

Article #1

Feasibility Study

Bartlett High School



BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL

52 Lake Parkway
Webster, MA 01570

What is a Feasibility Study?

A feasibility study looks at a problem, figures out possible solutions, and identifies best possible options.

What is the Problem?

Bartlett High School was built in 1979 and many core facility areas need replacement and improvements:

- Roof leaks
- Boilers and mechanical equipment are failing at an increasing rate
- Energy is being lost through windows and exterior doors
- Original plumbing is corroding
- Sprinkler system does not meet current new construction code
- Athletic facilities are outdated

Bartlett High School learning spaces are antiquated.

- Lack of efficient and consistent heating and cooling systems interferes with teaching and learning
- Hands-on learning in science classrooms is limited, lab spaces are outdated, and safety is a concern
- Classrooms are not designed for ideal learning environments

Future Programming

Preparing students for college and career readiness is more complex than it was in 1979.

The renovation of Bartlett High School will allow us to enhance both the learning spaces and teaching approaches to ensure student engagement.

We would like the ability for the learning spaces to be modernized, so that some of the following pathways could be considered in our Program of Studies:

- Human Services
 - Public Safety/ Criminal Justice

- Food and Hospitality
 - Medical
 - Advanced Manufacturing
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Communication and STEM
 - Biotechnology
 - Radio and Television Broadcasting
 - Information Technology
 - Honors Academy for Accelerated Learning
- Increase dual enrollment opportunities for ALL students

How Much Will the Feasibility Cost?

This study, conducted by school building design experts, will identify problems, craft solutions, develop drawings, and outline cost estimates and a construction schedule. It is expected to cost approximately \$1,000,000.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has approved the project at an estimated **76.48%* reimbursement rate**, which would leave Webster only having to pay 23.52% of the \$1,000,000 for a total of \$235,200.00.

***Note:** The MSBA will be setting the 2020 reimbursement rate in February.

What Happens if the Article Does Not Pass?

With failing mechanical, plumbing, and leaking roofs, the town would be responsible for **100% of the cost**. Webster would lose its “place in line” with the Massachusetts Building Authority Program.

Is now the right time?

Yes!

With MSBA the estimated reimbursement rate is currently estimated at 76.48%* for all costs associated with the Feasibility Study, Design, and Construction of this project. This reimbursement rate assumes that the Town will take judicious but swift action to resolve the identified problems.

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Once the Feasibility study is complete the School Building Committee will come back to the Town with the recommended options for repair or renovation and more information on what a total project would look like.

Thank you for your support of the Webster Schools!

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