



Feedback received on October 17 Neighborhood Community Forum (Last Updated: 10/31/18)

Please note that this is a summary of the input and comments gathered from attendees of the Neighborhood Community Forum on October 17, 2018. It is not intended to be comprehensive or capture all comments and input provided during these events and meetings.

Design

- As a district, Brookline's school facilities have fallen behind Newton, Wellesley and other surrounding districts - Think Big!
- No more expand-in-place, a new building is needed
- The Coolidge Corner School raises the bar for Brookline. Make it like Coolidge Corner, but keep it small
- Great opportunity to have a small school in Brookline
- Building needs to reinforce a cohesive, small-school atmosphere
- Building should allow opportunities for developing the school community involvement (e.g. a playground that invites families to hang around after school, spaces that can be used by the communi)
- Make fiscally responsible decisions that addresses town-wide problems
- Design can inadvertently create longer walks within the building and disconnection

Traffic

- Continues to be serious concern about how the existing traffic will be impacted by the school opening again as a PK-8
- Back ups at Heath and Hammond intersection are of a particular concern
- Concern about narrow existing streets
- Experience at our other schools shows that impact of school traffic is limited to 15-20 minutes in the morning and then it's gone.

Parking and Access

- Study and recommendations need to be thorough and consider all alternatives
- Underground staff parking
- Designated spaces for visitors and families
- Other properties in the area that can be purchased to alleviate need
- On-street parking will narrow streets and increase congestion
- Street parking is the most economically feasible
- Should be comparable or aligned with the approach at existing schools
- Must consider conditions in the winter
- All crossings and sidewalks need to do be made safe
- Currently insufficient sidewalks in the area
- Minimize crossing of Route 9
- Hammond St is unsafe to cross currently; more needs to be done to make it walkable and safe



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Process, Communication and Outreach

- Need Comparisons between Baldwin projects to other schools
- Baldwin neighborhood should be given more consideration
- Need to have a Precinct 15-only meeting
- Be clearer about the problems that PSB needs to solve
- Provide greater context and background on any numbers/projections made
- Where will Baldwin students come from, and how will they get there?
- Process needs to be considerate of neighboring residents and non-PSB programs
- Noise and traffic concerns during construction period
- What happens to Winthrop House, Staff Day Care, and early education at the Soule Recreation Center?