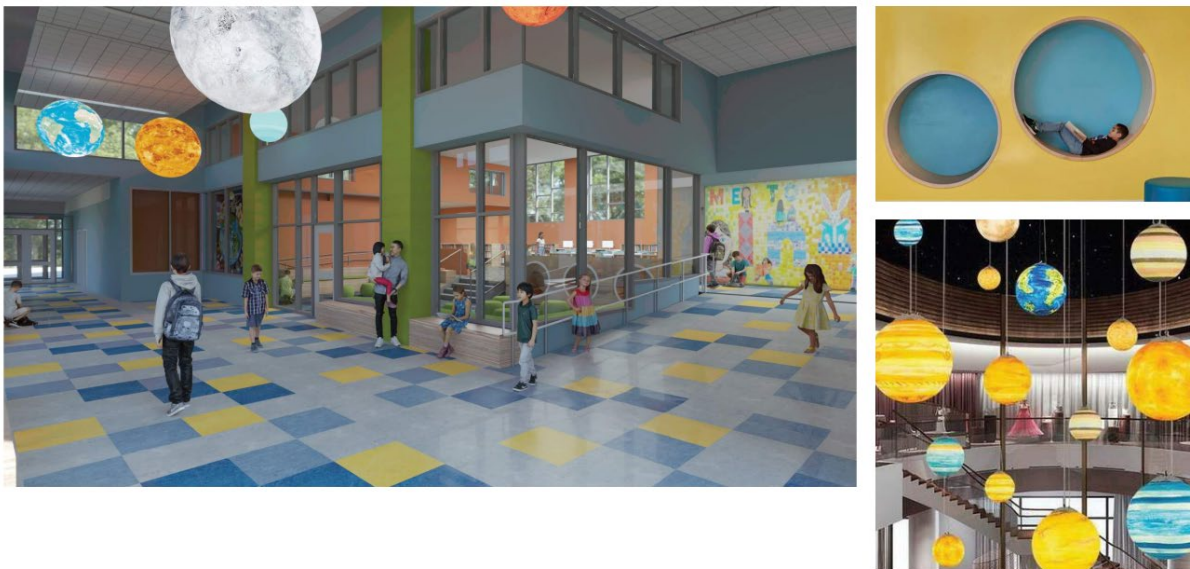


The Lincoln-Eliot School Project is now entering the final phase of design. This is where we convert the concepts and images into defined, refined, detailed plans and specifications so that we can advertise the project for public bid for contractors this summer.

On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> our design team from Arrowstreet presented the latest plans to the Design Review Committee, DRC, and Lincoln-Eliot School Building Committee, LESBC. The meeting was well attended, and the attendees expressed strong support for the latest designs and renderings. The focus of this presentation were the refinements and adjustments to the addition portion of the project, with a focus on the main entrance, lobby, circulation space, and the library. The goal of these refinements and adjustments were to improve the general efficiency of the addition, while also creating an impressive and welcoming first experience when entering the new school.

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**INTERIOR VIEW - MEDIA CENTER FROM ENTRY**



The above image is what you will see when entering the new main entrance. The library anchors the space, with strong visual connections and ample natural light. To the left in the image is the secondary entrance which provides flexibility for current and future building usage. To the right in the image is the corridor leading to the academic bar which houses all the classrooms, support spaces, and eventually the cafeteria, library, music, and auditorium. The planets hanging from the ceiling are one concept being considered, but the final design may achieve a similar look with fun and inspiring light fixtures combined with a mural on the wall to the right, and varied floor and wall finishes and colors. We may also introduce wall graphics or other forms of artwork to brighten and inspire even further. The latest design provides an improved user experience, a more efficient design, a lower embodied carbon impact, an improved energy efficiency rating, a more universally accessible building, and a finished product that is comparable to Angier, Zervas, and Cabot.

