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Arlington Voters Approve Debt Exclusion for Arlington High School

On June 11, 2019, Arlington voters approved a debt exclusion ballot question that allows the town to move forward with rebuilding Arlington High School (AHS). This vote follows a multi-year process led by the Arlington High School Building Committee, with significant public participation, to develop a proposal to build a new high school on the current site.

"I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Arlington community for their support of this project and Arlington's students," remarked Jeff Thielman, Chair of the Arlington High School Building Committee. "The new high school will bring our flagship school in line with 21st-century learning institutions, support our community's booming enrollment growth and allow our students to achieve their highest potential."

Approval of the debt exclusion vote means the project will move to the next phase, with a detailed design to be developed over the coming year. Phased construction will begin in 2020 with the anticipated completion of the performing arts and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) wings in early 2022 and full building completion planned for 2024.

"It is an honor for the teachers, administrators, and staff to know that Arlington voters support a new high school," said Superintendent Kathleen Bode. "The new school will enable high-quality education that is active, collaborative, connected to the outside world, and purposeful."

The projected total cost of the project is \$290.8 million, of which it is anticipated that the Massachusetts School Building Authority will pay an estimated \$86 million and the Town of Arlington will pay an estimated \$204.8 million. In 2016, Arlington voters approved a \$2 million debt exclusion to fund the Arlington High School Feasibility Study/Schematic Design for the school.

"I would like to thank the voters of Arlington for supporting such an important project that will only enhance Arlington's future," said Adam Chapdelaine, Arlington Town Manager. "I look forward to working with the High School Building Committee, MSBA, project partners, and the community to build a state-of-the-art high school that will serve Arlington for many years to come."

Project partners for the AHS Building project include Skanska USA as Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and HMFH Architects as project designer. Skanska was the OPM for the Winchester High School renovation/addition, which completed in September 2017. HMFH designed the

Thompson School, as well as the six-classroom addition completed in September 2018. The Construction Manager will be selected and announced in the coming weeks.

More information will be available on the [Arlington High School Building Project Website](https://ahsbuilding.org/): <https://ahsbuilding.org/>.

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