Why and where are we building a new twin school?

- The new building is being designed to accommodate three school programs: Douglas, Gates and the Carol Huebner Early Childhood Program (CHECP). By combining these programs into a single building we will have a solution for the two elementary schools and CHECP in 3 years rather than 10–15 years.

- The proposed new Douglas/Gates/CHECP building is a product of years of planning and community input. It’s designed for 990 elementary and 120 preschool students.

- The new building will allow educators to deliver 21st century instruction in a safe and welcoming environment.

- Will be located in West Acton on the current Gates property.
What are some of the highlights of the new school?
- Updated STEAM Labs
- Expanded Media/Library Center
- More Indoor Gymnasium Space
- Additional Play Spaces
- Separate Identities for Douglas, Gates and CHECP
- Design considered cost-effectiveness, education design, and construction timeline

What are the current cost estimates?
- Current MAXIMUM Estimated Cost: $117.3M
- Minus Feasibility Study (already paid): $1.3M - $116M
- Estimated MSBA reimbursement: $38.0M
- Estimated AB Share: $78.0M
- Estimated Acton Share: $66.3M (Estimated Single Family Home Property Tax Impact: $452 - $509/yr.)

Upcoming events:
- Monday, November 4th – Tour of Douglas at 6:30pm followed by forum at 7:00pm
- Thursday, November 14th – Forum at 7:00pm in Boxborough Grange Hall (Town Hall meeting room)
- Monday, December 2nd – Tour of Douglas at 6:30pm followed by forum at 7:00pm
- Tuesday, December 10th – Special Town Meetings in Acton and Boxborough at 7:00 pm

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