

## **W. Edward Balmer Elementary School**

### **Northbridge Public Schools**

#### **Definitions**

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| <b>MSBA</b> | <b>Massachusetts School Building Authority.</b> <i>MSBA is the authority acting on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts partnering with the Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of educationally-appropriate, flexible, sustainable, and cost effective public school facilities. MSBA works with the municipalities for the life of the project from Pre-Feasibility through Building Completion and Closeout.</i>                                 |
| <b>SOI</b>  | <b>Statement of Interest.</b> <i>Submitting an SOI is the critical first step in the MSBA's program to partially fund the construction, renovation, addition or repair of municipality or regionally owned school facilities located in cities, towns and regional school districts. The SOI allows districts to inform the MSBA about deficiencies that may exist in a local school facility and how those deficiencies inhibit the delivery of the district's educational program</i> |
| <b>PDP</b>  | <b>Preliminary Design Program.</b> <i>PDP is the first reporting stage during the Feasibility Study phase where the District and its team collaborate with the MSBA to document their educational program, generate an initial space summary, document existing conditions, establish design parameters, develop and evaluate alternatives and recommend the most cost effective and educationally appropriate alternatives to the MSBA for further evaluation in the PSR phase.</i>    |
| <b>PSR</b>  | <b>Preferred Schematic Report.</b> <i>PSR is the second reporting stage during the Feasibility Study phase where the District and its team collaborate with the MSBA to refine their educational program and space summary, further develop and evaluate alternatives and recommend the most cost effective and educationally appropriate solution to the MSBA Board of Directors for consideration before progressing into Schematic Design.</i>                                       |
| <b>SD</b>   | <b>Schematic Design.</b> <i>SD is the final reporting stage where the District and its team develop a final design program and robust schematic design of sufficient detail to establish the scope, budget and schedule for the Proposed Project.</i>   |
| <b>LEED</b> | <b>Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.</b> <i>LEED is a rating system devised by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) to evaluate the environmental performance of a building and encourage market transformation towards Sustainable Design</i>   |
| <b>SBC</b>  | <b>School Building Committee.</b> <i>SBC is the committee formed and to act on behalf of the municipality to oversee and initiate the school building project while collaborating with the community, consultants and the MSBA to determine the appropriate solution for the school building in the most fiscally responsible, sustainable, flexible and educationally appropriate manner as it progresses from the study phases through building completion.</i>                       |