

I DON'T HAVE KIDS IN SCHOOL; WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO ME?

The ultimate goal of this project is to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for students. Additionally, an updated facility will provide enhanced safety and security. The Town of Millis knows firsthand the benefits of updated school facilities through the Clyde Brown project. It is easy to imagine the advantages of this if you have a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew who will be able to experience the school, but there are other indirect benefits as well: Improved educational outcomes attract more people to an area. One of the major items that people look for when purchasing real estate is the school system. An investment in the school system typically leads to an increase in property values. It is an investment in the community—an investment that attracts people and businesses to the Town of Millis.

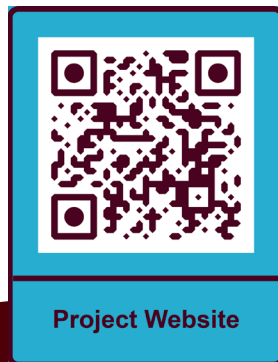
WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

We will continue to work with the Owner's Project Manager and Designer to complete the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design. The project team holds regular committee meetings and community forums. You are encouraged to attend to stay updated and informed.

The Town anticipates seeking funding approval for this project at the Fall 2025 Town Meeting. In addition, the Town will need to vote on a debt exclusion by ballot after the Town Meeting. If funded, construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2027 with a goal of the reimagined MMHS opening in the fall of 2029.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the project website at www.millisschoolproject.com.



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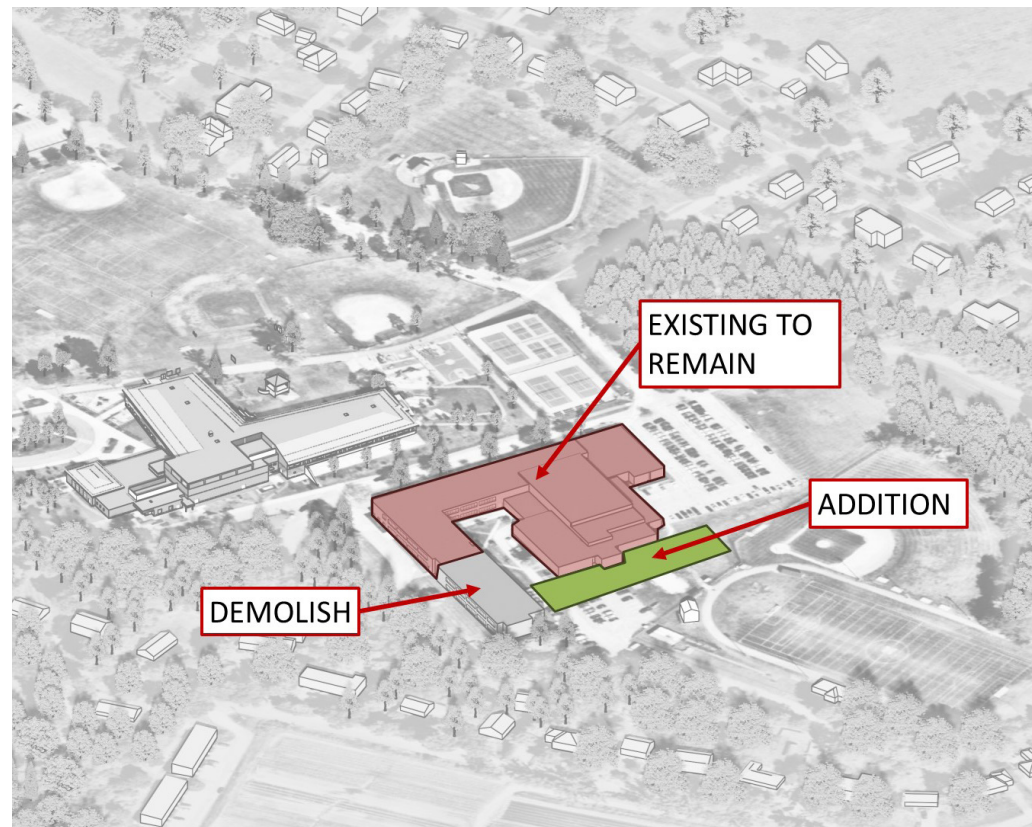
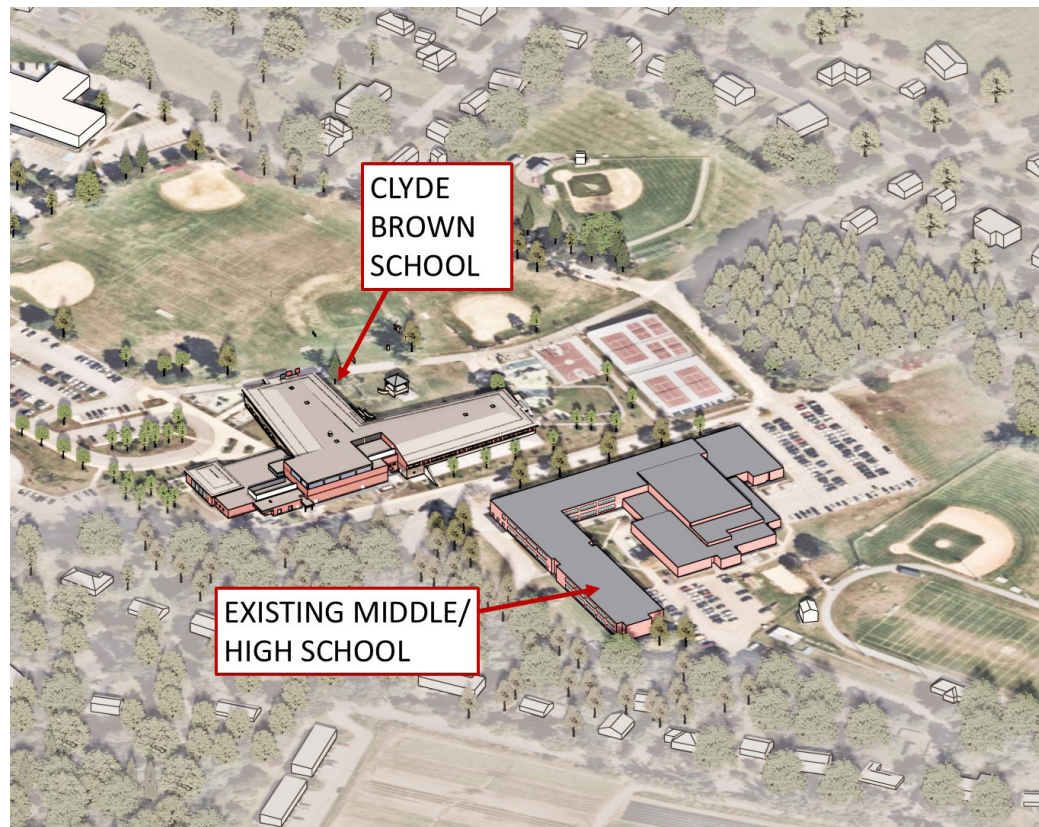


