

MEMORANDUM

To: All AIA Massachusetts Members
From: John Nunnari, Executive Director
Date: 11/16/2023
Re: MSBA Regulation Hearings

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") is proposing revisions to its regulations.

Over the years, the MSBA has made some minor updates, but this is the first large-scale revision effort to bring the MSBA's regulations to a place that best reflects the MSBA's current practices and procedures.

The proposed revisions accurately reflect how the MSBA's grant process has evolved to provide clarity, make the regulations more user-friendly, and make the rules easier to follow by arranging the sections chronologically matching the MSBA modules.

Once the revised regulations are promulgated, the MSBA will be in a place where it can use the regulations as a starting point to make updates that may be needed as the MSBA moves into the future.

The following is a summary of the key revisions to the regulations:

- The revised regulations will proceed from MSBA Module 1 through Module 9 as projects do, making it easier for districts and external stakeholders to understand the process.
- The MSBA added stand-alone sections to the revised regulations, such as Accelerated Repair Program, Construction (Module 7), Post Occupancy Evaluation (Module 9), and Model School Program.
- The MSBA changed the regulations to allow the rules to stay current year after year by eliminating references to outside standards and codes that periodically change.
- The MSBA clarified terminology used in the regulations and made technical changes to capture our process better and provide increased clarity for stakeholders.
- The MSBA updated the timing in the Statement of Interest section of the regulations to match the timing that the MSBA follows for the Statement of Interest submission period.
- The MSBA updated the incentive points portion of the regulations, removing Construction Manager at Risk and Model School incentive references from this section because the MSBA no longer provides these incentive points.
- The MSBA updated the Green School Program incentive to allow for three incentive points and included an additional Indoor Air Quality point.
- The MSBA added more significant details about the grant program, where appropriate, such as the additional educational profile questionnaire required during the Eligibility Period.

The MSBA will hold a series of public hearings, some of which will be in person and some of which will be remote. Please see the list below and note that **additional hearings will be scheduled for January 2024**.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – Lynn

12:00 pm – 2:00 PM

Lynn City Hall
3 City Hall Square
Lynn, MA 01901

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 – Springfield

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Forest Park Conference Room
299 Sumner Avenue
Springfield, MA 01108

Thursday, November 30, 2023 – Remote Hearing via Zoom

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Those who would like to attend the meeting should contact Anne.Hudson@MassSchoolBuildings.org for the information and instructions to access the meeting. If you prefer or have questions related to accessing the meeting, please call 617-960-3075. Information to register for and to access the meeting will be available throughout the duration of the meeting.

Friday, December 1, 2023 - Worcester

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Worcester Technical High School
Multipurpose Room
1 Officer Manny Familia Way
Worcester, MA 01605

Monday, December 4, 2023 - Dalton

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wahconah Regional High School
150 Old Windsor Road
Dalton, MA 01226

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – Lawrence

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Lawrence Public Library
51 Lawrence Street
Lawrence MA 01841

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – Dennis Yarmouth

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School
Auditorium - Kenneth T. Jenks Performing Arts Center
286 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Thursday, December 7, 2023 – Remote Hearing via Zoom

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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Monday December 11, 2023 – Rockland

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Rockland High School, Lecture Hall
52 MacKinlay Way
Rockland, MA 02370

Tuesday December 12, 2023 – Gardner

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Gardner Public Schools – Central Office
160 Elm Street – Room 210, 2nd Floor
Entrance on right side, back of building
Gardner, MA 01440

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – Fall River

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Diman Regional Voc-Tech High School
District Conference Room
251 Stonehaven Road
Fall River, MA 02723

To view the revised regulations and obtain additional information, please go to the MSBA's website at www.massschoolbuildings.org/regulations. ***Make sure to continue to check the MSBA's website for additional hearing information and weather-related hearing updates.***

To submit comments related to the proposed regulations, please email Anne.Hudson@massschoolbuildings.org or follow the link on the MSBA's website.

To request written language translation or oral interpretation at the public hearings, please contact Anne.Hudson@MassSchoolBuildings.org. For oral language interpretation, the request must be received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing date at which the interpretation is requested.

To request other reasonable accommodations, please contact Anne.Hudson@MassSchoolBuildings.org.