

# Belmont High School Building Project / Quarterly Update



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**Thank you, Belmont!** Your overwhelming participation in and support of the November 6th vote to fund the Belmont High School building project demonstrates the Town of Belmont's commitment to the future of education.



Top: potential view looking east toward outdoor commons and pond. Bottom: geothermal test well installation.

## Overall Project Update

Our project team—which includes our Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Daedalus, our architect Perkins+Will and our construction manager Skanska—is working hard to meet our budget and timeline goals. Following the successful Town Meeting and ballot votes, **a Project Funding Agreement (PFA) was executed by the Town of Belmont and the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).** As part of this funding agreement, the MSBA will reimburse Belmont's eligible project costs up to \$80 million. **The total project cost will not exceed \$295 million.** In addition, while the building design is in the process of being finalized, we have already started working to prepare for construction to begin in late spring. You may have noticed some construction equipment already on the high school campus. This equipment was used to dig test wells in preparation for geothermal systems installation. The construction team also took advantage of the empty campus over the December holiday break to begin some asbestos remediation in the current building in preparation for renovation and removal.

## Design Update

**We're currently in the Design Development phase, which means that engagement is our top priority.** In this phase, we are collaborating with the Belmont Community, including (but not limited to!) Middle and High School administration and staff, Town officials, Regulatory personal, Building Committee, School Committee, and Planning Board. **In this phase, we begin to establish the design and vet project goals and objectives** for teaching and learning, safety, regulatory requirements, sustainability, and building and site design. By intentionally engaging all of the stakeholders on an ongoing basis, we will work together to set the project parameters in order to confidently proceed into the Construction Document phase in April.

## Construction Update

During the winter break, we began asbestos remediation in the current building in preparation for renovation and removal. This work was important to obtain additional data which will inform the design and the scope of construction to be completed in the Summer of 2019 while school is out. **Over the coming months, Skanska will continue to perform cost estimates and phasing & logistics planning support to ensure we adhere to our timeline from the beginning.** You may have noticed that a trailer has been delivered to the site (behind the school). This trailer is our project headquarters, establishing a consistent meeting place for the project team to collaborate.