



TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE

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Charting the Future of Beecher Road School

This past March the Beecher Road School Infrastructure Upgrade Building Committee, a Town committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen, recommended building a new elementary school on the current Beecher campus to replace the existing facility. Between 2023 and 2026, the Committee engaged in a rigorous review process and believe this is the best option for ensuring the continued success of Woodbridge's youngest learners.

In April, the Board of Selectman established the Beecher Road School Building Committee as the successor to the Infrastructure Upgrade Building Committee. Our role will be to provide you, the residents of Woodbridge, with the factual information you will need to make informed decisions about the future of the Beecher Road School building going forward.

**Please fill out the survey starting on page 3.
Responses are due by Monday, June 8, 2026.**



For a complete history of this project visit:
<https://www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us/district-information/school-modernization>

Addressing Key Questions

1. Why do we need a new Beecher Road School building?

The current facility has served our community since the 1960s and faces mounting challenges including:

- Aging infrastructure characterized by end of useful life structural elements and mechanical systems.
- Out-of-date classroom configurations that do not provide the space needed for current curriculum and programming.
- Inadequate room to accommodate projections of approximately 100 more learners in our school over the next several years.

The building also lacks ADA compliance, energy efficiency, ways to enhance student and faculty security, and the means to offer Pre-K to more Woodbridge families.



2. Why is constructing a new Beecher Road School building the preferable option?

The Infrastructure Upgrade Building Committee started by developing Woodbridge’s first Education Specification Study in over a quarter century to determine our educational and programmatic space requirements. This was accompanied by a Feasibility Study to understand our options for creating the needed educational spaces.

The Committee then considered concept plans and associated cost estimates for (1) maintaining the current facility, (2) renovating with additions to the current facility, and (3) constructing a new building. Following a rigorous review process, the Committee determined that constructing a new facility was the only solution that fully addressed all three challenges and was the most cost-effective option.

3. Where will a new Beecher Road School building be located?

On the North Playground of the Beecher campus. This allows for uninterrupted use of our current facility during construction. After students relocate to the new facility, the old facility will be replaced with sports and recreational areas for students and community members to enjoy.

4. What will it cost to construct a new Beecher Road School building?

Construction experts working with the Town of Woodbridge are finalizing cost estimates, including expenses for construction of the new building, demolition of the old building, creation of new recreational areas, landscaping, furnishings, and other related expenses. We will share the final estimate with you as soon as it is ready. Once finalized the estimated cost will be posted on the website and in the next newsletter

We also anticipate that a substantial share of the cost of constructing a new building will be reimbursed by the State of Connecticut. The Board of Selectman has authorized the submission of a grant application to the State. However, this does not obligate Woodbridge to move forward with the project.

5. Who decides whether to construct a new Beecher Road School building?

You and other Woodbridge residents in a referendum to be conducted this Fall. Once the Board of Selectman establishes the referendum date, we will share that information broadly throughout our community—supported by the final estimate for the project cost and anticipated State grant reimbursement.

Gaining Your Perspective through a Community Survey

The best way you can prepare for the Fall referendum on the proposed new Beecher Road School building is to be well informed. Every Woodbridge household has received a mailed copy of this survey, and your response will help us to ensure that you receive the information you need in ways that are most readily accessible to you.

You are welcome to complete the survey as a family or separately for individual adult members of your household. Findings from the survey will be mailed to every Woodbridge household in a follow-up newsletter from the Beecher Road School Building Committee. ***Thank you for participating!***

Survey responses are due by Monday, June 8, 2026.

You can respond to the survey using one of the following ways:

1. Scan QR code below and fill out survey online



2. By mail (Place first class stamp where noted)



3. Drop off to Town Hall Front Desk



For mail or drop off, please use a PEN to fill in squares completely.

1. Prior to receiving this newsletter, how aware were you that the Town of Woodbridge had undertaken an assessment of the current and future educational and facilities needs of Pre-K through 6th grade students in our community?

- Aware Somewhat aware
 Not aware (please proceed to Question 3)

2. How have you received information about this project to date? Please select all that apply.

- Town meetings (e.g., Board of Education, Board of Selectmen)
 Town newsletter
 Town website
 School newsletter
 School website
 Teachers or other Town staff
 Word of mouth
 Social media or other source (please specify)

3. How important is it for you to receive information about the Town’s ongoing planning for the future of Beecher Road School?

- Very important Somewhat important
 Not important

4. How would you prefer to receive information about the proposed new Beecher Road School?

Please rate each of the following sources of information from "Very Helpful" to "Not Helpful."			
Sources	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Helpful
Town meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers or other Town staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Word of mouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media or other source	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. What would be your priorities for assessing the future of Beecher Road School?

Please rate each of the following priorities from "High Priority" to "Low Priority."			
Sources	High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority
Improving the primary classroom learning environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving the learning environment for "specials" (e.g., music, arts, sports)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving the learning environment for special education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring facility-wide disability access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strengthening facility safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing energy efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering flexible and adaptable spaces for community use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessing cost and tax implications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)			

6. How long have you lived in Woodbridge?

- Less than 5 years
 6-10 years
 11-20 years
 More than 20 years

7. Do you currently have a child/children attending Beecher Road School? If yes, please indicate the grade level(s) of your child/children.

- Pre-K No, I do not currently have a child attending Beecher Road School
 Kindergarten
 1st
 2nd
 3rd
 4th
 5th
 6th

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First Class
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Town of Woodbridge
11 Meetinghouse Lane
Woodbridge, CT 06525



 Please fold in half here, tape closed, DO NOT STAPLE. Thank you for your time!

8. Do you currently have a child/children participating in other Pre-K through 12th grade schooling?

Please check all that apply.

- Amity Regional Middle or High School
- Private or parochial K-12 school(s)
- Day care/early childhood education
- Other (home schooled, tutored, etc.)

9. Do you own or rent your home?

- Own Rent

10. What is your current employment status?

- Full- or part-time worker
- Not currently working and not retired
- Retired
- Stay at home parent
- Full- or part-time student

11. Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Household address here

Beecher Road School (BRS) Building Committee Members

Voting Members

- Marty Halprin**, *Chair*
- Lynn Piascyk**, *Vice Chair*
- Eugene Chiappetta**, *Resident*
- Steven Lawrence**, *BRS Board of Education Chair*
- Lanna Moore**, *Resident*
- Justin Rehm**, *Resident*

Non-Voting Members

- Donna Coonan**, *BRS Director of Business and Operations*
- Vito Esparo**, *BRS Facilities Manager*
- Anthony Genovese**, *Director of Finance*
- Maria Madonick**, *Board of Selectman Member*
- Christopher Montini**, *BRS Superintendent*
- Teresa Ramia**, *BRS WEA Representative*
- Analisa Sherman**, *BRS Principal*

Important Meeting Dates		
Board of Selectman	May 13 (Wednesday)	June 10 (Wednesday)
Board of Education	May 19 (Tuesday)	June 15 (Monday)
Building Committee	May 26 (Tuesday)	June 9 (Tuesday)
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