



TOWN OF BOLTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



Special Town Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023
Nashoba Regional High School
Auditorium
7:00 PM

Article 1: Unpaid Bills for Previous Fiscal Years

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds certain sums for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bill(s), pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 64; or do or act relating thereto.

- 1.FY23 \$195.00 Motorola Solutions Invoice #8230403431
- 2.FY23 \$1,396.55 Metropolitan Area Planning Council Invoice-MAGIC
- 3.FY23 \$704.01 Wex Invoice # 90217409

Sponsor:

Select Board

Select Board Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

9/10 Majority

Article 2: Nashoba Regional School District School Building Project Summary (1 of 2)

Summary: Nashoba Regional High School opened its doors to students in 1961. It has served the communities of Bolton, Lancaster, and Stow for over sixty years and it has outlived its useful life. In 2018 The Nashoba Regional School District submitted a statement of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the building should be repaired, improved with an addition/renovation, or replaced with a newly constructed school. In 2019, the MSBA invited NRSD into the process to investigate solutions with our aging building. At the conclusion of the feasibility study, it was determined that new construction is the best solution to provide an outstanding educational program for students and address the mechanical and structural issues with the current building. The Nashoba Regional School District has been approved for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the construction of a new Nashoba Regional High School. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$241,741,926 with the MSBA providing \$64,811,362 in grant support. The total estimated support needed from the taxpayers of Bolton, Lancaster, and Stow is \$176,903,564. Based on the terms of the Nashoba Regional Agreement using enrollment data for the fiscal year 2024, each town's share for the project is as follows:

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- **Bolton Share: 31.87% (\$56,379,165)**
- **Lancaster Share: 32.97% (\$58,325,105)**
- **Stow Share: 35.16% (\$62,199,293)**

The Nashoba Regional School Committee unanimously approved to incur debt for the project on August 2, 2023. We are asking the residents of the towns to support this project so we may move forward with a cutting edge school our residents can be proud of for many decades to come.

Sponsor: Nashoba Regional School District

Select Board Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 1 opposed)

Vote Required: Majority

NRHS Building Project

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Paving the Path Forward



Estimated Tax Assessment per Household*

	Median Residential Assessment**	Increase per Year	Increase per Month	Increase per Week	Increase per Day
Bolton	\$712,172	\$1,550-\$1,750	\$129.17-\$145.83	\$29.81-33.65	\$4.25-\$4.79
Lancaster	\$456,209	\$1,150-\$1,350	\$95.83-\$112.50	\$22.12-\$25.96	\$3.15-\$3.70
Stow	\$640,760	\$1,300-\$1,500	\$108.33-\$125.00	\$25.00-\$28.50	\$3.56-\$4.11

*Based on estimates provided by financial advisors

**Based on FY24 town assessment data (7/31/23)

Thank you!



Article 2: Nashoba Regional School District School Building Project

To see if the Town will approve the \$241,714,926 borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Nashoba Regional School District’s Project School Building Committee. The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and 09/100 percent (55.09%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

(Motion on Following Slide)

Article 2: Nashoba Regional School District School Building Project Motion

Motion - That the Town hereby approves the \$241,714,926 borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Nashoba Regional School District’s Project School Building Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non- entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and 09/100 percent (55.09%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that the approval of the District’s borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2); and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Sponsor:	Nashoba Regional School District
Select Board Recommendation:	Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)
Advisory Committee Recommendation:	Approved (4 in favor, 1 opposed)
Vote Required:	Majority

