

# New Squantum School Project Team Visits Lynch School Construction Site in Winchester to Assess Modular Classrooms

In support of the Squantum Elementary School building project, a team of Quincy administrators, teachers, and school parents recently toured the Lynch Elementary School construction site in Winchester. The team's goal was to get a first-hand understanding of modular classrooms as a temporary solution for learning during the Squantum Elementary School project construction period. The new school construction period is still to be determined but is expected to begin sometime in 2025.



Winchester's new Lynch Elementary School is being built on the site of the existing school in collaboration with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). For this school year, the entire Lynch school population was relocated to modular classrooms installed on the grounds of another elementary school.

The Quincy group toured the Lynch temporary school site to understand the benefits and challenges of using the modular classrooms during the new school's construction. The tour provided valuable insights into the advantages of modular classrooms in a project like this, including ensuring student and staff comfort through soundproofing and climate control, as well as flexibility in design.



The Quincy team left Winchester with very positive reactions to the experience and proposed modular classrooms:

"The modular [classrooms] exceeded my expectations in terms of being a viable option during the construction phase. They would not only be an upgrade for some of our classrooms and building systems but also a great plan to ensure we can keep all our students and grade levels together during construction. The reactions from teachers and parents were all positive, and the modulars will certainly provide a glimpse of what teaching and learning in modern spaces look like before the new building is completed."

- *Stephen Sylvia, Squantum Elementary School Principal*

"I was very impressed with the layout of the modular classrooms. The size of the rooms provided space for various furniture layouts and setups. The rooms were quiet, well-lit, and very well-ventilated. With its adequate room and storage space, bathrooms, as well as water fountains, the modular building would serve as a comfortable and convenient space for students to learn without disruption while the new school project takes place."

- *Jill Griffith, Squantum Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher*



"I was pleasantly surprised to discover that modular classrooms offer a clean, comfortable, and safe learning environment that allows the students to thrive as their new school is being built. The modular classrooms were spacious, bright, and airy, and I believe would encourage an enjoyable learning space for all elementary students."

- *Danielle LaRose, Squantum Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher*

"I think it is safe to say that we were all very impressed. The classrooms and hallways are bright, the bathrooms are spotless, and the modulars have air conditioning (something the teachers were extremely excited about). These are just some of the assets we currently lack in our school. Having had modular classrooms in high school, I can attest that they were beautiful then, and they've only gotten much nicer. I truly believe that modular classrooms will benefit the students in many ways, while also decreasing the construction time for Squantum's new school!"

- *Kimberley Wheelwright, Squantum Elementary School parent*

The Squantum School team thanks Winchester Public Schools and the Lynch School construction team for hosting our group as we work to ensure a smooth transition for students and educators during the construction period!