

Gloucester Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to update you on the East Gloucester Building Project. With Memorial Day having been commemorated and with the end of the school year on the horizon, it seems appropriate to briefly summarize what the status of the project is at this time.

The District (City of Gloucester and the Gloucester Public Schools) was invited by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) into what is called the Feasibility Study. We have hired an Owner's Project Manager (CBRE/Heery) and a Designer (Dore & Whittier) to manage and design the project..

The District has worked with those two companies to document our educational program, and to generate an initial space summary based upon that program, i.e., what we feel is needed in a renovation, add-on, or new facility and why.

The District has identified three possible sites for the building project. The existing East Gloucester Elementary School site will be reviewed for a renovation, a renovation and an addition, or possible a new building for either 230 students or a consolidated school for 440 (combining East Gloucester and Veterans' Elementary School).

The Veterans' Elementary School site will be reviewed for a possible renovation, a renovation and an addition, or new building for a consolidated school for 440 students.

And, the City owns land off of Schoolhouse Rd (toward Market Basket) which will be explored for a possible new building for 440 students (consolidating East Gloucester and Veterans').

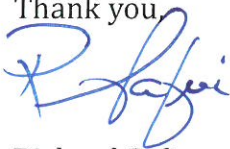
The goal for the designers, now, is to conduct a thorough study of each of these three sites. These studies will examine the following: a review of existing physical conditions of the schools, geotechnical conditions of the land, site test fits, traffic and parking conditions, site constraints etc.

At some point, the designers will provide several options. These will include, as mentioned above, renovations, renovations and additions, and new construction.

I must point out that there has been a delay in this work due to the need to acquire documentation/titles for land in each of the three sites and whether or not there are any restrictions on each of the sites. Gaining access to those documents and getting them organized through a third party has taken some time and has delayed the work. We expect that issue to be resolved shortly, enabling the designers and their consultants to proceed with their work.

I will provide a timeline on the work described above in the next update.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Safier', is written over the 'Thank you.' text.

Richard Safier