

West Elementary & Shawsheen Preschool Community Forum

Join us Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m.



West Elementary & Shawsheen Preschool Building Committee Community Forum

The Building Committee will be holding a remote public forum to discuss the West Elementary and Shawsheen Preschool Building project, which has reached the funding stage of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) process.



The project will set the stage for the future of all elementary schools throughout the district. All Andover residents are encouraged to attend and learn more.

This project will impact the entire community.

The goal of this project is to provide students with sufficient and modern educational spaces, and also provides opportunities to ease overcrowding at other elementary schools and provide additional meeting spaces and playing fields for community members to use during non-school hours.

Additionally, the project is designed to be more energy-efficient, reduce our carbon footprint and be solar-ready.

Why should you attend?

- The project is in a critical phase, which is dependent on residents' participation in two votes -- at Town Meeting and the Town Election.
- It's an ideal opportunity for residents to have their questions answered in order to make an informed decision when voting.
- The funding for this project is dependent on the community's affirmative vote at Annual Town Meeting (requiring a 2/3 majority vote) on Saturday, June 5th and then a simple majority vote at the ballot box on Tuesday, June 15th.
- A "No" vote at Town Meeting or the town election may jeopardize the building solutions for West Elementary and Shawsheen Preschool and may result in Andover losing its MSBA grant.

How to Participate!

Meetings are live-streamed on Andover TV or may be watched on Comcast 99 and Verizon 43.

Members of the public can participate either by submitting questions via email [here](#) or by attending and asking their questions live at the meeting via Webex. To register to attend the virtual meeting, [click here](#).

Please include your name and address when submitting questions. Questions can be submitted in advance or during the meeting.

More Information

West Elementary School was built in 1951 and added to in 1968. The Shawsheen facility was constructed in 1923. Both facilities are past their functional life in terms of building systems and instructional programming.

West Elementary was accepted into the MSBA program in December 2017. It is currently in module 5, known as the "funding" module.

For more information, please visit the project [webpage](#).