Article 3: Authorize Special Town Election

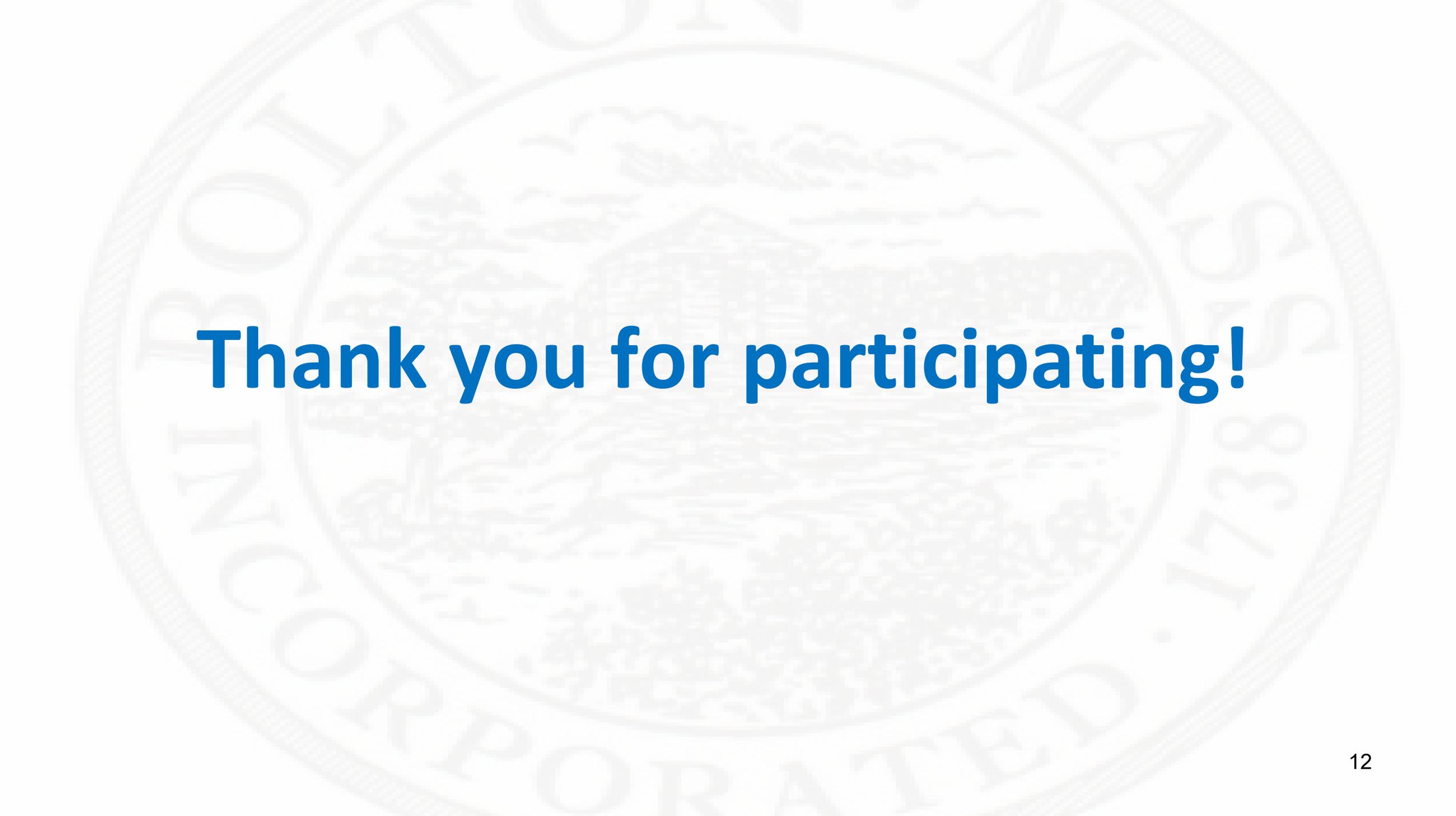
To see if the Town will vote to meet at the Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium in Bolton, on Monday, September, 25th, 2023, between the hours of noon and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions, or do or act relating thereto.

Question #1:

Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town of Bolton's allocable share of the bond issued by the Nashoba Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

YES _____ NO _____

Vote Required: Majority



Thank you for participating!