

After a Funding Vote Failed: Examples from Other Towns

Like Harvard, each town in this table went through its own unique process when considering a new school. Those stories are more complicated than can be shown here. But some steps in the process were common to all, and the table highlights those steps and their outcomes.

Town/School	First Funding Vote	MSBA Status	Later Funding Vote	Outcome
Marblehead Glover School	\$29 million failed 6/2010 Estimated MSBA payment based on 40% rate—approx. \$11 million	Granted 1-year extension (MSBA no longer allows a 1-year delay in a revote.)	\$26 million passed 6/2011 MSBA paid \$10 million	1-year delay Redesign lowered cost. New school opened Feb. 2014
Granby Middle/high school (later shifted to an addition/ renovation for an elementary school)	\$45 million failed 10/2010 for middle/ high school MSBA would have paid \$28 million	High/middle school project removed from MSBA list Reaccepted for elementary school in 2013	\$34 million passed 2/2016 for elementary school MSBA paid \$18 million	6-year delay New school expected to open fall 2018 In 2016 and 2017, Granby again applied to MSBA for middle/high school aid; MSBA has not decided on Granby’s new application.
Carver Gov. John Carver Elementary	\$45 million failed 5/2011 Estimated MSBA payment based on 56% rate—approx. \$25 million	Reaccepted Jan. 2014 Approved for a 750-student school instead of 925	\$50 million passed 12/2015 MSBA paid \$26 million	5-year delay \$5 million cost increase for smaller school New school expected to open fall 2018.
Hopkinton Center Elementary	\$38 million failed 3/2011 MSBA would have paid \$15 million	Reaccepted in Nov. 2013	\$43 million passed 10/2015 MSBA paid \$14 million	5-year delay \$5 million cost increase New school expected to open fall 2018.
Lincoln Lincoln Elementary	\$49 million failed 11/2012 MSBA would have paid \$21 million	Reapplied and was rejected in 2013, 2015, and 2016	Options range from \$49 million (basic repairs) to \$95–115 million (new school)	Outcome unknown; options are up for vote in June 2018. No MSBA aid
Orange Dexter Park Elementary	Vote on funds for feasibility study failed 6/2014	Reaccepted by MSBA 2/2017 Town approved funds for study 10/2017	Funding vote scheduled for 2020	Outcome and new project cost unknown; at least 3-year delay
Swampscott Hadley Elementary	\$53 million failed 10/2014 MSBA would have paid \$17 million	Reaccepted by MSBA 12/2017	Vote on \$750,000 feasibility study expected in May	Outcome unknown; town now hopes to combine three old elementary schools into one new building; has had extensive repair costs since failed vote.
Amherst Wildwood and Fort Elementary Schools (planned two new schools in one location)	\$67 million failed 11/2016 and again 1/2017 MSBA would have paid \$34 million	Town is reapplying for MSBA aid MSBA did approve \$553,000 toward \$1 million in repairs 10/2017		Outcome unknown; town faces capital repairs estimated at \$10 million; or more; may regionalize elementary schools with Pelham; MSBA has not decided on Amherst’s new application.
Lynn Pickering and West Lynn Middle Schools	\$189 million failed 3/2017 MSBA would have paid \$97 million	Reapplied 2/2018 for funding for Pickering School alone		Outcome unknown; MSBA has not decided on Lynn’s new application.

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