



# Proposal for a new **BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Barrington Public Schools has undertaken a process to replace our outdated middle school with **a new, 142,500 square foot state-of-the-art educational and community facility.**

The project is one of the first to be approved by the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) for school construction reimbursement from the State of 35% of eligible project costs. The approval of eligible energy conservation points for the project may result in up to 4% in additional State reimbursement.

Financing of the proposed project requires voter approval of a 25-year municipal bond. **A referendum vote will take place on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

This informational document provides an overview of the project. For complete details and updates, visit [www.BMSproject.org](http://www.BMSproject.org).

## THE NEED

Barrington Middle School, built nearly 58 years ago, requires extensive renovations and repairs.

A comprehensive assessment of all district schools was completed in 2010 and reconfirmed in 2015. Infrastructure deficiencies at Barrington Middle School include a leaking roof, cracks in the foundation walls, no fire sprinklers in the building, and electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems at the end of their useful life. A full list of noted deficiencies can be found under the Existing Conditions link at [www.BMSproject.org](http://www.BMSproject.org).

The building is out of compliance with many state and federal codes including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Barrington Middle School was **one of only 14 schools** - out of a total of 276 in the state - given the lowest rating of "poor" in a 2013 statewide analysis of school building conditions.

The building does not support delivery of the rigorous, innovative, 21st century education for which the Barrington Public Schools are known.

The facility lacks flexible classroom space, modern laboratories, and other features essential to an innovative middle school education.





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## THE PROPOSAL

Barrington was one of the first communities in Rhode Island to receive approval for school building funds from the State, funds which have not been available for several years.

The proposed project includes the design and construction of a new 142,500 square foot building on the current site.

The new facility includes flexible classroom spaces for project-based, collaborative learning and is designed to enhance interdisciplinary and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) teaching and learning, **to prepare students for success in high school, college and career.**

### Key Features:

- Modern science labs
- Full auditorium with performance stage, available for community use
- Rehearsal and performance areas for band and chorus
- Visual arts rooms
- Technology and allied arts areas
- Athletic and fitness facilities

Operational improvements will include sustainable design features, such as energy-efficient HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems, as well as upgraded safety and security features and improved traffic flow.

## FINANCES

The Barrington School Committee established a “not to exceed” project cost of \$68.4 million, approximately \$16 million of which will be reimbursed by the State.

A referendum vote will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for residents to approve or reject the municipal bond needed to finance the project.

The estimated property tax rate impact, based on a 25-year, \$68.4 million bond at a rate of 3.4%, net of State reimbursement, is \$1.12 per \$1,000, which translates to an annual increase of \$448 for a home valued at \$400,000.

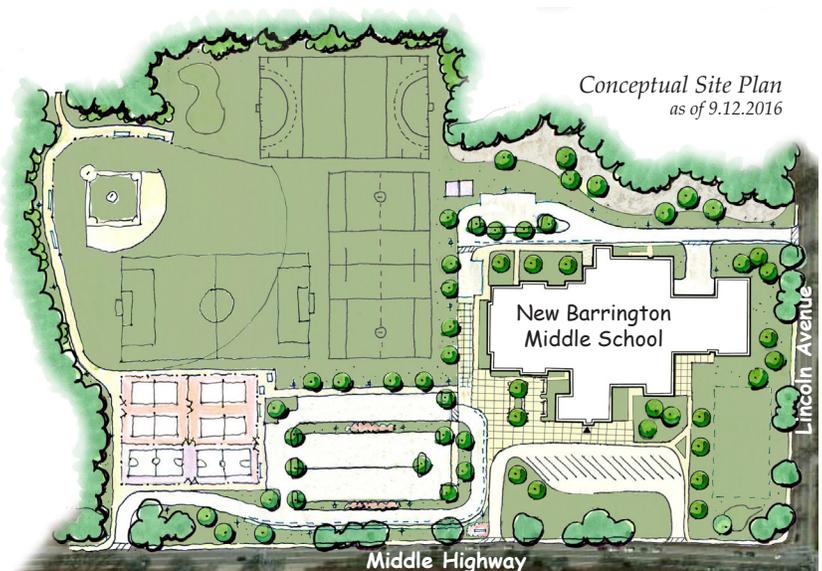
The Project website includes the latest updates, plans & renderings, and answers to FAQs:

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