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**The Fuller School Building Committee Announces
Two Important Discussions Regarding the Development Options for the Fuller Middle School**

Framingham, MA – Next week the Fuller Middle School Building Committee has two important discussions planned as part of their continued efforts to develop options for the school's future.

On Monday March 5th at 7 p.m. in the Desmaris Room at King Elementary School, the School Building Committee meets for its regularly scheduled meeting. The agenda includes a presentation of the updated design options, a review of the proposed mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and a discussion on the recent meetings with City departments reviewing the options. On Wednesday March 7th at 7:00 p.m. also in the Desmaris Room at King Elementary School, the School Building Committee's Project Manager and Architects will present an update on the project's progress to the City of Framingham's School Committee during its regularly scheduled meeting.

"It is critical that our entire community come together to better understand the need for this long overdue school project in the City of Framingham," said Superintendent Dr. Robert Tremblay. "As we look toward improving access to educational programming in our schools and making strategic investments in our educational system, it is important that we ask questions together - and hear the answers together. Quality educational systems have a direct correlation to a community's desirability and property value - let's talk through that so that we can, together, make the best decision that will impact Framingham for generations to come. I look forward to our upcoming dialogues on this important community project scheduled with the School Building Committee and School Committee."

About the School Building Committee

Framingham's School Building Committee on the Fuller Middle School Building Project formed in accordance with Massachusetts School Building Authority requirements to oversee the study and project on behalf of the community. Membership of the group comes from City Government leadership, a City Council Member, Framingham Public School leadership, School Committee Members, teachers, engineers, and representatives from the community. The SBC has met approximately every two weeks since the fall of 2017. Over the course of ten School Building Committee meetings, eight design options were discussed and evaluated, and several academic leadership meetings and three community forums occurred since last fall. The committee focused on the following criteria when developing the options: educational benefits, cost, minimal disruption to students



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during construction, sustainability, community use, and transportation. Currently, the Committee has narrowed the design options down to four, with the final selection scheduled to be made by May 2018.

Why Does Fuller Middle School Need to be Replaced?

The 60 year old Fuller Middle School has served the community well. The school has reached a point that it no longer meets today's building codes, has structural deficiencies, inefficient and inoperable systems, is not insulated resulting in extremely high building operating costs, and does not adequately support the educational curriculum. While the Fuller building has reached the end of its useful life, it currently remains safe for student occupancy and the district is closely monitoring the building. The Framingham Public School system is confident the Fuller building can continue to be maintained in a safe and secure manner until a new building is constructed under the proposed multi-year schedule. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the state agency charged with overseeing and supporting school improvement projects, has visited Fuller Middle School and agrees with the Framingham Public School's analysis that it is long overdue for major upgrades. The MSBA mandates a multi-step rigorous Feasibility Study and approval process and will provide Framingham a grant of up to 57.05% of the study costs and eligible design and construction costs plus incentives.

Visit www.fullerbuildingproject.com for additional information and a project timeline regarding the Fuller Middle School Building Project. For questions about the Fuller Middle School project, please contact the Owner's Project Manager, Joel Seeley via email at opm@smma.com .

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