#### Brookline BALDWIN SCHOOL EXPANSION

### School Building Committee October 25, 2018







- 1. Summary of Community Feedback
- 2. Program Summary
- 3. Traffic Update
- 4. Revised Alternative Designs and Discussion
- 5. Cost Estimates



#### **SBC Meeting Designer Agendas**

#### 9/27/18

- Existing Conditions Progress Report
- Building Program, Space Summary Status Report

#### 10/11/18

- Refined Building Program and Bubble Diagram
- Alternative Design Strategies

#### 10/25/18

- Refined Alternative Design Strategies
- Traffic Report Preliminary Findings
- Cost Estimates

#### 11/8/18

• Recommend Preferred Design Alternative

#### 11/29/18

- Revised Preferred Design Alternative
- Updated Cost Estimate
- Approve Preferred Alternative to proceed to Schematic Design





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Public Meetings held since the establishment of the Building Committee:

- September 27: Building Committee
- October 2: Capital and Schools Subcommittees
- October 4: School Committee
- October 9: Select Board
- **October 11:** Building Committee
- October 15: Transportation Board Meeting
- **October 16:** Capital and Schools Subcommittees
- October 17: Neighborhood Community Forum
- October 18: School Committee

In addition the Building Committee chairs have been meeting with abutters



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- 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



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- 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

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- 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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- 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?



## PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE



Baldwin School 10/02/2018 - Parking

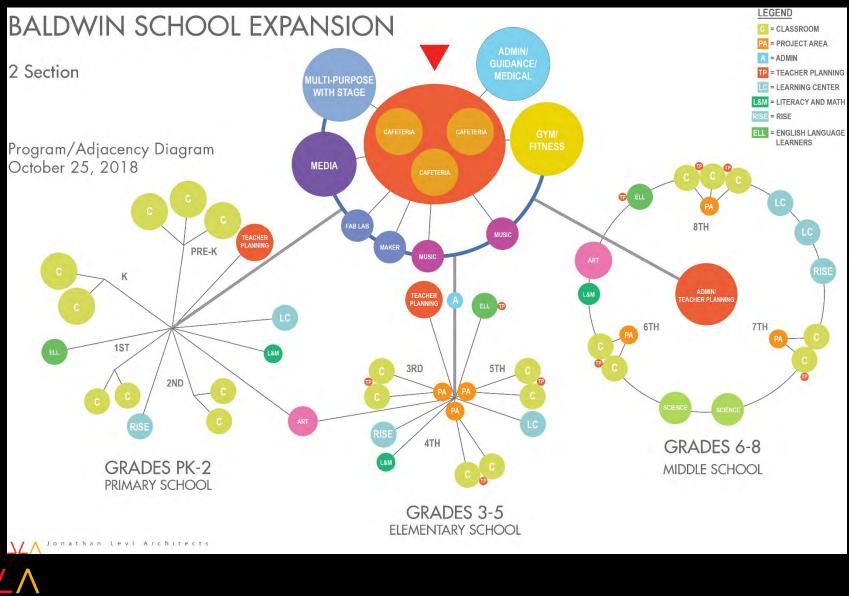
Proposed for School Committee and Transportation Board xx Parking Lots Spaces

86 Requested TBoard Parking Spaces

## 2. Program Summary



#### **Educational Program Diagram**



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#### **On-site Parking at PSB Schools**

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE

	Staff	Families	Visitors	
Baker	On Site + Street	None	Limited to Circle	
Coolidge Corner	On Site + Street	None	Limited to Circle	
Driscoll	On Site + Street	None	None	
Heath	On Site + Street	None	Limited to small off street lot	
Lawrence	Street	None	None	
Lincoln	On Site + Street	None	Limited to Circle	
Pierce	On Site + Street	None	None	
Runkle	Street	None	None	
Brookline High	On Site + Street	None	None	
BEEP	On Site + Street	None	None	
Baldwin (Proposed)	Street	None	On-Site	

