# SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING INITIATIVE JOINT MEETING

**Project Status and Activity Update** 

**February 9, 2023** 

#### Purpose and Goals



Project Focus Areas & Options



Project Financing Scenarios and Impacts



SBC Activity Report



**Next Steps** 



#### Focus Area #1 - Preservation

#### **Deferred Maintenance**

- Projects that keep students & staff Warm, Safe, and Dry
- HVAC, electrical, plumbing, roofs and repairs
- Needs that are often put off due to lack of funds, time, or resources





#### **Preservation Option Costs**

FACILITY	IMMEDIATE NEEDS	10 YR FORECAST
Broad Rock MS	\$5.5 Million	\$14.2 Million
West Kingston Elementary	\$3.5 Million	\$9.6 Million
Matunuck Elementary	\$3.5 Million	\$9.1 Million
Peace Dale Elementary	\$5.5 Million	\$15.7 Million
Hazard Building	\$1.5 Million	\$4.7 Million
SKHS	\$18 Million	\$49.5 Million
TOTAL	\$37.5 Million	\$102.8 Million

perpetuation

protect Care day

#### Focus Area #2 - Innovation

#### **Programmatic Improvements**

- Student centric projects focused on improving teaching and learning
- Impact building layout, efficiency, and useability
- Major renovations, additions, and new construction
- Make facilities <u>future ready</u> and adapts to new <u>styles</u> of teaching and learning



#### **Innovation Option Costs**

FACILITY	COST	ENHANCEMENTS
SKHS New Build (Innovation)	\$125 M	New building with associated athletic facilities
Broad Rock MS Innovation	\$2.5 M	Programmatic improvements
Hazard Building	\$2.5 M	Relocate administration, deferred maintenance
Elementary School Programmatic	\$16M	Gymnasiums at West Kingston/ Matunuck, media centers, restrooms, teacher planning.

Core Question: Do we invest in innovation, preservation or both?

#### **Project Options**

- The SBC has reviewed various project scenarios over the past several months.
- 4 primary options appear feasible at this point that should be considered by the Town Council and School Committee.



#### Project Option #1 – Innovation/ Preservation

New HS facility at Columbia St., relocation of administration to Hazard, district wide deferred maintenance, and BRMS enhancements.

FACILITY	COST	ENHANCEMENTS
SKHS New Build (Innovation)	\$125 M	New building with associated athletic facilities
District wide Deferred Maintenance (No SKHS)	\$20 M	Address deferred maintenance in elementary and middle schools = preserve for future
Broad Rock MS Innovation	\$2.5 M	Programmatic improvements
Hazard Building	\$2.5 M	Relocate administration, deferred maintenance
TOTAL	\$150M	Most impactful project evaluated by the SBC.

#### Project Option #2 – Innovation SKH\$ Only

New HS facility at Columbia St. with off site athletic facility.

FACILITY	COST	ENHANCEMENTS
SKHS New Build (Innovation)	\$125 M	New building with associated athletic facilities

#### Does note include:

- ▶ Deferred maintenance at other facilities.
- ► Improvements to BRMS.
- ▶ Relocation/ consolidation of administration.

#### Funding Options #3 & 4 – Preservation Only

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# Why Now?

TIMELINE	REIMBURSEMENT			
By December 2023	Up to \$0.525 cents for every \$1.00 dollar <a href="PLUS">PLUS</a> 15% provided as "Pay Go"			
VS.				
After December 2023	UP TO \$0.35 cents for every \$1.00 dollar NO Pay Go funding			

# Doing a project now versus later will save local taxpayers millions



### Example

On a \$125M bond for a new high school Town has the potential to save...

# \$1.3 M per year in debt service \$26M Over the life of the bond

IF South Kingstown takes advantage one-time bonuses available until December 2023

# Potential Increase – Housing Aid

RIDE SBA has noted recently that a bill is being introduced to increase base housing aid by 5% which would increase South Kingstown's State share to 57.5% or more depending on bonuses.



### Fiscal Analysis - Assumptions

- 20 Year Term
- 2025-2026 Bond Issuance = Slow ramp up of funding
- 4.25% assumed interest rate
- Pay-go funds included in assumptions
- Median Home Value = \$424,200 as of 12/31/2021

# Analysis of Prospective Debt Levels

BOND AMOUNT	ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	ANNUAL STATE SHARE	ANNUAL TOWN DEBT	TOWN SHARE	STATE SHARE	EST. TOTAL COST
\$150M	\$10.5 M	\$4.2 M	\$6.3 M	\$126.8 M	\$94.1 M	220.9 M
\$125 M	\$8.8 M	\$3.4 M	\$5.4 M	\$108.8 M	\$75.4 M	\$184.2 M
\$103 M	\$7.1 M	\$3.4 M	\$3.7 M	\$74.6 M	\$76.0 M	\$150.6 M
\$37.5 M	\$2.6 M	\$1.2 M	\$1.4 M	\$27.2 M	\$27.6 M	\$54.8 M

