

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Hanover High School Building Committee awarded the general contract for the construction of the new high school to the Bridgewater firm of Callahan, Inc., on September 28, 2009. Callahan, Inc. was the lowest bidder at 38.6 million dollars, approximately \$800,000 less than the next bidder.

On Friday, October 30 the office of the Attorney General issued a decision granting a bid protest against Callahan, Inc. which was filed by the Laborers International Union in September. If implemented, the decision could result in a change in the General Contractor at a cost of a million dollars, or more, and delay the project opening.

Town Counsel has advised that the Attorney General's decision is incorrect and has requested reconsideration of the decision due to serious factual errors in the Assistant Attorney General's findings. The project is proceeding on schedule and on budget with Callahan, Inc. as the General Contractor.

The original 1958 building will be replaced with the new 157,000 square foot building and is expected to open in fall of 2011.