

BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



To: Members of the Bedford School Committee
From: Cliff Chuang, Superintendent
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Subject: Planning Board & MBTA Law/Compliance

Planning Board Member Jacinda Barbehenn will be providing a high-level overview of the State's new MBTA Multifamily Housing Choice Law. This law requires 177 communities in the Boston metropolitan region to zone for the possibility (not build) 15% more housing units than the community currently has. Further, the law says that the zoning for these units must be "as-of-right" and suitable for families. As many are aware, we have a severe housing shortage in our region. In order to insure the economic health and vitality of the region we live in and depend on, this law is designed to promote the building of more homes to support our workforce (professionals and technicians in our growing tech sectors, healthcare providers, teachers, fire fighters, police, senior care workers, etc).

Reference Documents:

- [Bedford Planning Board - MBTA Law/Compliance](#)