



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HOST COMMUNITY TOURS OF BUILDINGS SLATED FOR RENOVATIONS

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Westwood, MA—On Saturday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and Sunday, March 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Westwood School District will host tours of the Deerfield, Hanlon and Sheehan elementary schools. As reported in a January 24 letter from said Superintendent of Schools Emily Parks to all town residents, these three buildings are in need of modernization. The tours are among the first of many steps to engage the community in the building project. The District wants to visibly demonstrate the condition of the schools and the related impact it has on educational programs and practical matters of facility management.

“We want to give residents the opportunity to see for themselves the state of repair in the involved buildings, and we want to make that as easy and convenient as possible,” said Parks.

An open house format will allow residents to drop in and tour one, two or all three of the school buildings involved. Tours will run every 20 minutes, led by educational and operations personnel. Each tour will address the general building background as well as equipment, systems, and accessibility concerns. Handouts will recap that information.

For those residents who cannot attend, the School District has invited Westwood Media Center, (formerly WestCAT) to film a tour of each building for later broadcast. Also, the tour handouts will be available on the project website (www.westwoodschoolbuilding.com). Updates about the tours will be posted on that website and promoted through the Westwood Schools social media channels.

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