# Proposed Baldwin 2 Section PK-8 School Brookline, Massachusetts

# Preliminary

# **Transportation Impact Assessment**

Prepared by:



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October 25,2018

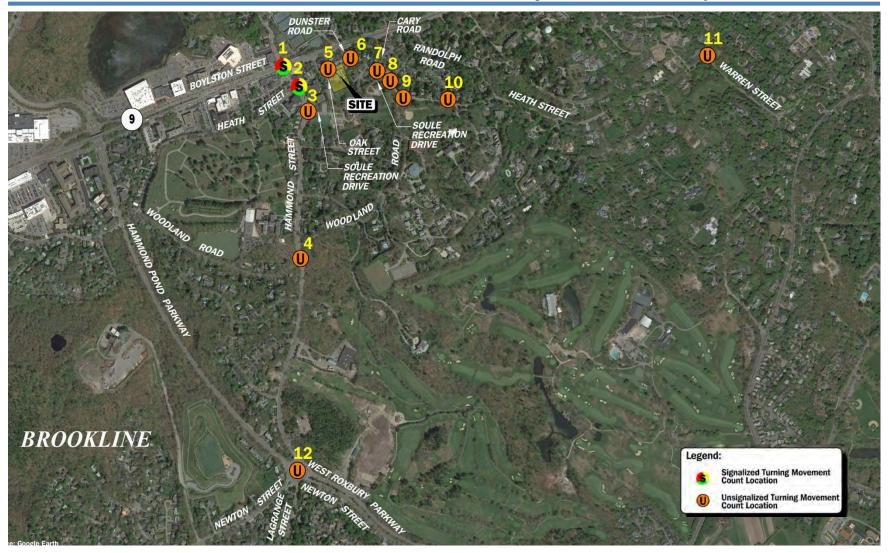
# **Traffic Agenda Items**

- Area of Study
- Existing Condition Data Gathered
- Projected Conditions
- Recommendations
- Conclusions





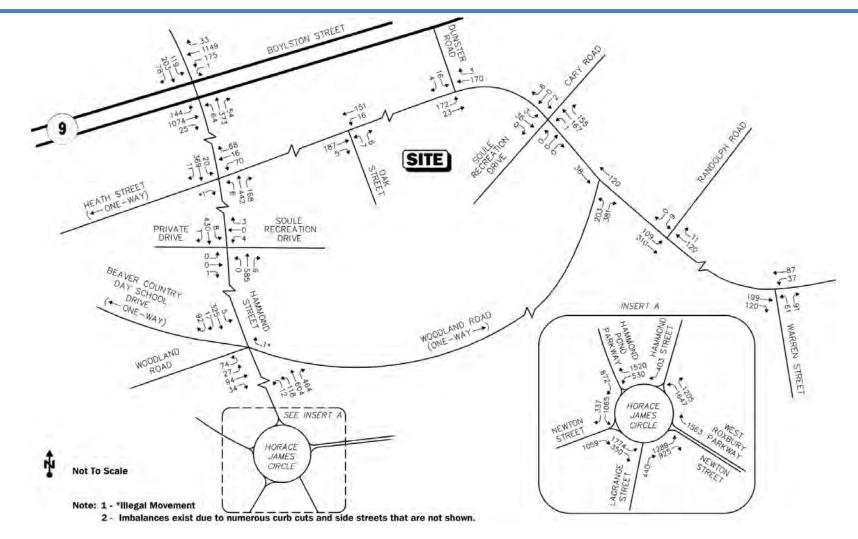
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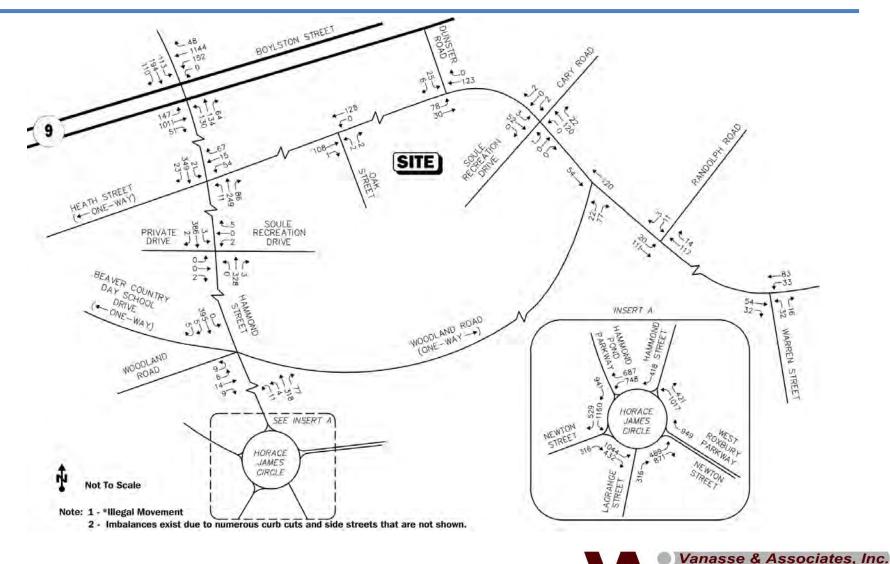
# 2018 Existing Conditions – Weekday Morning School Peak Hour Traffic Volumes (7:00-8:00 AM)