# **Property Valuation Summary**

Assessed Value Bracket	Assessed Value	Parcel Count	% of Total Parcel Count	Total Assessed Value
A	\$1 to \$300,000	874	9.2%	\$205,430,100
В	\$300,001 to \$400,000	2382	25.2%	\$841,837,500
С	\$400,001 to \$500,000	2220	23.5%	\$992,631,800
D	\$500,001 to \$600,000	1479	15.6%	\$807,150,100
E	\$600,001 to \$700,000	833	8.8%	\$539,337,600
F	\$700,001 to \$800,000	534	5.6%	\$397,428,300
G	\$800,001 to \$900,000	316	3.3%	\$267,559,900
Н	\$900,001 to \$1,000,000	238	2.5%	\$225,160,600
I	\$1,000,001 and up	<u>585</u>	<u>6.2%</u>	\$838,863,700
		9,461	100%	\$5,115,399,600

64% of properties are valued from \$300K to \$600K

#### Impact on Median Home Taxes

Based on median assessed home value of \$424,200

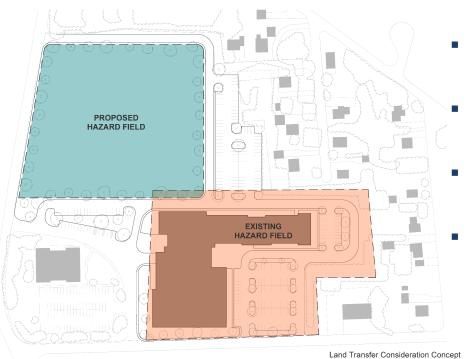
BOND AMOUNT	LEVY INCR PER \$1000 (MIL RATE)	EST. WEEKLY TAXPAYER COST	EST. MONTHLY TAXPAYER COST	EST. ANNUAL TAXPAYER COST
\$150 M	\$1.03	\$8.4	\$36.3	\$435
\$125 M	\$0.90	\$7.3	\$31.7	\$380
\$103 M	\$0.66	\$5.4	\$23.3	\$280
\$37.5 M	\$0.31	\$2.5	\$10.8	\$130



#### **Latest Activities**

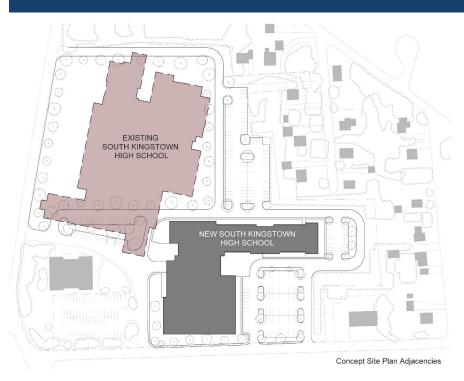
- Wetland Flagging of CCMS and Broad Rock recreation area has been completed.
- A new master schedule has been approved to outline activities for the next year.
- Additional due diligence is ongoing regarding swing space.
- Recreation Commission will be reviewing a swing space option for Hazard Field.

# Swing Space Analysis — Hazard Field



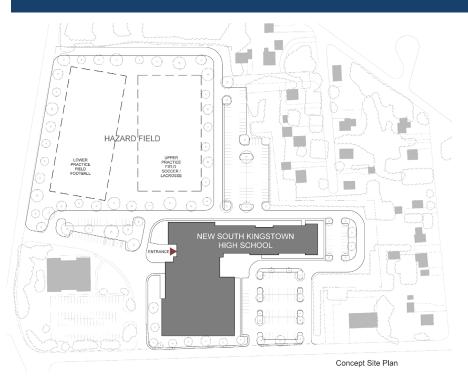
- Orange Area = LWCF Restriction.
  - Blue Area = Potential Swap/ Field Area
- Areas are of equivalent area and recreation value
- Areas are prospectively of equal value financially

# Swing Space Analysis – Hazard Field



- Students would remain at SKHS while a new facility is constructed.
- Ample area for laydown and construction.
- Limited disruption to students.

# Swing Space Analysis – Hazard Field



- Once the new facility is put into operation the exiting building would be razed.
- New fields would be constructed on former school site.
- Final conversion would then be completed to meet NPS regulations.



#### What Now?



#### We Need a Number

- The SBC requires clear guidance on a potential bond amount in order to refine projects.
- Bond legislation needs to be drafted and submitted in the next month.
- Project authorizations will drive the project scopes, designs, and other required Stage II components.

#### How Will We Invest in SK Schools?

Preserve and Protect (Moderate Investment)

Innovate
(Substantial Investment)