December 2020
- Develop Educational Plan
  - Summer 2020 December 2020
- Feasibility Design
  - January 2021 June 2021
- Schematic Design
  - June 2021 November 2021





## Community Engagement

#### **Educational Plan** (Fall 2020)

- District leaders and Pierce administrators work with Pierce educators to develop educational plan, using the Coolidge Corner and Driscoll educational plans as templates
- Plan will be reviewed at Building Committee and School Committee meetings
- Pierce School Community input welcomed

#### Design - (Beginning in January 2021)

Collaborative and iterative process led by Building Committee with ongoing input from school staff and school community. Begins in

## Community Engagement

Will continue to inform the Pierce Community and surrounding community via:

- The Pierce School Project Website
  - Sign up to receive meeting and information notifications by email
  - Submit questions about the project
- Social Media
- PTO Involvement
- Pierce School Newsletter and Principal Updates
- Email Updates

Project Website: <a href="https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/pierce-project">www.brookline.k12.ma.us/pierce-project</a>

# Working with the MSBA



### Questions and Answers

#### **Questions Submitted Prior to Meeting**

- 1. Will the email addresses for the Pierce School Building Committee be posted?
- 2. Are there any known conflicts with MSBA funding and a commitment to a Fossil Fuel Free Pierce building and/or with the energy goals adopted by Town Meeting in Spring 2017?

#### To Ask Questions:

"Raise Hand" function or post in the Chat