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SUBJECT: June Update on the Progress of the Shaw-Taylor MSBA Feasibility Study

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Dear Shaw-Taylor School Community and Mattapan and Dorchester Community Members:

The Shaw-Taylor rebuilding process is officially underway! The City of Boston's Public Facilities Department has selected Arrowstreet as the design firm to lead the feasibility study, the official exploration that will determine what is possible on the site and beyond. Over the next 18 months, students, families, staff, neighbors, and community partners will have multiple opportunities to help shape the vision, design, and future of our school. To learn more about the feasibility study, you can visit the [Massachusetts School Building Authority's \(MSBA\) website here](#).

The launch of the feasibility study marks an important milestone for the school community, signaling both progress and possibility. With the formal selection of the design firm now complete, the project moves from concept into a more tangible phase of planning and exploration.

In recent weeks, staff from the school visited the newly constructed Carter School on a "Listen and Learn" tour to see the way a feasibility study impacts the design of a school community. Students in the Shaw-Taylor K2 classroom built a model of what they hope their new school will look like and wrote a letter to the Mayor to share their vision. This is the beginning of an engagement process that will integrate community and stakeholder voices as we move forward. Below is an overview of that to expect over the next 18 months:

1. Spring and Summer 2026: Listening and Learning

We are launching the feasibility study with school tours, classroom observations, faculty workshops, and community forums focused on identifying priorities and developing a shared vision for Shaw-Taylor's future. Starting in June, members of the Arrowstreet team will conduct site visits and analysis in the Shaw-Taylor buildings and in the surrounding neighborhoods. You may see them in yellow vests around the Morton Street area near the school.

2. Summer and Fall 2026: Exploring Options

The project team will evaluate multiple building and campus options before selecting a preferred solution. Community forums and public hearings will provide opportunities to review and give feedback on the proposed direction. Be on the lookout as the project team will attend local community meetings to present information.

3. Winter 2026 to Spring 2027: Designing the Future School

As the design takes shape, we will continue to engage stakeholders through community meetings,



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sustainability discussions, and School Building Committee updates to ensure the project reflects the needs and aspirations of the Shaw-Taylor community.

4. Summer 2027: Final Concept Approvals

The project will move through state and local approval processes, including public hearings on the final project scope, budget, and funding plan.

This is an exciting opportunity to create a school that reflects the strengths, hopes, and needs of the Shaw-Taylor community. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the process!

If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to reach out to the Capital Planning department at capitalplanning@bostonpublicschools.org. You can also visit the [City of Boston project website here](#).

Warmly,
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