



REBUILDING MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL

A NEW HOME FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Frequently Asked Questions Reference Guide

Spring 2009

CITY COMMITMENT

The City of Malden embarked on a campaign to rebuild its schools in 1996. Between 1999 and 2001, five new K-8 schools and an early learning center were built. The capstone to the project is the \$77 million renovation of Malden High School. Ninety percent of eligible costs associated with Malden's school rebuilding program are being reimbursed by the State.

What does the Malden High School renovation project consist of?

The renovation project is an upgrade to the three-building complex which includes the Boyle Building (Building A), the Holland Building (Building B) and the Brunelli Building (Building C). The complex totals approximately 460,000 square feet of educational space in grades 9-12.

What is the City's portion of the project and how will it be funded?

The City is responsible for \$7.7 million which will be funded through municipal bonds amortized over a 20-year period.

Who is paying for the remaining \$69.3 million?

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) is funding the remaining portion through its grant program which equates to 90% of the project cost.

Will the City Hall be relocated to the high school complex?

No. It has been determined that the relocation of City Hall will not be part of the MHS renovation project.

Will the Jenkins Auditorium also serve as a Performing Arts Center for Malden Square?

The City is reviewing options for increasing community access and use of the Jenkins Auditorium.

Will the Jenkins Auditorium be closed for the renovations?

Yes. The Auditorium will close this summer and reopen in February of 2010.

Where can I get updated information about the high school renovation project?

The City has set up a hotline for updates and inquiries at **(781) 397-7186**. You may also review ongoing progress at www.malden.mec.edu/mhs/

What work has been completed as part of the renovation project?

- ▶ Window Replacement
- ▶ New Carpeting in Auditorium and Media Center
- ▶ Technology and Electrical Systems Upgrades
- ▶ Exterior Door Replacement
- ▶ Selective Bathroom Upgrades
- ▶ New Window Shades
- ▶ New Electronic School Sign
- ▶ Rebuilt Exterior Staircase to Brunelli Building

When will the renovation project be completed?

Construction will start in April of this year and run until February of 2012. It will start in the Brunelli Building, move to the Holland Building, and end in the Boyle Building.

Will students lose any educational opportunities during the project?

There will be a period of time when the art and shop classes will be affected – for instance the kiln or dark room may not be available for a quarter. The teachers will adjust their programs if this happens. Some Central Office activities will be relocated off site, but the High School Principal's office will remain open on site.

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Will parking be affected?

No. During construction there will be a need to eliminate some parking on Holden Street to allow for some deliveries.

Will workers and/or construction materials be in the halls around students?

We will separate the work areas from the occupied areas with solid partitions and if there are doors, they will be secured. There may be some workers moving from space to space, but we will issue photo ID cards to all workers after they pass CORI and drug tests. It is expected that all activity including construction materials will be kept separate from the high school area. All areas of the school will be locked and secured after hours.

Will the noise level from construction disrupt classrooms?

There will be some noise, but we have set up the phasing schedule to minimize the possibilities for disruption. High school administrators and the construction team are working together to maintain the required number of classrooms and course options for students.

New features of the renovated Malden High School will include:

- ▶ Updated Science Labs
- ▶ State-of-the-art Computer Labs
- ▶ New Equipment throughout School
- ▶ Room to expand/add new programs (i.e. Engineering and BioTech)
- ▶ New Security and Fire Alarm Systems
- ▶ New Roof
- ▶ Restoration of Jenkins Auditorium
- ▶ "House" System will work better with new layout

Will the "House" structure change during the project?

No. Each house will continue to serve as an anchor for its respective students. Within the house organization is the house principal, house guidance counselor, house secretary, and house adjustment counselor. The plan is for each student to be known really well by these individuals for their entire high school career. In addition, the 9th grade academy teachers are clustered within each house to make transitions for 9th graders easier.

Who is the project team?

URS Corporation
Owner Project Manager

Flansburgh Architects
Architect

Gilbane Building Co.
Construction Manager

Who is overseeing this renovation project on behalf of the City?

A five-member Municipal Building Committee is in place to oversee construction activities. The Committee is governed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Open Meeting Law and posts the dates and times of its meetings.

Typically meetings are held on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, sixth floor, Malden Government Center, 200 Pleasant St., Malden, MA.

Members of the Committee are: Mayor Richard C. Howard, Superintendent of Schools Sidney Smith, Ward Two City Councillor Paul Condon, Ward Three City Councillor Paul DiPietro, and Director of Public Facilities Stephen Melanson.

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