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WHAT IS THE MILLIS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT?

The Town of Millis submitted a Statement of Interest for the Middle/High School to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program in 2021. In 2022 Town Meeting appropriated funds to conduct a Feasibility Study & Schematic Design

WHO IS CONDUCTING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY?

To facilitate the feasibility study process, Vertex was hired as the Owner’s Project Manager in Summer 2023 and Tappé Architects was hired as the Designer in December 2023. Together with the Town of Millis and MSBA, both firms completed the Award-Winning Clyde Brown Elementary School. Both firms have extensive K-12 project experience throughout Massachusetts.

WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

The School Building Committee has narrowed the many options developed to their preferred option, which is an addition/renovation. This solution will add a new middle school and renovate existing portions of the existing building for the high school along with a new gymnasium and support spaces.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE CURRENT BUILDING? CAN’T WE JUST DO REPAIRS?

Renovation of the existing building is an extensive part of the preferred solution. A renovation only would require a prolonged construction timeline with disruptive phasing and logistics as students and staff would need to temporarily relocate off site or into costly modulars. Understanding cost implications, the Building Committee conducted a 10-year maintenance master plan as part of this study. This master plan identified major repairs to happen in sequence and would have to be undertaken outside the MSBA Core Program. While some scope of work

could be within other MSBA repair programs, the grants are far smaller than what is available through the preferred option/Core Program. In addition, school operations would be impacted with 10 years of ongoing projects. The Building Committee considered the educational impact, costs and grant availability to arrive at the preferred addition/renovation solution.

WHY DO WE NEED TO DO THIS NOW?

From a capital planning standpoint, now is the time to address the deficiencies of MMHS. School buildings are built with a 50 year usable life in mind. MMHS was constructed in 1960-66, so the end of the 50 year “usable life” was 2016. Identifying and moving forward with the best solution for MMHS now makes sense from a repair and operational cost standpoint, and considering that construction costs will likely only continue to increase over time.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPENSIVE RIGHT NOW; SHOULDN’T WE WAIT?

Historically, the cost of construction has risen over time. If the actual cost of construction is lower than the estimated cost of construction, the amount that the Town would borrow would be based on the actual amount spent. In essence, the Town will approve the maximum budget for the project, but if there are corrections in the market that allow the project to come in under budget, the final amount borrowed will reflect the actual budget.

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