# 2018 Existing Conditions – Weekday Evening School Peak Hour Traffic Volumes (1:30-2:30 PM)



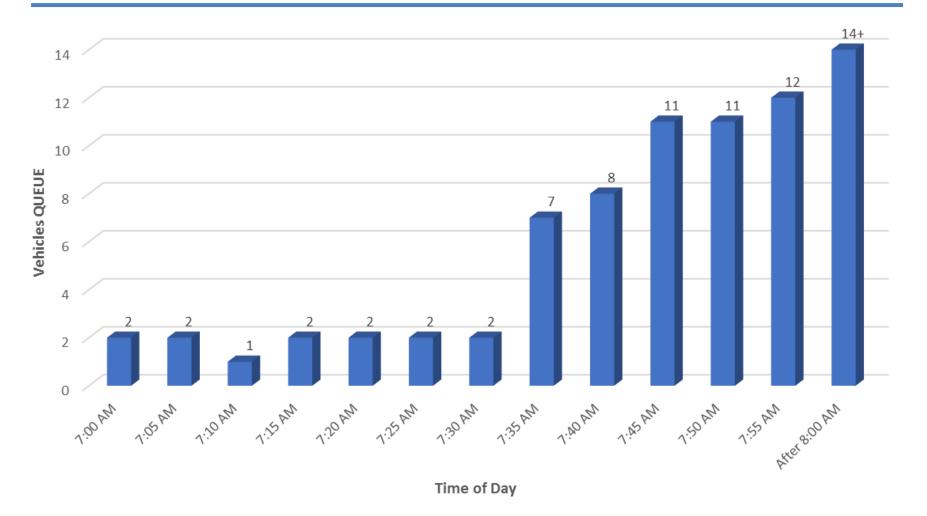
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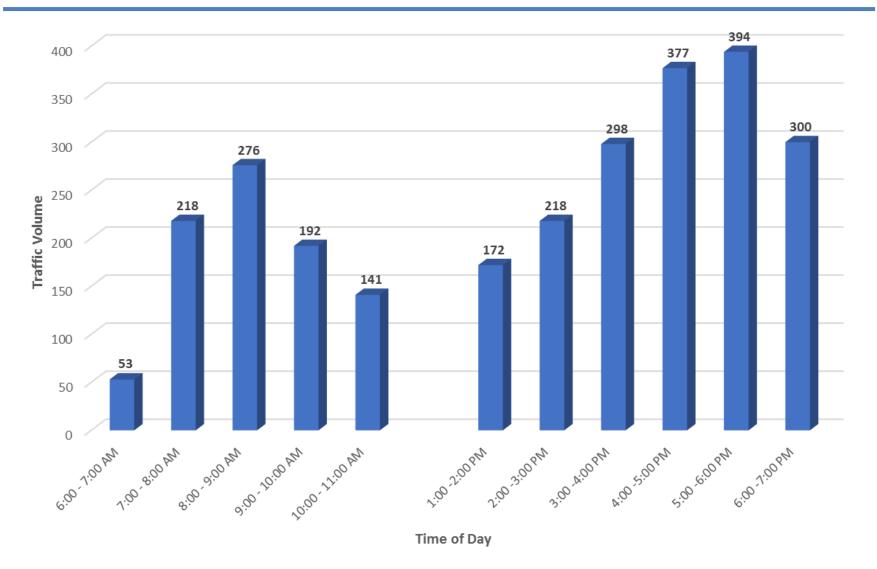
# Vehicle Queues on Heath Street Weekday Morning, October 16, 2018







