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Dear Parents and Guardians of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

We hope you and your students are enjoying their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade experiences across our schools. As you know, with the overwhelming support of voters last spring, the Town of Brookline is embarking upon an ambitious [expansion of Brookline High School](#). In September of 2021, we will open a new science wing on the main campus that replaces the current wing at the corner of Tappan and Greenough Streets. We will also open a completely new building at 111 Cypress Street and renovate the Tappan Gymnasium Building. These are exciting times for Brookline High School and for the entire Town.

Construction will begin in June of 2019. During construction, we will lose full access to some parts of the high school campus. This includes the existing wing at the corner of Tappan and Greenough, which will be demolished over the summer to make way for our new science wing. This demolition will reduce the number of classrooms at the main campus for the duration of the construction period.

In order to continue serving over 2,000 students enrolled at Brookline High, we will use the Old Lincoln School at 194 Boylston for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. The Old Lincoln School was renovated in 2015, and more recently served as the Upper Devotion School in the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years. Additionally, it has been used successfully as temporary space during previous renovations for the high school, Runkle, and Baker Schools.

We understand that you and your students have many questions about this transition and how it may affect their Brookline High School experience. Please know that our BHS team is working hard on creating a powerful 9<sup>th</sup> grade program for the Classes of 2023 and 2024. In particular, the high school faculty, staff, and administration are considering ways to create connections with and experiences at the main campus that will help students transition to the high school and enrich their educational experience. Additionally, the BHS team will use these two years to take important steps in realizing the [BHS Educational Plan](#) that is driving our renovation and expansion efforts.

Each year, the Brookline High School team offers a series of transition events for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. These events include evening sessions about curriculum, courses, athletic opportunities, and the overall student experience. Starting in February, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also come to BHS during the school day with their school to learn more about the high school and see it in action. We will hold some of these sessions for families and students at the Old Lincoln School building so that you can see the space and envision the learning and growing our 9<sup>th</sup> graders will engage in next year and the year after.

The high school leadership team will reach out in the coming months with many more details about the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition process and events, as well as with specifics on how we will utilize Old Lincoln. For now, we will continue to work together with all of you and our amazing high school faculty, staff, and administration to create a meaningful experience for all of our students.

For more information about the high school expansion and renovation project, please follow these links:

- [Overview of the project including photos of the architectural models and the most recent floor plans](#)
- [BHS Expansion and Renovation website for ongoing updates and the latest news](#)

Sincerely,



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