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TO: Community of Arlington
FROM: Dr. Elizabeth C. Homan
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RE: **Phase 3 of the New Arlington High School Opens**
Construction of High School buildings is complete, only site work remains

Arlington, MA, February 24 -

With the completion of Phase 3 construction, all buildings of the new Arlington High School are completed. New spaces include the Athletic wing, a Black Box Theater, and an outdoor amphitheater. "I'm so excited to see the completed facility. We've been working on this project for over 10 years and it's rewarding to see the final results" expressed Jeff Thielman, Chair of the Arlington High School Building Committee.

The final building phase of the project, Phase 3, features a 16,000 square foot main gymnasium with bleacher seating and wooden floor, two smaller gyms with rubber floors and a rock climbing wall, a fitness room, lockers and athletic training facilities. Additionally there are new offices for Arlington Community Education, and new program spaces for the LABBB program. Students will start using the new facilities beginning February 24.

"The new gymnasiums are beautiful," noted Matthew Janger, Arlington High School Principal. "Together with the new Black Box theater, the new additions will enhance programming for all our students."

Phase 3 also includes new spaces for the [LABBB Program](#), which is a Special Educational Collaborative program of neighboring communities that provides services to students within the inclusive context of the public schools. The new learning spaces offer LABBB students and community members inclusive and flexible learning and meeting spaces.

"I'd like to thank the community for their continued support," remarked Dr. Elizabeth Homan, Superintendent of the Arlington Public Schools. "This is truly a significant milestone for Arlington. The new, completed Arlington High School will better serve all of Arlington's students as well as our LABBB program students. The new school will also provide a year-round community hub for education, arts, and athletics."

Phase 4, the final phase of the project, will include demolition of the old gym and the Downs building, followed by the construction of two additional multi-use, synthetic turf athletic fields, a new rear access road, parking facilities, and a connection to the Minuteman Bikeway. Finishing landscaping and final paving is also planned. Completion is anticipated by September 2025 and



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a formal “grand opening” is anticipated in the fall. Public access will primarily be from Mass. Ave. until September. Please visit www.ahsbuilding.org for updates.

Project partners for the new high school include the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), Owner’s Project Manager Skanska USA, designer HMFH Architects, and Construction Manager Consigli USA. For more information, visit www.ahsbuilding.org.

Sincerely,

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