

# NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Memorandum

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TO: David Fleishman, Superintendent  
School Committee

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

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RE: Facilities Update: Angier Elementary School Construction Project  
Swing Space  
Day Middle School Construction Project  
FY13 CIP Approval  
MSBA Science Lab Initiative  
Facilities Meeting with Board of Aldermen

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This update addresses information on the Angier School construction project, the status of the Carr School as swing space, the Day Middle School project update, the proposed FY13 CIP, proposed mid-sized elementary space projects for inclusion in the Five-year CIP process, the upcoming MSBA site visit to Newton South Science Labs, and the upcoming joint School Committee and Board of Alderman Meeting on facilities.

### I. Angier Elementary School Construction Project:

On March 28, 2012, the MSBA Board of Directors invited the Newton Public Schools into the feasibility study process. Since then a number of key events have occurred. On April 10, the School Building Committee (SBC) met for the first time, together with the City's Design Review and Designer Selection Committees. The SBC met again on April 19 to review two important tasks: 1) procurement of the owner's project manager (OPM); and, 2) selection of a Designer for feasibility and schematic design. The Committee approved the advertisement for the request for services for an owner's project manager (OPM) and adopted the City's Designer Selection Process for this project.

On May 2, the request for services for an owner's project manager (OPM) was advertised. On May 7, 2012 the City held a pre-bid conference and tour of Angier. The bid opening will be held on May 16, 2012. The OPM selection process is scheduled to be complete by the end of June, followed by a July 9 meeting of the City, the selected OPM and the MSBA OPM Review Panel. Assuming approval by the MSBA, the City expects to execute the OPM contract on July 10, 2012.

The Designer Selection Process has begun with the drafting of a request for services which will be advertised in June. The MSBA selection process for a designer mirrors that of the OPM, whereby the City's preferred designer is submitted to the MSBA

Designer Review Panel for review, and if approved by the panel, submitted by the panel to the MSBA Board for approval. It is expected that the designer contract will be executed by September 2012 at which time the feasibility study will begin. The designer will be responsible for both the feasibility study and schematic design.

II. Swing Space:

On April 2, 2012 the Board of Aldermen approved the reuse of Carr School as swing space for Angier and other school building/renovation projects in future years. The bids for design services were opened in April; the Purchasing Department is reviewing these bids prior to making award recommendations.

III. Day Middle School Construction Project:

The City's Design Review Committee reviewed the project on April 26, 2012 and concluded that the program was substantially identified in the construction documents. The project is scheduled to go out to bid on May 16, 2012 and a pre-bid conference for contractors will be held on May 22, 2012. General contractor bids are expected by the middle of June 2012. The Board of Alderman's Public Facilities, Programs and Services, and Finance committees will consider the project for funding approval on May 23 (Public Facilities and Programs and Services) and on May 29, 2012 (Finance Committee.)

IV. FY13 CIP Approval:

On May 7, 2012, the Board of Aldermen reviewed all of the City's proposed CIP requests for FY13, including those proposed by the School Committee listed below

<b>FY 13 PROPOSED PROJECTS</b>	<b>COST ESTIMATE</b>
Day Middle School Addition and Cafeteria Expansion – Create six additional classrooms and expand cafeteria to accommodate growing student enrollment. Project requires installation of fire suppression sprinkler system throughout the building. Design cost of \$643,500 was appropriated. Construction begins July 2012.	\$6,750,000
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>\$6,750,000</i>
Lincoln-Eliot School Mechanical Upgrades – Improve HVAC distribution system.	\$250,000
Burr School Mechanical Upgrades – Replacement of pneumatic heating controls with digital controls.	\$250,000
Bowen School Masonry Repairs – Address active leaks at window wells into classroom space and general envelope cracks, stairs and ramps. (\$25,000 allocated in FY12 for destructive testing.)	\$60,000
Bigelow Middle School Masonry Repairs – Repair and/or replacement of the concrete stair at main entrance. (\$35,000 allocated in FY12 for design.)	\$350,000
Countryside School Masonry Repairs – Resolve water infiltration causing damage to boiler room equipment.	\$100,000
Oak Hill Middle School Flooding Issue – Address flooding issues through re-grading on land and re-routing two downspouts	\$100,000
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>\$1,110,000</i>
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$7,860,000</i></b>

V. MSBA Science Lab Initiative:

On January 11, 2012 a Science Lab Statement of Interest (SOI) was submitted to the MSBA on behalf of Newton South in response to the MSBA's announcement that funding was available for upgrades to science labs. Newton is one of thirteen communities which submitted an application. Substantial information has been submitted to the MSBA since the original SOI application in January. On May 18, the MSBA will be meeting with the district to review this information and to tour the facilities as part of their decision-making process.

VI. Facilities Meeting with the Board of Aldermen:

On May 30, 2012 a joint facilities meeting of the School Committee and the Board of Aldermen will be held at the Newton North library at 7:00 p.m. to present an update on construction projects in process and to discuss long-range facilities planning for elementary schools.