

South Shore Regional Vocational School District

**Updates on Admissions
MSBA Project &
Regional Agreement**

Whitman Board of Selectmen

June 4, 2024

Whitman Admissions Update

Graduating Class of 2024: 43 Whitman students

***Incoming Class of 2028: 31 Whitman students
70 Whitman applications***

Initial allotment: 20 students + 11 students from waiting list

So as of today, Whitman's enrollment is -12 for FY26

Projection: High demand will remain; Lower enrollment share over next 3 years due to fewer unused seats from other towns.

MSBA Update

For more info: www.southshorettechproject.com

Highlights as of June 2024

Project Timeline

- **Through mid August 2024: Schematic Design**
- **October 30, 2024: MSBA Approval**
- **January 25, 2025: Districtwide ballot question on project**
 - **Aggregate vote in 9 towns determines approval**
 - **Separate from this ballot question, each town determines funding source (likely debt exclusion ballot question for most towns)**
- **Borrowing phased in FY26-FY29**

Regional Agreement

- **Working on an amendment to bring to Fall town meetings to adjust debt shares to a 4 year rolling average.**
- **Will provide update later in the summer.**

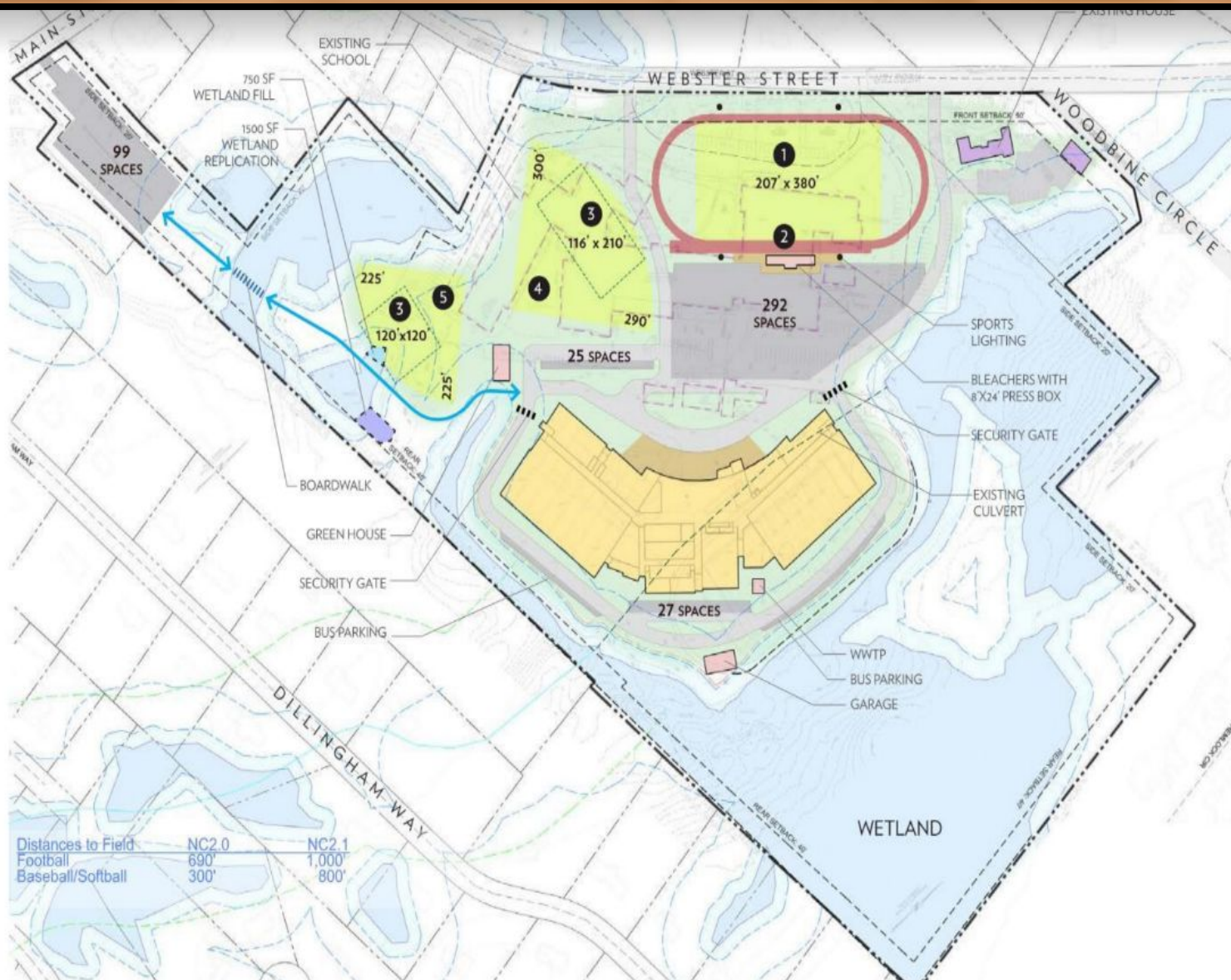
MSBA School Design

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Built on existing athletic fields
Includes new **Plumbing and Veterinary Science** programs.
Targeted opening **Fall 2028.**

View of fields in relation to school



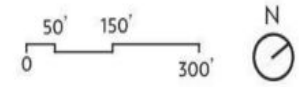
LEGEND

- EXISTING STRUCTURES
- PROPOSED STRUCTURES
- NEW SCHOOL
- ATHLETICS
- ENTRY PLAZA
- WETLAND
- 35' WETLAND BUFFER
- SECURITY GATE
- 1 SYNTHETIC TURF MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD
- 2 RUNNING TRACK
- 3 PRACTICE FIELD
- 4 BASEBALL
- 5 SOFTBALL

TOTAL PARKING:
 EXISTING: 304 SPACES & 15 BUS SPACES
 PROPOSED: 344 SPACES (9'x18') & 15 BUS SPACES
 TARGET: 426 SPACES

ADDITIONAL:
 99 SPACES (MAIN ST.)
 20 SPACES (EX. HOUSE)

Distances to Field	NC2.0	NC2.1
Football	690'	1,000'
Baseball/Softball	300'	800'