### **Existing Heath Street Traffic Count**



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# **Trip Generation Summary**

#### **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 453 Students
- 86 Staff (74 arrive in peak hour 1.0 staff per car)
- 4% Daily absenteeism
- 25 students bus with METCO (Arriving by Bus)
- 30 RISE students (9 Vans)
- 45 Brookline Early Education Program students (Arrive after 8:00 AM)
- 120 students bus (2 Buses)
- 50 students walk<sup>1</sup>
- Student car occupancy of 1.45 student/car

#### Result: 121 Cars in the morning, 70 Cars in the Afternoon

Time Period	Car Drop-off (800 Students)	Car Drop-off (600 Students)	Car Drop-off (453 Students)
Veekday Morning Peak Hour:			
Entering	330	232	121
Entering <u>Exiting</u> Total	330 <u>330</u>	232 <u>232</u>	121 <u>121</u>

#### Car Drop-Off Trip Generation Comparison



<sup>1</sup> This is a conservative estimate. 195 K-8 children live within 0.5 miles of the site, so the number of children who walk to school when it opens will be higher.



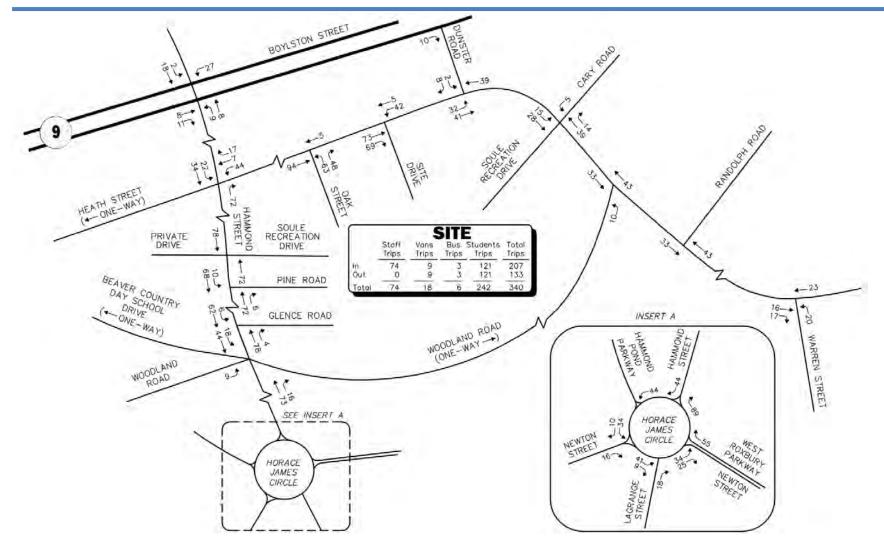
### **Trip Generation Summary**

Time Period			Car Drop-off/		
	Staff	Vans	Buses	Pick-up	Total Trips
Veekday Morning Peak Hour:					
Entering	74	9	3	121	207
Exiting	_0	9	3	<u>121</u>	<u>133</u>
Total	74	18	6	242	340
Neekday Afternoon Peak Hour:					
Entering	0	9	3	70	82
	•				92
<u>Exiting</u> Total	<u>10</u>	9	3	70	97





