

BUILD ■■■ ARLINGTON'S ■ FUTURE ■■

Vote YES to Invest on June 14!

Arlington's schools are a source of pride for our town. We take our responsibility to our youngest citizens seriously. On June 14, we must vote on three questions that will determine the future of our schools and the kind of education our students will receive.

Challenges Faced by Our Schools



Making a Plan

The School Enrollment Task Force spent months considering these challenges. The Selectmen voted unanimously to place three debt exclusion questions on the ballot.

- ✓ **Question #1 – Vote YES** to address overcrowding. Enrollment has grown 17% in the past decade and is expected to grow more, for a cumulative increase of over 30%—more than 1,400 students—in 20 years. We need funds to:
 - Build a six-classroom addition to the **Thompson Elementary School**.
 - Renovate the **Gibbs School** to accommodate middle school students.
- ✓ **Question #2 – Vote YES** to conduct a feasibility study for rebuilding or renovating **Arlington High School**, a deficient building in danger of losing accreditation. Keep us on track to receive tens of millions of dollars in state funds.
- ✓ **Question #3 – Vote YES** to contribute Arlington's share to rebuild **Minuteman Vocational High School**, also a deficient building in danger of losing accreditation, and make the project eligible for \$44 million in state funds.

What Is a Debt Exclusion?

A debt exclusion is a temporary increase in taxes to pay for specific capital projects. The increase lasts only for the duration of the debt, in this case 20-30 years. The annual impact of these questions on the average single-family tax bill will be about \$245.

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