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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR EDWARD A. BETTENCOURT, JR.

### Mayor Bettencourt Touts Higgins Vendor Fair

*Opportunity for Local Businesses to Contribute to School Building Project*

Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt is pleased to invite members of the local business community to the new Higgins Middle School Vendor Fair on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30pm in the Higgins Middle School Cafeteria.

“The general contractor for the new Higgins Middle School project is making every attempt to utilize local businesses wherever possible,” said Mayor Bettencourt. “The vendor fair will allow Peabody business owners the opportunity to market their products and services directly to the buyer.”

At 220,000 square feet, the new Higgins will be the largest middle school in Massachusetts and the largest construction project in the city’s history. The total project cost is nearly \$93 million with the state reimbursing the city 56% of eligible construction costs. The school is scheduled to open to some 1,340 students in September 2016.

The following businesses produce items that the general contractor, Agostini Bacon Construction, typically purchase locally. Participation is not limited to these industries however.

- Miscellaneous hardware
- Local Lumber or millwork suppliers
- UPS Store/Mailboxes USA, etc.
- Blueprints/printing shop
- Temporary or specialty signage
- Storage trailers
- Tools
- Paint
- Building supplies
- Safety supply equipment and tool rental
- Pizza / Sandwiches

Co-sponsored by the Peabody Area Chamber of Commerce, there is no cost to participate in the vendor fair. Those interested in attending can register online at [www.peabodychamber.com](http://www.peabodychamber.com).

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