

# Monadnock Regional School District

## Planning Forward: Determining What is Feasible

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# History of the District

## 1962

Fitzwilliam, Sullivan, Roxbury, Swanzey, Richmond, Troy, Gilsum and Surry form the Monadnock Regional School District under Supervisory Union #38

## 1967

Hinsdale and Winchester join Supervisory Union #38

Supervisory Union #38: Fitzwilliam, Sullivan, Roxbury, Swanzey, Richmond, Troy, Gilsum, and Surry as the Monadnock Regional School District, Hinsdale and Winchester



# History of the District

**2008**

Surry leaves School Administrative Unit #38/Monadnock Regional School District

**2011**

Hinsdale and Winchester leave School Administrative Unit #38, and School Administrative Unit #93 is formed as a single-district SAU (Monadnock Regional School District): Gilsum, Richmond, Swanzey, Troy, Fitzwilliam, Roxbury and Sullivan

**2013**

Sullivan leaves School Administrative Unit #93/Monadnock Regional School District



# Original Buildings

- Troy Elementary School - 1895
- Emerson Elementary School - 1925
- Cutler Elementary School - 1945
- Mt. Caesar Elementary School - 1953
- Gilsum STEAM Academy - 1956
- Monadnock Regional Middle High School -1962




# Investing in Our Infrastructure - Warrant Articles

- 2010
  - \$1,068,967 for renovations to MRMHS
  - \$240,310 for health and safety items at all schools
- 2011
  - \$1,343,641 for renovations to MRMHS
  - \$148,300 for health and safety items at Mt. Caesar
- 2012
  - \$1,343,078 for renovations to MRMHS
  - \$172,600 for health and safety items in elementary schools



# Investing in Our Infrastructure - Warrant Articles

- 2013
    - \$1,548,627 for renovations to MRMHS
  - 2014
    - \$1,364,000 for renovations to MRMHS
    - \$150,000 for health and safety items at all elementary schools
  - 2015
    - \$1,181,000 for renovations to Mt. Caesar Elementary School
    - \$100,000 for health and safety items at MRMHS
  - 2016
    - \$1,100,000 for renovations to Mt. Caesar Elementary School
    - \$50,000 for health and safety items at MRMHS
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# Investing in Our Infrastructure - Warrant Articles

- 2017
  - \$1,399,999 for renovations to Mt. Caesar Elementary School
  - \$193,000 for health and safety items at MRMHS, Mt. Caesar and Emerson
- 2018
  - \$1,400,000 for renovations to Mt. Caesar Elementary School
  - \$330,000 for health and safety items at MRMHS, Mt. Caesar, Gilsum, Emerson and Troy
- 2019
  - \$850,000 for renovations to MRMHS
  - \$296,000 for health and safety items at all schools



# H.L. Turner Studies

- Troy, Emerson, Cutler, Gilsum, and MRMHS
- Overall assessment of the buildings
  - Identify any existing deficiencies in the buildings, including life safety issues
  - Assist the Town in deciding whether it is cost effective to continue to invest in the buildings or perhaps consider consolidation with another school in the District
  - Provide short-term, mid-term, and long-term recommendations and associated costs





# H.L. Turner Studies

	<b>Short Term (2-3 years)</b>	<b>Mid-Range (5-6 years)</b>	<b>Long-Range (10-12 years)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cutler	\$1,219,000.00	\$727,000.00	\$465,000.00	\$2,411,000.00
Troy	\$920,000.00	\$430,000.00	\$5,215,000.00	\$6,565,000.00
Emerson	\$265,600.00	\$665,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$1,200,600.00
Gilsum	\$480,650.00	\$479,000.00	\$925,000.00	\$1,884,650.00
MRMHS	\$488,500.00	\$105,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,893,500.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,373,750.00</b>	<b>\$2,406,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,175,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,954,750.00</b>

# Determining What is Feasible

Feasibility Website [www.mrsd.org/feasibility](http://www.mrsd.org/feasibility)



# Option 1 - Do Nothing

This option is literally what happens if the schools are left exactly the way they are. This is obviously not a viable option because it does nothing to solve the problems identified in the schools. What is important however is to note that “doing nothing” actually has a cost. The schools will cost more to heat, staff will spend more time cleaning and maintaining the buildings and teachers and students will be less productive. These added costs can be estimated and should be used as a benchmark when comparing to other options.

**Life Cycle 10 Year Costs = \$19,036,920**



## Option 2 - Pay-As-You-Go

This option is the “pay as you go” option. Common sense might suggest that this is the most financially responsible option but that ignores a number of factors.

- Inflation in construction and energy are outpacing the bond interest
- Putting off needed improvements the district is denied the benefits of lower energy bills and better teacher and student performance.
- If Building Aid is available it would be limited by rules setting maximum size and cost of projects.

**Life Cycle 10 Year Costs = \$40,974,573**



# Other Options

- Option 3 – Additions/Renovations District Wide in One Year
    - **Life Cycle 10 Year Costs = \$26,652,923**
  - Option 4 – New South Elementary, Additions/Renovations North Schools
    - **Life Cycle 10 Year Costs = \$25,739,998**
  - Option 5 – New South Elementary, Additions/Renovations to Mt Caesar for North School for Swanzey, Additions/Renovations to Gilsum
    - **Life Cycle 10 Year Costs = \$22,427,410**
  - Option 6 – New Single Consolidated Elementary School
    - **Life Cycle 10 Year Costs = \$29,634,149**
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# Other Options

- Option 7 – New South Elementary, Additions/Renovations to Mt Caesar for North School, Redistrict
  - **Life Cycle 10 Year Costs = \$20,986,650**
- Option 8 – Additions/Renovations to Troy for South Elementary, Additions/Renovations to Mt Caesar for North School, Redistrict
  - **Life Cycle 10 Year Costs = \$18,649,929**



# Selecting an Option

Board voted to further investigate Option 5 with some additional considerations

- Leave Gilsum alone (for now)
  - In the event a new site cannot be identified for the new south school, consider an existing site
  - Contingent on building aid availability
  - Be able to submit building aid application by 7/1/2020
  - Warrant article for engineering and design work
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# What If? Potential Timeline and Next Steps

3/10/2020	Warrant Article for Engineering and Design Funding <b>Fails</b>
3/15/2020	Identification of Potential Site for New South Elementary School
6/30/2020	Schematic Design Completed for Building Aid Application
7/1/2020	Application for Building Aid Due
11/1/2020	Request for Proposals from Construction Managers
1/1/2021	Construction Manager Provides a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Project
1/15/2021	State Publishes Project Ranking List
1/19/2021	Bond Hearing
3/9/2021	Warrant Article for Building Project Bond <b>Fails</b>
7/1/2021	State <b>Fails to Pass Budget</b> for the Biennium that includes Bonding Building Aid
7/1/2021	Building Projects Awarded
8/1/2021	Groundbreaking
8/20/2023	Completion



# Take-Aways

Arriving at this point - the identification of a potential project and warrant article for engineering and design work - has been a ***multi-year process***.

The passage of warrant article three would ***only allow for the engineering and design work to be completed***. It would not bind the district to actual construction at this time.

This is an early step in a process that is filled with ***conditional steps*** - for example, a state budget that funds building aid.



# Questions?

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