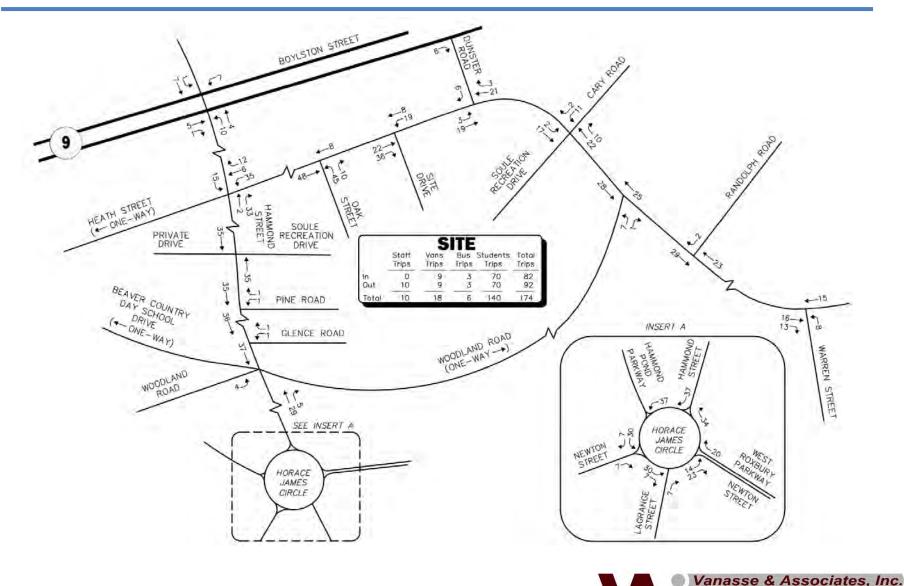
### Projected Trip Generation – Weekday Morning







### Projected Trip Generation – Weekday Evening



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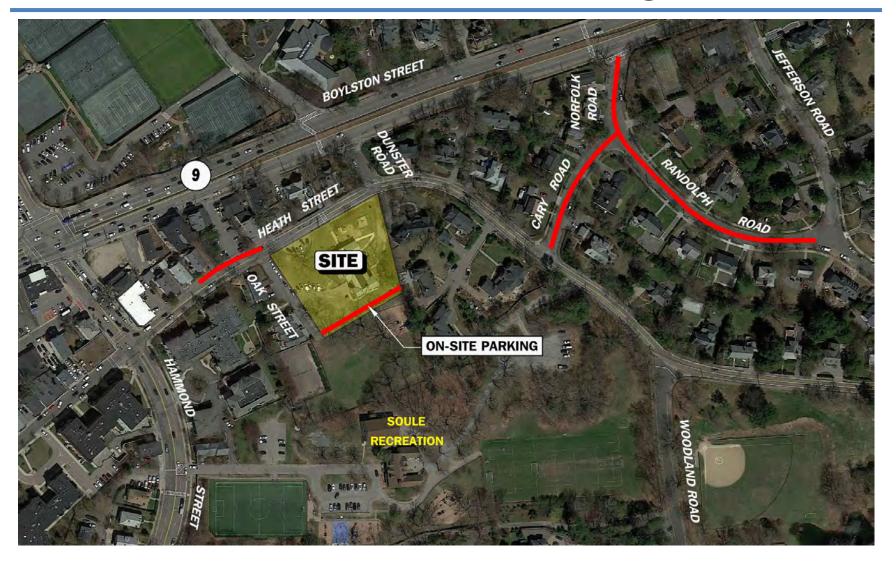
#### **Teachers On-Street Parking**







#### **Parent On-Street Parking**







### **Site Plan**



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# **Site Comparison**

#### Lincoln School Driscoll School Runkle School

#### **Similar Characteristics**

- Police details
- Parent Drop-Off/Pick-ups
- On-Street parent Drop-Off/Pick-ups
- On-Street teacher parking
- 15-20 minutes of increased activity

