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## NEW SHS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY – JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 1 PM

Stoneham, MA - Stoneham's School Building Committee (SSBC) is excited to announce the official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Stoneham High School, set for Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM on the site of the new building at 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham. The groundbreaking marks another milestone in the journey which began in 2019 with the approval of the Massachusetts School Building Authority to move onto the schedule for a new high school building.

Speakers expected to participate include MSBA Executive Director Jack McCarthy, State Senator Jason Lewis, State Representative Michael Day, Select Board Chair George Seibold, School Committee Chair David Maurer and SSBC Co-Chairs David Bois and Marie Christie.

Stoneham residents are invited to join the Committee at the ceremony. Please plan to arrive after 12:30 pm to allow students and faculty to complete their early dismissal.

Stoneham's new high school will officially open to students in September of 2024. Over the next two years, Consigli Construction and Perkins+Will and their subcontractors will design and construct the three-story building that will house approximately 695 students grades nine through twelve as well as a town wide preschool program.

The building, which will be zero net energy constructed, will include a gymnasium with an indoor elevated running track, a state-of-the-art auditorium and cafeteria along with educationally appropriate classrooms to provide 21<sup>st</sup> century learning opportunities for all students. The building will also house the town's entire preschool program in a separate wing, allowing high school students the opportunity to study early education processes. Outside spaces include exterior learning environments; and adjacent fields will include a new multi-use Spartan Stadium, new baseball and soccer fields, as well as practice fields.

The SSBC is grateful to Stoneham's residents for their overwhelming and enthusiastic support of this project since its inception, and to the town's various department heads and Boards who have worked cooperatively with us during the design phase of the project. We are also thankful for the hard work of our project team – OPM Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, Project Designer Perkins+Will, and Construction Managers Consigli Construction.

Regular SSBC in-person Meetings are held twice a month on Monday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Stoneham Central Middle School. The meetings are also broadcast locally on Stoneham TV and can be accessed via GoToMeeting for virtual

participation. The School Building Committee meetings are open to all and the Committee welcomes and encourages your attendance and input. Details for attending meetings and for more School Building Committee information can be found at <https://www.stoneham-ma.gov/hsbc> .