

# Quality Education

## Reading at a Crossroads

Reading elementary enrollment is projected to increase by 400 students within six years and significantly exceed current capacity, according to state Dept. of Health statistics and Dept. of Education requirements.

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- Children are taught in trailers, hallways, closets and on stages — in every available space.
- Half of Reading's elementary schools need renovation or major repair. Repairs are estimated around \$6 million.
- Overcrowded schools increase traffic safety concerns.

**Vote YES**  
on January 11

**Your vote is needed** to build a school, solve our enrollment problem and continue Reading's commitment to quality education.

### Long Term Solution

New School	\$9,100,000
Barrows addition (already approved)	\$7,100,000
Killam renovation (scheduled in 2003) state aid (66%)	\$6,645,000 (\$15,077,700)

OR

### Stop Gap Measures

Portables	\$1,200,000
Barrows repairs	\$2,220,750
Killam repairs state aid	\$3,497,500 (\$ 0)

**Cost to Reading \$7,767,300**

OR

**\$6,918,250**

- **The only long term, cost effective and financially responsible solution.**

The only proposal that meets state standards and would receive 66% state reimbursement is the new school solution. Portable classrooms and inadequate facilities will disqualify Reading for state funding.

- **Return to neighborhood schools.**

A new school combined with an already approved Barrows addition and renovation will eliminate the present need for crosstown busing.

Funds currently spent on busing would offset staffing costs for a new school.

CARE — Community Action for Reading Education  
Gael Phillips-Spence - Chair, Paula Tucci - Treasurer  
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# Mission

Our mission is to gather support to win the townwide referendum to build a new elementary school in Reading, MA.

We are residents of Reading who would like to help strengthen Reading's commitment to quality education.

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## Immediate Tasks

- Win upcoming vote on construction of new school.
- Educate Reading residents on the issues.

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To host a neighborhood coffee, please contact Anne Colorusso at 944-7245 for a complete information packet and to schedule speakers.

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