

**To enable all students to reach their potential  
through an academically challenging  
and diverse education.**

# **Beverly High School Facility Plan**

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# Current Status of BHS Facility

## ■ 2004 -2005

- Accreditation probation since 2003. Accreditation agency demands long-term facility solutions.
- City moves forward on recommendation from 2001 Architectural Feasibility Study.
  - ***Conduct essential short term repairs at BHS and build a new academic wing and renovate the common areas (field house, cafeteria and auditorium).***
- Short term repairs at BHS total nearly \$3M
- School Committee declares McKay School surplus to support BHS construction
- Funding plan for \$60M new construction outlined by Scanlon administration
- City Council approves \$3.6M for design and pre-construction costs
- Lack of approved \$60M funding prompts agency to recommend termination of BHS accreditation



# Why a New Academic Wing?

***The Plan to build a New Academic Wing is  
Fiscally Responsible, Structurally Necessary,  
Educationally Important***

## ■ Fiscally Responsible:

- Maximum value of repairs has already been achieved
  - 85% of the accreditation issues have been resolved
- Any comprehensive repair plan requires a new building in 8 years –think of the cost
- New construction will be reimbursed at least 50% by the state
- 2002 estimate of full renovation costs are equivalent to new construction costs
- Loss of accreditation results in losing students to school choice, translating to less state funding for Beverly
- We need to act now. 2002 estimate for BHS construction was \$50M. 2005 estimate is \$60M. \$10M cost to the City.

# Why a New Academic Wing?

## ■ Structurally Necessary:

- HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems need complete replacement
- 85 doors and 10 levels pose security and accessibility issues
- Structural beams needed major repairs and require monitoring
- Combination of new construction and renovation has been recommended by an independent architectural firm.

## ■ Educationally Important:

- A new facility is needed to support high quality educational programs for the long term.
- New construction takes 2 years with no academic interruption or displacement.
- Repair or renovation would displace students and interrupt the academic programs for 2-6 years.
- Full accreditation requires long-term solutions

# The plan supported by the School Committee, Mayor Scanlon and Superintendent Hayes

- Build a new academic wing and renovate the common areas (field house, cafeteria and auditorium)
- Continue with health and safety repairs to the current facility
- Improve areas of the current facility that have long term value
- Complete design work by the summer 2006
- City Council approval for \$60M construction funds by spring 2006
- Begin construction by July 2007 and complete by Sept 2009
- Students remain in current academic wings during construction
- Per Mayor Scanlon, this plan will be funded by:
  - proceeds and tax revenues from McKay and Edwards Schools
  - Increased tax revenues from the Cummings Center
  - at least 50% reimbursement from the state
  - \$1 million in debt service in 2007

***Fiscally Responsible, Structurally Necessary and Educationally Important***



# Information Resources

- Architectural Feasibility Study:  
[www.beverlyschools.org](http://www.beverlyschools.org)
- Draft Repair Plan: On reserve at Beverly Public Library