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## **Arlington Public Schools**

### **Press Release**

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### **Arlington High School Improvements Move into Feasibility Phase**

The Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Board of Directors invited Arlington Public Schools to conduct a Feasibility Study for renovating and/or rebuilding Arlington High School. MSBA invited eight districts, including Arlington, into this second phase of collaboration. The Feasibility Study will focus on developing solutions to the facilities issues identified at Arlington High School, with a goal of developing a cost effective plan to improve the school.

Superintendent Kathleen Bodie expressed her satisfaction with this decision, "I look forward to working with the Arlington community and the MSBA to plan for a building which will support high school education into the future. It is exciting that we have the opportunity to transform our high school at the same time as educational practices are transforming."

The next steps in the process include hiring an owner's project manager and choosing an architect, at which point community conversations will inform planning for the changes to the building. These conversations will begin with the new school year.

The MSBA partners with Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of educationally appropriate, flexible, sustainable and cost-effective public school facilities. Since its 2004 inception, the Authority has made over 1,750 site visits to more than 250 school districts as part of its due diligence process and has made over \$12.4 billion in reimbursements for school construction projects.

For more information on the Arlington High School project please see:

<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/administration/ahsfacilities/>.