

FHS BUILDING PROJECT: FACT SHEET

Why Do We Need a New Building?

- Farmington High School does not meet numerous state and federal codes including Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and American with Disabilities Act (ADA Accessibility) regulations in their entirety
- The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) placed FHS on warning for one of the accreditation standards due to facility and space issues that constrain the implementation of curriculum and instruction and lack of full compliance with state and federal laws related to the FHS facility
- Security issues due to amount of entry points, a lack of public/private separation, sightlines and lighting
- Lack of collaborative work spaces to support curriculum, instruction and programming
- The auditorium is undersized , outdated, has poor acoustics, and does not meet ADA accessibility requirements
- Undersized spaces include the cafeteria, media center, and some science classrooms
- Sprawling facility due to multiple additions since 1928 does not align to or fully support existing and future curriculum, instruction and programming
- Non-efficient and aging HVAC, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems which are at the end of their useful life
- Building envelope and insulation are insufficient causing indoor temperatures to fluctuate with a lack of reliable heat as well as excessively warm learning spaces throughout the school year
- One story layout creates inefficient student traffic flow during the school day
- Lack of ADA accessibility to athletic fields



Important Dates

May 22, 2017 7:00 PM	Board of Education Meeting: Approval of schematic drawings and project cost estimate
May 23, 2017 7:00 PM	Town Council Meeting: Approval of schematic drawings and project cost estimate Set a Special Town meeting and referendum Refer the project to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report under C.G.S § 8-24
June 5, 2017 7:00 PM	Expected Special Town Meeting
June 8, 2017 6:00 PM	FHS Building Tour
June 15, 2017	Expected Town Referendum

New Building Highlights

In addition to addressing the infrastructure and facility deficiencies at FHS, the new building is designed to support collaborative, rigorous, and innovative education for which Farmington Public Schools are known. Highlights of the new building include:

- The ***new auditorium's seating capacity will increase from 500 to 650*** to allow for two full grades to access programming at the same time.
- The ***enlarged cafeteria*** will allow for fewer lunch waves and students will no longer have to eat lunch at 10:00 a.m.
- The academic areas of the building will include multiple ***flexible learning spaces*** that will promote collaboration among students and teachers.
- The enlarged science and engineering labs and Maker Space will provide ***enhanced opportunities for Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) education.***
- The ***enlarged Applied Arts workspaces*** will provide increased opportunities for students to learn advanced technical skills in construction and transportation.
- The award-winning ***Robotics program will be moved*** to the main FHS campus.
- The ***enlarged Special Education classrooms*** will include dedicated space for physical and occupational therapy
- The ***new gymnasium and auxiliary gymnasium*** layout will create an enlarged performance and assembly space.
- The ***new library/ media center*** will include designated spaces for both collaborative and individual study.
- Administrative offices will be located at a new easily identifiable, ***secure main entry.***
- Site improvements include new parent/bus drop-off locations and widening of Monteith Drive to two-lanes each way to ***accommodate traffic flow and reduce congestion.***

FHS Building Project Timeline

2013-2015 2016	FHS Facility Studies, Reviews and Reports The Farmington Town Council established the FHS Building Committee in January 2016. The FHS Building Committee hired a team of consultants to assist in the development of conceptual options that meet the Statement of Needs and the committee's charge.
2017	After reviewing multiple concept design options and cost estimates, the FHS Building Committee voted to recommend the new building option to the Board of Education and Town Council for approval.
June 2017	Expected Special Town Meeting and Referendum
2017-2018	Design phase of the FHS Building Project
2018-2022	Construction phase of the FHS Building Project