

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Southborough Select Board
Southborough Town House
17 Common Street
Southborough, MA 01772

Dear Select Board Members:

On Wednesday, December 10, 2025, the Southborough School Committee met to discuss follow-up actions from the joint board meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2025. The School Committee thought it would be helpful to take positions on some items so that the Select Board is aware of our stance. The School Committee voted unanimously on the following:

1. To not move students to modular classrooms until there is a voted and approved school building project with a maximum time frame of 2 years.
2. Students will continue to utilize Margaret A. Neary Elementary School for the next school year and will continue to do so until there is a long-term solution in a school building project.

The School Committee discussed the rationale for requesting that the Special Town Meeting be held on an earlier date than March 7, 2026. If nothing passes at the Special Town Meeting, additional time will be needed to react and prepare an alternative for the Annual Town Meeting on April 11, 2026. The School Committee requests that the Select Board consider this at its next scheduled meeting.

The District will continue to work through the bid process for the Margaret A. Neary Elementary School roof and provide updates to the School Committee and the Select Board as they become available. As you are aware, the Neary site continues to be associated with the landfill. The School Committee requests that the Select Board work with the Department of Public Works to ensure that the lost soil gas probes are re-established and that any other recommendations are discussed and acted upon.

The School Committee is also seeking clarity on the comments made Monday evening regarding a potential override and its implications for this project, as well as any other financial requests made by the School Committee.

On behalf of the School Committee, I would like to thank the Select Board for its time and effort in reaching a solution that benefits the children and community of Southborough.

Respectfully,

Chelsea Malinowski, Chair
Southborough School Committee