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September 20, 2023

Dear Canton Families and Staff,

We are so thrilled to announce the first of four Galvin Middle School Building Project Community Forums. These forums are part of the community engagement element that help inform the design and direction of the GMS Building Project, which is currently in the Feasibility Phase of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process.

The first GMS Building Project Community Forum will be held on Wednesday, September 27, from 7-8 p.m., in the CHS Library. Our Design Firm Ai3, in collaboration with our Owner's Project Manager (OPM) LeftField, will facilitate the forum

All are welcome, and all stakeholders in the Canton Community -- even those who may not have students in the school system currently -- are encouraged to attend. The more voices and perspectives, the better.

The September 27 Community Forum will focus on an overview of the project, including timelines, scope and milestones. The second half of the forum will involve an engaging activity that involves looking at an oversized site map of the GMS building and land space and making suggestions for use by schools and the community.

I have suggested that this is a "hopes and dreams" meeting, and really a great gathering of input on how the building and the site can enhance our educational and overall community. Leaders of youth programming -- from sports to the arts to the extracurriculars -- are encouraged to attend.

There is no need to RSVP. Please just arrive with your curiosity and your ideas. We will start promptly at 7 p.m., so please try to arrive by 6:45 p.m. in the CHS Library.

Click on the following [LINK](#) for an overview of the Galvin Middle School Project. This project website will be continually updated and serve as a repository for resources. I would encourage everyone to bookmark this link.

There will be three additional forums in October, November and December. Here are the "save the dates" and the themes for each one.

Wednesday October 25 -- The entire focus of this forum will be grade configuration (Grades 5-8 or 6-8). Location TBD.

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Monday, November 20 -- The focus will be continued follow up on grade configuration and the consideration of a middle school auditorium. Location TBD.

Wednesday, December 20 -- The focus of the fourth forum will be an opportunity for a review of input and emerging themes from the process. Location TBD.

We are embarking on a great journey, and we want every member of the Canton community to be informed and have opportunities for input and engagement. We hope you can attend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Folan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Derek Folan
Superintendent



GALVIN

Middle School Building Project

Join us...

**Wednesday
September 27, 2023**

7pm - 8pm
Canton High School Library

COMMUNITY
FORUM

Come learn about this EXCITING PROJECT!

The team will:

- Discuss the process and schedule
- Provide an update on work completed to date
- Review next steps including: milestone submissions, critical votes, and how to **STAY INFORMED & GET INVOLVED!**
- Conclude with a conversation about the site; identifying and discussing community features important to Canton residents



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