

Three School Plan:  
5/4/2+++ Section Schools  
*w/BEEP*



**School Committee  
Long-Term Capital Plan**

**September 23, 2019**



# Long Term Capital Plan - Three School Solution

In June 2018, The Select Board, School Committee and Ad Hoc Subcommittee to the Advisory Committee decided on a three school solution to expand school capacity and address Brookline's overcrowded schools, substandard facilities, and historic enrollment growth.

They used the body of work generated since 2009 to address Brookline's historic enrollment growth, which consisted of

- site selection studies,
- enrollment projections,
- a feasibility study,
- expansion in place efforts that have built 55 classrooms (44 in our buildings/11 leased), and
- more than 80 public meetings between 2015 and 2018.



# The Decision from June 2018 Continues



## **The June 2018 plan remains in place**

- 5 Section School = renovating or rebuilding Pierce with MSBA
- 4 Section School = a rebuilt and expanded Driscoll School
- 2+++ Section School = Location TBD (formerly Baldwin)
  - ❖ could potentially be Old Lincoln, Newbury or an unidentified site



# Ongoing Need for Long Term Capital Planning



## **Planning for and Finding Solutions for:**

- Continued overcrowding
- Substandard facilities particularly for our most vulnerable populations
- Need for additional special education (RISE) and English Learner Education (ELE) programs
- BEEP - Returning classrooms into K-8 school and adding classrooms to meet demand
- Administrative space that used to be in school buildings and is now temporarily housed at Clark Road
- The “expand in place” program that provided 55 classrooms 11 leased and 44 inside eight (8) preK-8 schools is “built out” and complete
- School Committee will only plan using properties currently under its control



# Three School Plan w/BEEP



## **Pierce (5 section), Driscoll (4 section), TBD (2+++ section), and BEEP**

1. School Committee will only plan using properties currently under its control.
2. Allows the district to balance current enrollment and accommodate projected student growth by adding a net of 37 additional classrooms across the district.
3. Begins to address the School Committee's long-term goal to bring BEEP classes back into our K-8 schools and eventually terminate leased classroom space.
4. Allows the district to complete minimal student reassignment and simultaneously expand spaces to bring early education classes back into the elementary schools, while maintaining the Lynch and Baldwin as Early Childhood Centers at either end of Town.
5. Does not address district administrative space needs or long term solutions for Baker.



## 5 Section: Pierce Elementary School - MSBA

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- Pierce School has reached the completion of its lifecycle (Pierce Historical built 1899, Expanded in 1974).
- Building Systems and building envelope related elements, including ADA accessibility need remediation and updating.
- Originally designed as a 3 section school and it now holds 5 sections.
- No expansion of core academic spaces, cafeteria, gymnasium, library and auditorium means they are inadequate for student body and out of date.



# Pierce: MSBA Project Timeline



Steps	Weblink to MSBA page	Average Time from now	Approximate Date
Eligibility Period	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/prerequisites">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/prerequisites</a>	270 days/9 months	February 2020
Forming of Project Team	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/team">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/team</a>	6-8 months	TBD 2020
Feasibility Study	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/feasibility">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/feasibility</a>	2 years	TBD 2021
Schematic Design	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/schematic">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/schematic</a>	2 years	TBD 2021
Funding the Project	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/funding">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/funding</a>	2 years	TBD 2021
<i>Debt Exclusion Override</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>May 2021</i>
<b>MSBA vote on Project</b>	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/about/board_leadership/board_meetings">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/about/board_leadership/board_meetings</a>	<b>2 years</b>	<b>July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021</b>
Detailed Design	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/design">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/design</a>	4 years	TBD 2023
Construction	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/construction">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/construction</a>	4 years	April-July 2023
Completing the Project	<a href="http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/completing">http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/completing</a>	7 years	TBD 2026

{<http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/>}



## 4 Section: Driscoll Elementary School - No MSBA



- Driscoll School has reached the completion of its lifecycle (built 1911).
- Building systems and other building envelope related elements need to be replaced.
- Current building does not meet the needs of a 21st century education.
- Originally designed as a 2 section school. Through additions and conversion of classrooms it has now been functioning as a full 3 section school, with one grade cohort that has four classes.
- The density of the student population in the Driscoll zone, as well as surrounding Coolidge Corner and Runkle School zones, warrant the need for a 4 section school.



# Driscoll Possible Project Timeline

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- November 2019: Article 4:  
<https://www.brookline.ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20115/Article-Explanations-2019-STM#page=1>
- TBD: Town Wide Referendum Vote
- Modifications to the following original timeline will be needed once the project passes. Up to 1 year of planning and construction time could have been lost with the delay in funding approval.
- **Most Aggressive and Optimistic Timeline**
  - ❖ Summer 2020: Construction Documents complete
  - ❖ Fall 2020: Construction commences
  - ❖ Fall 2022 or Winter 2023: Occupancy

Driscoll Building Plans and information is available at: <https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/Page/2353>



# Old Lincoln School as 2+++ School



- Old Lincoln School and Baldwin are the only existing school sites controlled by PSB
- Currently serving BHS 9th grade through June 2021 (could be later if BHS is delayed)
- 18 to 20 general education classrooms
- Additional 4 to 6 classrooms for art, music, special education services, and learning supports
- Rooms have been fully renovated for Upper Devotion and for BHS use