**INTERIOR VIEW - MEDIA CENTER FROM LOBBY**



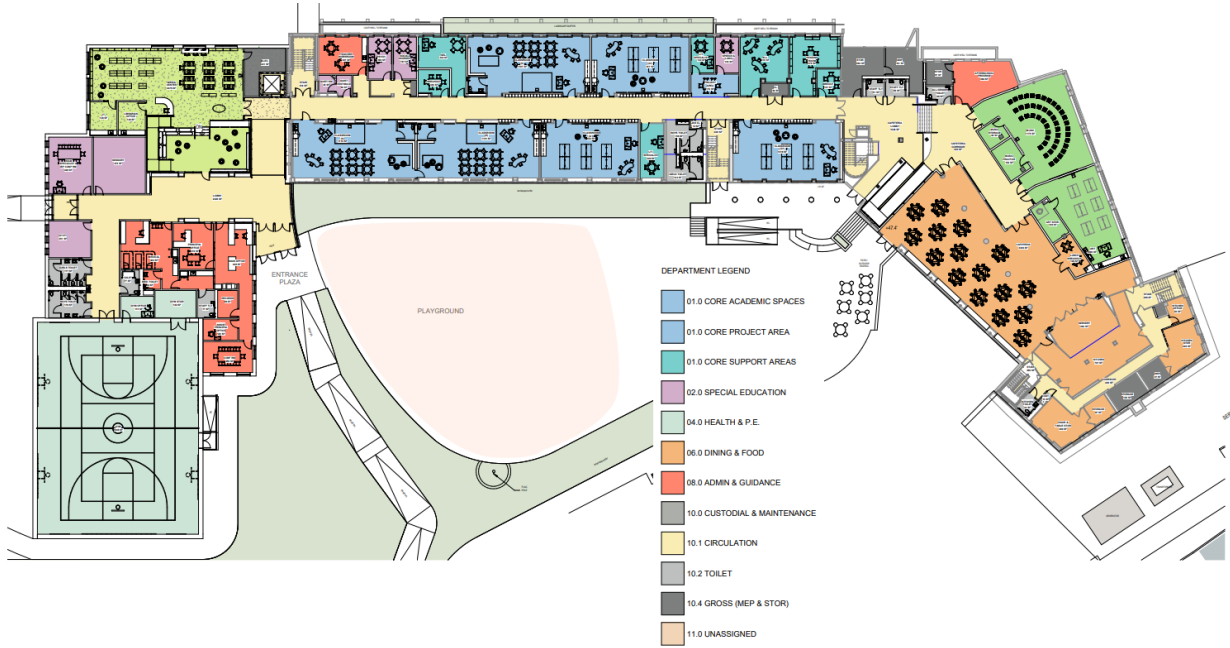
Above will be the view from Principal Maura Morse's office looking out into the main lobby and into the library. It is also the view that people will enjoy as the walk to the gymnasium.

**INTERIOR VIEW - MEDIA CENTER**



We're still working out the final design of the library, as seen above, but the space is already looking impressive. For Lincoln-Eliot we are anchoring the main entrance and lobby by using the library to create

the “heart” of the school. In the coming weeks, we will be working with Principal Morse and her staff to continue to refine the library and some of the other spaces in the addition.



The above building floor plans outside of the addition have not changed significantly. With feedback from Principal Morse and the entire team, we have optimized the layout of the cafeteria and corresponding lobby, ramp, and stairs. The main office area has been adjusted to improve the user experience and flow for the office staff and nurse.



The above site plan has also seen minor refinements, mainly to accommodate the adjustments to the addition. The playgrounds, fields, and vast majority of the paths, landscaping, and site features remain unchanged. Minor changes to the access paths to the main and secondary entrances have occurred and will continue to be refined to optimize and align access with the two entrances. Parent, bus, and van drop off have not changed, and neither has the parking conceptual plan.

The project is on track to solicit bids from contractors this summer, with construction starting in early fall, and finishing in the summer of 2025. This places us on track to move the Lincoln-Eliot School to their new home for the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

To access a copy of the presentation that was given to the DRC and LESBC you can click [here](#), and you can watch the DRC/LESBC meeting [here](#). You can check out our project website [here](#), and questions can be emailed to [lincolneliot@newtonma.gov](mailto:lincolneliot@newtonma.gov).

The next meeting of the Design Review Committee and Lincoln-Eliot School Building Committee will be on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Once the meeting starts you can join that meeting by clicking [here](#).

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