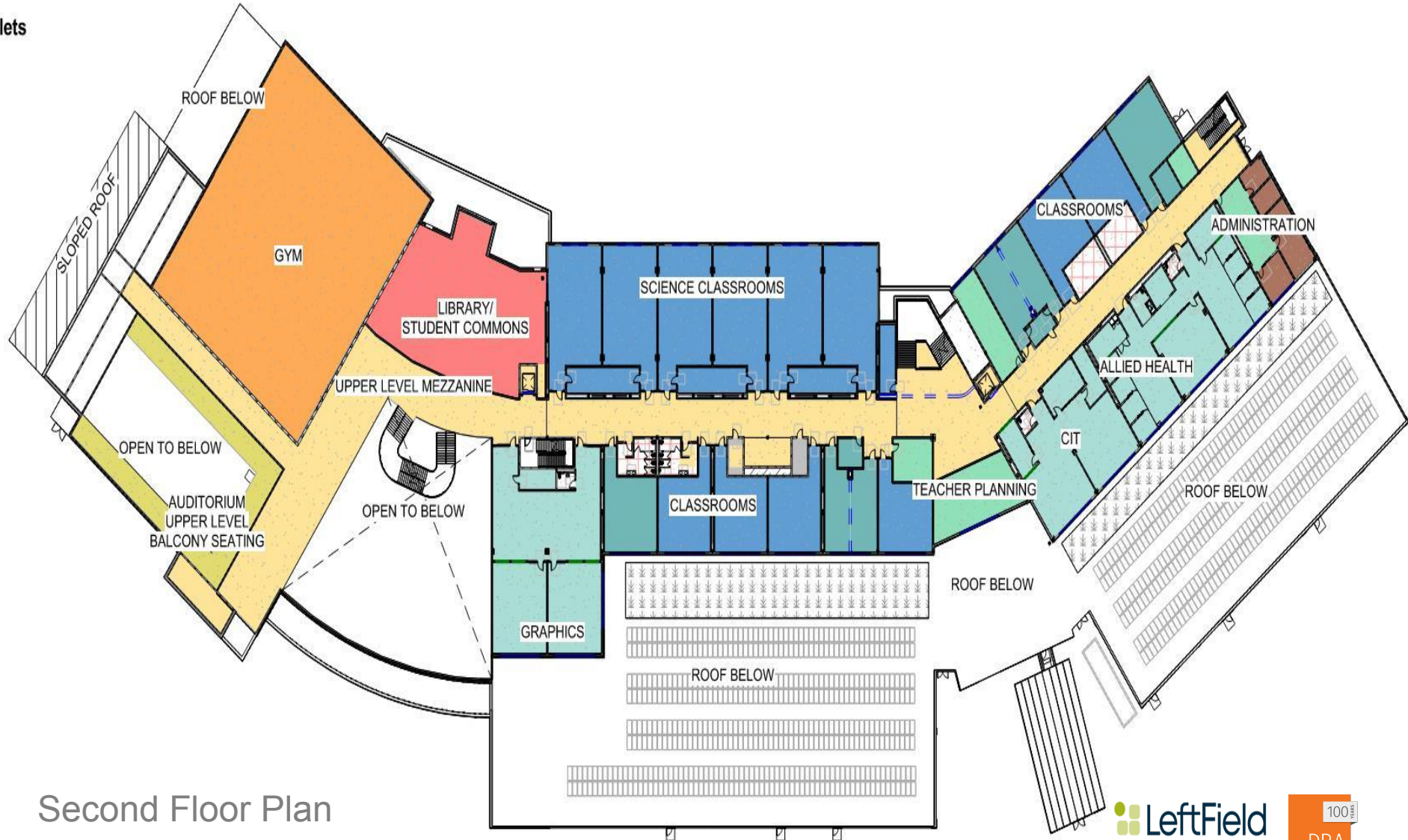


1st Floor Plans



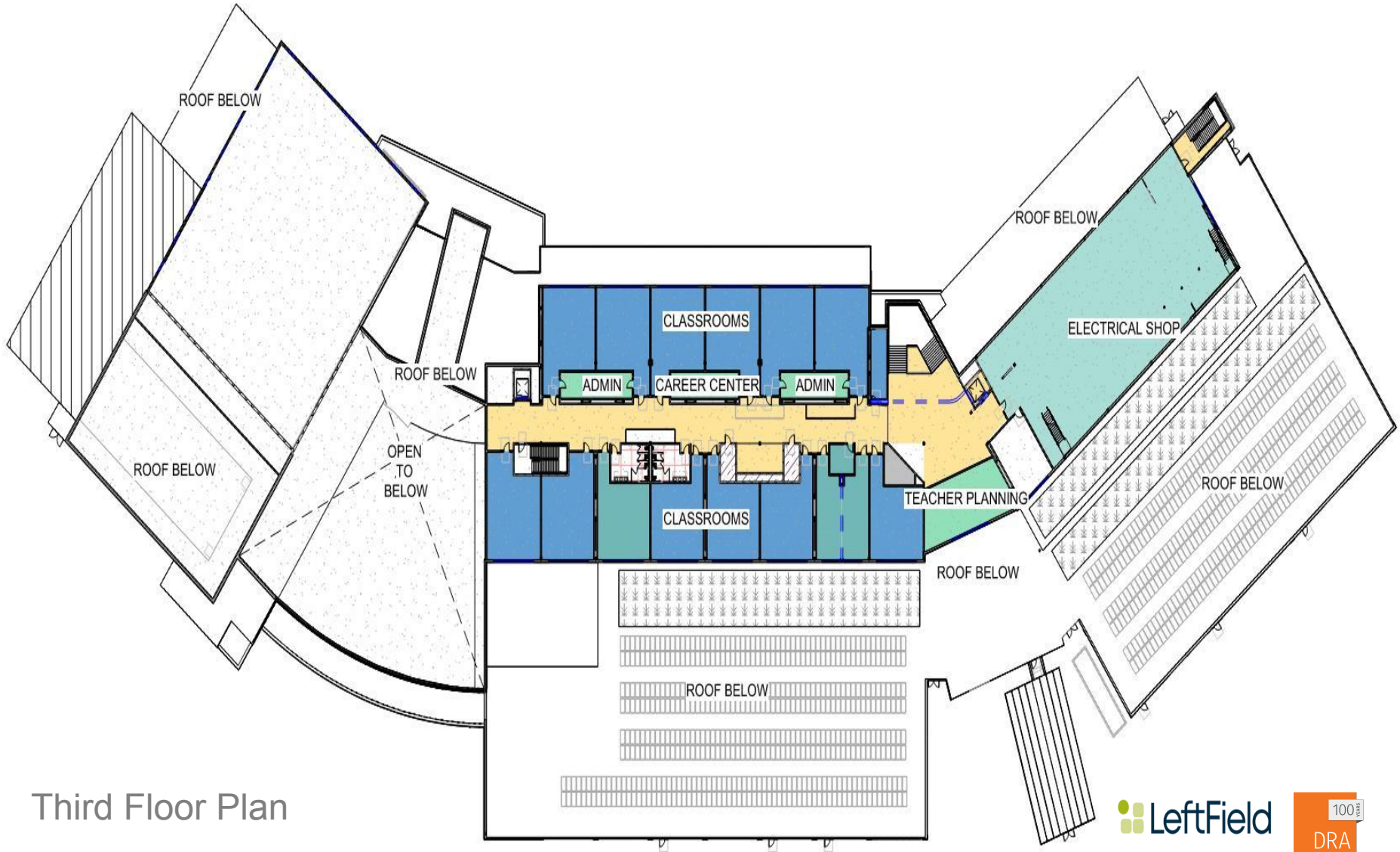
First Floor Plan

2nd Floor Plans



Second Floor Plan

3rd Floor Plans



Third Floor Plan

NEW DESIGN VS CODE UPGRADE COMPARISON

Preferred Option	Major Code Upgrade
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST \$283M	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST \$110M
ESTIMATED MSBA SHARE \$107M	ESTIMATED MSBA SHARE \$0
ESTIMATED DISTRICT SHARE \$176M (incl escalation)	ESTIMATED DISTRICT SHARE \$110M (not incl escalation)
Meets educational and student enrollment needs	Does NOT meet educational and student enrollment needs
Provides appropriately sized spaces	Shrinks existing footprint
Ability to add 2 new programs	May require downsizing existing programs

BEST GUESS: Cost Phase In Thoughts as of June 2024