## Possible Timeline for Old Lincoln as a 2+++ School -- Occupancy September 2021

- **January 2020** - Planning begins for student assignment, decision on how to “grow” school (grade by grade, which grades to start)
- **Spring 2020** - Principal hiring to begin in September 2020
- **Fall 2020** - Classroom configuration determined and staff assignment/hiring plan
- **Winter through Spring 2021** - Hire staff
- **July 2021** - BHS moves out of OLS
- **August 2021** - Building reorganized for elementary school
- **September 2021** - Building opens



## 2+++ section School: Site (TBD/when available)



- Need for 37 Classrooms similar to the Baldwin School Design  
{<https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/baldwin-expansion>}
- Newbury College is currently being studied for 140,000 square foot school
- Old Lincoln School is the only potential site controlled by PSB

### Possible Project Timeline for New Site (Newbury or other TBD):

- **July Year 1 after site located:** Design Feasibility Phase Begins
- **April Year 1:** Cost Estimates + Preferred Design Finalized and Shared with Town Boards and Community Members
- **May Year 1:** Town Meeting Vote on Schematic Design Funding
- **July Year 2:** Schematic Design Phase Begins
- **March Year 2:** Schematic Design Phase Complete
- **May Year 2:** Town Wide Referendum Vote
- **May Year 2:** Town Meeting Vote
- **Spring Year 3:** Technical Drawings Complete
- **Summer Year 3:** Demolition/Construction Commences
- **Summer Year 5:** Complete Faculty and Staff Occupancy
- **Fall Year 5:** Complete Student Occupancy



# BEEP



## Long-standing goals of the School Committee

- Bring early education classrooms back into our K-8 schools along with Early Childhood Centers in order to meet children and community needs.
- Expanding the number of BEEP classrooms from 21 to 27 has been part of this long-term planning.
- Ensure that all future school renovations will include at least 2, if not 3, early education classrooms in their building.
- In short term, BEEP classes continue to move out of K-8 buildings to provide relief to Driscoll and allow Heath to add a RISE program and potentially a Native Language Support (NLSP) Program for ELE students.



# BEEP Locations FY 20 - FY 26



- By September 2020, only three BEEP classrooms remain in K-8 schools (1 at Runkle and 2 at Coolidge Corner)
- Lynch - 5 classrooms
- Beacon - 5 classrooms (leased)
- Clark Road (leased)
  - 3 classrooms in September 2019
  - 1 additional in 2020
- Baldwin -
  - 2 move from Heath in September 2020
  - When Winthrop House moves to the BHS Campus, potentially move 3 classrooms from Putterham in September 2021
- Putterham - 6 classrooms (leased)
  - 2 classrooms could move to Baldwin if space is needed at Baker due to anticipated growth from Hancock Village
  - Baker K classrooms would move to Putterham



# South Brookline BEEP Center

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Baldwin will be used as a South Brookline BEEP Center (while Lynch will serve as a North Brookline BEEP Center).

## Timeline:

- **Until July 2020** – Brookline School Staff Children’s Center (ground floor) - non-renewal of lease June 2020. Notice given in Fall 2018
- **September 2020** – BEEP Classroom from Heath, BEEP administrative space (ground floor)
- **July 2021** – Winthrop House moves to BHS campus
- **September 2021 and beyond** – BEEP Center adds new classrooms and takes on Putterhamp classes as Baker needs to expand



# Baker School Expansion/Renovation - Preliminary



- By 2028 the Baker School will reach its current lifecycle and will require renovation (built 1936, addition 1938 and 1953, and renovation/addition in 1997).
- Needs expansion, if enrollment continues to climb or flattens out at a higher level than the capacity the district has available.
  - The holding pattern for Baker has to do with not knowing how quickly the Hancock Village units will become occupied by families with school-aged children.
- Originally built as a 3-section school. Operating as a 4-section school.
  - Overflow plan for Baker is to move kindergarten classes to BEEP Putterham.
- School Committee has not discussed the Baker School renovation/expansion beyond the above.



# Office/Administrative Space Needs to be identified

The elimination and removal of the 24 Webster Place Lease and the 62 Harvard Lease (to fund the lease for 2 Clark Road) has resulted in up to 60 staff without a place to work in September 2020.

- 42 staff members formerly at 24 Webster Place and 18 staff members at the Sperber Education Center require office/desk space by September 2020.
- To fully solve the administrative workspace issue, PSB needs between 15,000 and 25,000 square feet of office space.
- There are no available funds for leases.



# Office/Administrative Space Needs to be identified



## **Other ideas for Administrative Office Space currently under consideration include:**

- Issue lease for office space in Fall 2019 for FY21-FY26 (CIP funding required)
- Bid two-high trailers for placement on Town owned property for permanent site (between 15,000 – 25,000 sq. ft.)
  - Purchase two-high trailers and place them on the green space between Town Hall and the Public Library over the underground garage (structural engineer review needed).
  - Place two-high trailers on pillars/stilts in Kent Street Parking Lot or Webster Street Parking area to preserve parking for local area businesses and employees.
  - Place two-high trailers on the green space behind the Brookline Public Health Center.



# Office/Administrative Space Needs to be identified



- Distribute employees throughout Town
  - Town Hall: doubling up offices or taking conference rooms
  - Oak Street Condos (requires code modifications) - [See Notes from Capital Improvements Subcommittee Meeting on August 13, 2019](#)
- Consider building/adding administrative office space as part of the 9<sup>th</sup> School site
- Town Meeting Warrant Article 5 to consider discarding Oak Street Condos in November 2019
  - <https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20115/Article-Explanations-2019-STM#page=2>