

Weekly School Building Projects Summary – Week of 29 August

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** Two voting days in September;
State Primary - Thursday, 8 September, 7am-8pm @ local precinct polling place

Minuteman HS vote - Tuesday, 20 September, 12pm-8pm @ Lexington Community Center **

- A few people asked about the 8 Sept ballot, a copy of it is @ <http://bit.ly/2bEMKw8>

** Due to the narrow window of time for the Minuteman HS vote and the single location, if you will not be in town due to work or other commitments, you might consider voting by absentee ballot. Details @ <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howabs.htm> **

** Bus passes will be handed out in the first few days of school, but bus assignments are posted in Aspen, and the routes are @ <http://bit.ly/2blmGrM> Some of the routes have changed this year, so be sure to check the listing of where the stops are. You might also follow the Transportation Department's twitter feed as it often will advise parents when buses are late, etc. @ <https://twitter.com/LPSBusUpdates> **

** Lexington Citizen's Academy starts 15 September. Details @ <http://bit.ly/2btDj6n> If you're curious about how town government works, it's a terrific way to become a more enlightened citizen. **

Town Meeting will be convening on 21 September to vote on several articles regarding school capital projects. The warrant for Special Town Meeting 2016-5 @ <http://bit.ly/2bIRsLE> I'll go into more detail on articles 2, 3 & 4 next week when I have more time and information to share.

The SC met on Tuesday evening and discussed their previous approval of spending \$78,000 to continue to explore re-introducing the elementary World Language program. After deliberating, they voted 4-0-1 to agree that the estimated \$2.3m/per year cost would not be sustainable at this time due to a projected \$9m shortfall in the Lexington FY19 budget, so they will use the part-time person assigned to the task to explore low-

impact and low-cost alternatives to potentially add some portion of a world language curriculum at the elementary level. The Minuteman newspaper article on the SC's decision regarding world language program is @ <http://bit.ly/2c0mFYq>

LPS transportation has added 3 buses and has 3,575 riders as of 15 August.

Lextended Day has preliminary state approval to expand their licensed capacity. Dr. C. noted that Bridge, Estabrook and Hastings have eliminated their previous waiting lists and Bowman, Fiske and Harrington waiting lists are minimal and are hoped to also be eliminated by the start of the school year.

The enrollment update as of 22 August is @ <http://bit.ly/2bRjEwe> Keep in mind that these numbers are expected to grow into September as 157 students were added between 1 August and 22 August (+70 elementary, +47 middle and +33 LHS).

Redistricting

The enrollment snapshot detailing the impact of the redistricting this fall (@ <http://bit.ly/2bsM3VD>) shows that a total of 54 students were reassigned. It added 21 students and 19 students respectively to Hastings and Estabrook, and removed 27 from Bowman. In spite of concerns regarding Harrington, only 1 additional student has materialised to date. In short, it did precisely what we had anticipated it would do.

The buffer zone policy subcommittee met again this week to craft upcoming articles for the Minuteman newspaper. The current issue of the Colonial Times contains an article on the policy on page 35 (see @ <http://bit.ly/2bK5dqc>) which is worth reading.

Two dates for public forums for the buffer zone policy (note these will NOT feature buffer zone maps as those have not yet been crafted by the SAC)

Saturday, 24 September @ 10am-noon, Buffer zone policy public forum ; Bowman

Wednesday, 28 September @ 7pm-9pm, Buffer zone policy public forum ; Hastings

The SAC also met this week to begin the task of determining what sort of buffer zones to recommend to Dr. C and the SC. We will meet again in October.

Enjoy the last day of summer before school lurches into session this week beginning on Tuesday. :)

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School Building Project Weekly Summary - Week of 29 August:

__Meetings this coming week:__

Tuesday, 30 August @ 8am, Capital Expenditures Committee, Reed Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2brAWPf>

Tuesday, 30 August @ 9am, Board of Selectman, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2buu9RM> ; **May be viewed live on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/1nYirF6>

Thursday, 1 September @ 7pm, Permanent Building Committee, DPW, Rm 221 ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2c6j0LO> (C&D update)

Thursday, 1 September @ 7.30pm, Appropriation Committee, Parker Rm, Town Office Bld ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2c6ib5B>

__Future Meetings:__

Tuesday, 6 September @ 7pm, SC meeting

Wednesday, 7 September, @ 4pm, BoS meeting

Monday, 12 September @ 7 pm, BoS meeting

Tuesday, 13 September @ 6pm, Joint BoS and SC meeting, DPW

Wednesday, 14 September @ 7.30pm, STM 2016-5 TMMA Info session, Battin Hall

Wednesday, 21 September @ 6:30 pm, BoS meeting in SMR

Wednesday, 21 September @ 7.30pm, STM 2016-5, Battin Hall

Saturday, 24 September @ 10am-noon, Buffer zone policy public forum ;
Bowman

Monday, 26 September @ 7pm, BoS meeting

Wednesday, 28 September @ 7pm-9pm, Buffer zone policy public forum ;
Hastings

__Meetings Last week on LexMedia, etc.:__

Tuesday, 23 August @ 7pm, School Committee, Selectmen's Meeting
Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda packet - <http://bit.ly/2b7HLSV> ; **May
be viewed on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/2butEHv>

Tuesday, 23 August @ 7.30pm, Appropriation Committee, Parker Room,
Town Office Bld. ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2bBZ0Nz>

Wednesday, 24 August @ 9am, Lexington School Committee's Policy
Manual Subcommittee – Buffer Zones, School Committee Room, Central
Office (Old Harrington) ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2bFhXAo>

Wednesday, 24 August @ 6pm, Student Assignment Committee

__Things of Note:__

For Suzie... <https://youtu.be/oUZMERtzIVg>

__Linkage__

- * All you ever wanted to know about Town Meeting - <http://bit.ly/1IWmsJt>
- * MA State Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings - <http://bit.ly/1nYQE89>
- * Know your precinct! - <http://bit.ly/1Sw6XVp>
- * Know your precinct Town Meeting Members - <http://bit.ly/1QI7WYO>
- * Town Clerk on Elections & Voting - <http://bit.ly/1KOaZIm>
- * TMMa mailing list archive - <http://bit.ly/1M9jKpe>
- * Want to email all the TMMs in your precinct? Use precinctX@... where X
is replaced with your precinct number
- * Mass DOR Prop 2 1/2 primer, pt. 1 - <http://1.usa.gov/1OYuTj0>

- * DiNisco project website - <http://www.lexingtonmultipleprojects.com>
- * DiNisco Meeting Schedule - <http://bit.ly/1BecLN4>
- * DiNisco FAQ - <http://www.lexingtonmultipleprojects.com/faq/>
- * LPAG - <http://www.lexparentsadvocacy.org>
- * Enrollment Working Group Study - <http://bit.ly/1UPm1v5>
- * LPS Technical Study of Redistricting - <http://bit.ly/1IDP6iS>
- * SMMA capacity analysis presentations - <http://bit.ly/1THVekN>
- * Redistricting presentations and enrollment reports @ <http://bit.ly/1W3a0WZ>

- * MAPC's "Building for the Middle" @ <http://bit.ly/1WIRW65>
- * A Better City's report, "State of the Built Environment" @ <http://bit.ly/1WIRO6B>
- * NPR's On Point, "American Housing Prices Going Big, Again" @ <http://wbur.fm/22Z843i>

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