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Subject: Cabot School Update

Honorable City Council and School Committee Members,

This is the first of the promised weekly updates to the community about the Cabot School building project. Since the Cabot School Building Committee (CSBC) meeting on 5/5, Dinisco Design has been exploring other design options that move the massing to the north side of the Cabot property. To ensure that first and foremost any other options meet the educational program and do so with comparable adjacencies and locations as the plan passed on April 5, Dinisco Design has met with the Cabot Principal, Building Department, and School Department. The design team is refining options based on the comments and suggestions from this meeting.

Dinisco Design will have designs to show to the Cabot Working Group at a meeting on 5/23 at 8:45 a.m. in the Council Chambers. This meeting will be posted so that the public can attend and there will be no issues around having a quorum of CSBC or Design Review Committee members present if others who are not members of the working group choose to attend. There will be time for further refinements of the drawings based on feedback between the working group meeting and the meeting on June 2.

We have also continued our dialog with MSBA, and they are committed to partnering with us regardless of the direction we choose.

Regards,

Josh Morse
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