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PHOTO ATTACHED: STUDENTS IN CLASS AT STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL PRIOR TO MARCH 13

STONEHAM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Stoneham, MA - Although so many things have been placed on hold over the last two months, the Stoneham School Building Committee (SSBC) continues to work on developing options for Stoneham High School's future. Since the Town's approval of the Feasibility Study funding last May, the Committee has been working closely with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the state agency that oversees all school construction.

In December, the MSBA, which will provide Stoneham a grant of up to 52.06% of the Feasibility Study costs, invited Stoneham into the grant program to develop a cost effective, sustainable and educationally appropriate solution to the aging Stoneham High School. As work continues, the Committee will investigate renovation, renovation and addition, and new construction options.

The SSBC recently hired the Owner's Project Management firm, Symmes Maini & McKee Associates (SMMA) of Cambridge, MA to manage the Feasibility Study process. SMMA is a 190 person, integrated design and management firm specializing in school projects.

The SSBC met recently in a video conference and received updates on the next steps, which include the hiring of the Architectural firm, in collaboration with the MSBA, in June and commencement of the educational visioning process. Video of the meeting can be viewed at the Stoneham TV On Demand (<https://www.stonehamtv.org/ondemand> and search for School Building Committee Remote Meeting from Monday, May 4, 2020). The video can also be viewed here - <https://youtu.be/msdVAb8eT18>.

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