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To: The Watertown School Committee
From: Deanne Galdston, Superintendent
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RE: MSBA to Visit Watertown High School for Senior Study

The Watertown Public Schools is very pleased to announce that Watertown High School has been selected for a Senior Study Site Visit by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). This site visit is part of the MSBA's due diligence phase in evaluating the District's Statement of Interest (SOI) that was submitted this past spring.

A team of Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) staff members, architects, and engineers is scheduled to visit Watertown High School to conduct a Senior Study of the facility on October 10, 2017. The Senior Study site visit indicates Watertown High School has been identified as a priority school for which a Statement of Interest (SOI) has been submitted for the MSBA's competitive school renovation grant program. Though not a guarantee that Watertown High School will be offered an MSBA grant for renovations and construction, the Senior Study is indicative that the MSBA is closely considering Watertown High School as a future recipient of such funds.

The visiting MSBA team will interview a representative team to discuss the school's physical deficiencies, analyze how the physical conditions of the building adversely affect student learning, and define the district's goals and concerns regarding the school. Much of the discussion will be based on the Statement of Interest that was submitted this past spring.

In their tour of the school building, the MSBA team will work to assess and evaluate the facility's physical condition, capacity issues, design factors, and historical maintenance, as well as its ability to support 21st century educational programming.

We look forward to the Watertown High School visit from the MSBA. This is the beginning of a larger conversation that we will engage in with the Watertown community about our need to provide our children with educational facilities that meet their needs in this century.