

District: Town of Braintree
School Name: East Middle School
Recommended Category: Feasibility Study Invite (re-categorization from Eligibility Period)
Date: July 13, 2016

Recommendation

That the Board vote to re-categorize the Statement of Interest for the East Middle School in the Town of Braintree from the Eligibility Period to an Invitation to Feasibility Study.

Discussion

Subsequent to the Board's vote of June 4, 2014 to authorize the Town of Braintree (the "District") to proceed into Feasibility Study, the District requested that the MSBA support its intention to increase the scope of the current Feasibility Study beyond that of a repair project to an investigation of addition/renovation options for the East Middle School. In a letter dated November 6, 2015, the District informed the MSBA that its request was based upon a preliminary analysis of the space requirements compared to the capacity of the existing facility, and an increasing student population within the District.

On January 27, 2016 the Board voted to re-categorize the Statement of Interest for the East Middle School in the Town of Braintree from the Invitation to Feasibility Study category to the Eligibility Period category to accomplish the following:

- Update the Educational Profile and enrollment projection;
- Update the project schedule;
- Update the Initial Compliance Certification;
- Confirm that the existing consultant procurements are valid; and,
- Confirm that the authorization and appropriation of funding is sufficient.

The District has successfully completed the activities outlined above. In addition, the District has completed a review of the existing procurements and contracts for consultant services, secured additional funding sufficient for the increased scope of work, and completed actions to establish study enrollments for a proposed project during Feasibility Study.

Based upon the review above, MSBA staff recommends that the Board vote to re-categorize the Statement of Interest for the East Middle School in the Town of Braintree from Eligibility Period to an Invitation to Feasibility Study. The vote will provide the District with the opportunity to proceed with the expanded scope of the Feasibility Study and schematic design to include a more extensive investigation of addition/renovation options for a potential solution serving 890 students in grades 6-8 or 1,180 students in grades 5-8.