

Considerations for the September 20, 2016 District-Wide Election

Some Thoughts to Consider for Residents in the Towns of Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Lincoln, Needham, Sudbury, Stow, Wayland, and Weston

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A new Minuteman High School:

- Supports the continuation of high quality career and vocational-technical education for our students that will improve the region's local workforce and enhance our economic vitality
- Provides a safe, modern facility specifically designed to provide 21st century career and technical education along with relevant and rigorous academics
- Addresses long-standing structural, mechanical, and handicap accessibility issues that limit its educational effectiveness for all students
- Safeguards the commitment of \$44 million dollars from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to keep down costs to local taxpayers
- This project enables Minuteman to charge out-of-district towns a capital fee to cover their portion of the costs of a new building.
- Retains Minuteman's regional accreditation by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC)
- Avoids "Plan B", a scenario that would require member towns to spend more than \$100 million on repairs to the existing building ***without any financial assistance from the MSBA***
- Demonstrates a strong and unified commitment that may compel new cities or towns to join the District to provide access for its students
- Represents the most affordable option for local taxpayers

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