



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Cambridge resident,

The City of Cambridge is in the process of developing a feasibility study for the Martin Luther King School on Putnam Avenue as the first school for the new Innovation Agenda adopted by the School Committee in March of 2011. The City has retained Perkins Eastman Architects to produce a Feasibility Study for the Martin Luther King Jr. School. The information attached is an overview by the architect and a schedule of meetings to inform abutters of the project status as we start the process to design the facility. The process will be comprised of Perkins Eastman's three-step process:

- **Creative Analysis** (Educational Programming / Focus Groups / Data Collection to produce the Educational Specification)
- **Existing Conditions Analysis**, and
- **Design Options**

During this exploratory process Perkins Eastman and their consultant team, will explore three design options that include; Renovation, Hybrid; Renovation/Addition, and New Construction. Each of these options will be evaluated to determine the best solution for the project that; provides a sustainable 21st century teaching environment that is supported by the architecture, adheres to the schedule, and budget, responds to approvals criteria, and addresses the unique culture of the school. Exploration of Net Zero Energy and Sustainability will be important components of this integrated design process. There will be three Community Meetings during this process to allow for interaction between the Community and the Design Team. The team attending the community meetings is:

- John R.A. Pears, RIBA - Perkins Eastman, Managing Principal Boston Office / Design Principal and Renovation Expert
- Jana G. Silsby, AIA, LEED AP, MCPPO – Perkins Eastman, Project Architect
- Alicia Caritano, AIA, LEED AP – Perkins Eastman, Project Manager
- Mark Boyes-Watson, NCARB, AIA, member of Cambridge's Green Building/Zoning Task Force – Boyes-Watson Architects, Member, Community Outreach

Meeting 1: April 5, 2012, 6:00 – 7:30, Martin Luther King Jr. School Auditorium

Topic: Creative Analysis overview and Existing Site Conditions Analysis.

Meeting 2: May 10, 2012, 6:00 – 7:30, Martin Luther King Jr. School Auditorium

Topic: Design Options – Renovation/ Hybrid (Renovation and Addition) / New Construction

Meeting 3: June 21, 2012, 6:00 – 7:30, Martin Luther King Jr. School

Topic: Preferred Design Option

To stay in touch with the process, please check contact:

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