Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
November 10, 2026	Isaac Bears, Council President, Emily Lazzaro, Council Vice President

AGENDA ITEM

26-199 - Resolution to Approve Joint Press Release Regarding Medford High School Project Next Steps

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, the Medford High School Building Committee has completed its work to review and finalize the scope of the project as of October 6, 2026, and has reduced the estimated cost by $150 million since the first estimate of this chosen option; and

Whereas, residents need and deserve full and accurate information about the cost impact of the project on taxpayers; and

Whereas, the City's Financial Task Force established by the Mayor, Council, and School Committee in 2023 has been meeting regularly regarding the MHS project and the ongoing work to determine the correct funding strategy to maximize grant funding and minimize taxpayer impact; and

Whereas, an accurate and vetted estimate of taxpayer impact will be provided by city staff, including the City Assessor and CFO with assistance from the city's bond counsel and the MHS Project Team established as part of the MSBA state funding process; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we approve the publication of the press release below, and that we schedule a presentation of this work for the February 2, 2027 Joint Meeting of the School Committee and City Council.

Be it Further Resolved that, upon approval by both the City Council and School Committee, this release will be shared by the City of Medford and Medford Public Schools Communication teams via all mail lists, websites, and social media channels currently in use by both teams.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

1. MHS Joint Press Release