Avg assessed Whitman home	Level Principal	Level Payments	Marshfield cost sharing
FY25	N/A		
FY26 Interest only; est \$800K (24.25% = 186K)	\$44 -\$2 \$42	\$34 -\$1 \$33	approx 4%
FY27 <i>60% borrowing</i>	\$339 -\$27 \$312	\$268 -\$21 \$247	estimate 8%
FY28 <i>90% borrowing</i>	\$508 -\$61 \$447	\$402 -\$48 \$354	estimate 12%
FY29 <i>100% borrowing</i>	\$564 -\$90 \$474	\$447 -\$72 \$375	estimate 16%

Projections will be slightly lower if we move to an adjustable debt share model. Above figures based on fixed share using FY26 enrollments.

Regional Agreement Amendment

Town	current % share
Abington	16.7%
Cohasset	1.49%
Hanover	11.06%
Hanson	13.03%
Norwell	4.1%
Rockland	22.77%
Scituate	6.6%
Whitman	24.25%
Marshfield	TBD

Current process: Marshfield debt share will adjust based on enrollment for FY26, 27, 28, 29 and then will be fixed in preparation for FY30.

Note: Fall 2024 Town Meetings: Likely amendment to move all towns to an adjustable debt share model using rolling 4 year averages. Will provide more information.

The benefit is that it is more of a “pay as you go” model over time, and by using rolling averages it eliminates volatility that comes with changes in enrollment.

Summary of Next Steps

By the end of the Summer

- Marshfield's membership begins as of July 1st
- Schematic Design finished late August
- Class of 2028 starts in late August
- Regional Agreement Amendment language finalized and shared

End of October/November

- MSBA Project Approval (October 30, 2024 likely meeting date)
- Project budget, MSBA grant official
- Possible article for Special Town Meetings on regional agreement amendment

January 25, 2025

- Districtwide vote on project