#### **Baldwin Site**

- Off-Street queue area (650 ft)
- Dedicated visitor parking





#### Recommendations

#### **Project Area Access**

- The Main Driveway Off Heath Street
- A Bus Drop-off Area is Proposed on Site Off Heath Street
- Earlier Start Time

#### **Off-Site**

Hammond Street at Route 9 and Hammond Street at Heath Street

• This Intersection Should Be Retimed and Coordinated with Route 9 Signal

#### Police Control

- Heath Street at Oak Street (School Exit)
- Hammond Street At Heath Street

#### School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Traffic Management Plan

Note: This is what is happening today at Coolidge Corner School with great success

- Police Detail Officer
- School Staff Should Be Stationed at The Drop-off
- A Designated Drop-off/Pick-up Area
- A Lane Along the Entryway Will Remain Unobstructed
- Parents and Caregivers Will Be Given Information on School Drop-off and Pick-up Times and Procedures





### Recommendations

#### **Pedestrian Improvement**

New crosswalks

- Heath Street
- Hammond Street

#### Sidewalks entering the site

• Heath Street

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon

- Hammond Street Near Soule School
- Route 9 at Dunster Road

#### **Busing/Vans**

- 120 Students ( 2 Buses)
- 25 METCO Students (1 Bus)
- 30 RISE Students (9 Vans)

#### **Bicycle Considerations**

Bicycle Racks Should Be Provided

- Bicycle Consideration By the Town:
  - Heath Street
  - Woodland Road





### Recommendations

#### **Transit Usage**

• Promote staff usage

#### **Traffic Monitoring**

Within three months after school opening and annually

- Pedestrian safety
- Crossing guards
- Police detail
- Level of student busing

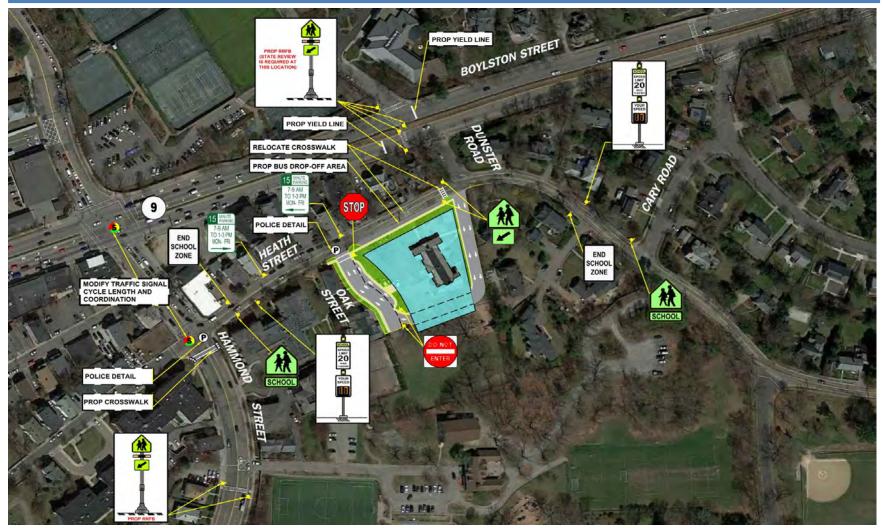
#### **Construction Management Plan**

A detailed Construction Management Plan should be prepared and reviewed by the Town





# Recommendations Pedestrian Access and School Signage Plan







# Summary

#### **SUMMARY**

- Safe Environment Can Be Maintained
- Delays and Queues Limited to Short Periods (15-20 Minutes)
- School Traffic Before Existing Peak
- Traffic Conditions Will Be Manageable

Qualitative Assessment: Good Site for New School

Neighborhood Impact: Comparable to Existing Schools





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## Preliminary Concept Design Alternatives



**Option A** "Quadrangle"



**Option B** "Solar Harvest"



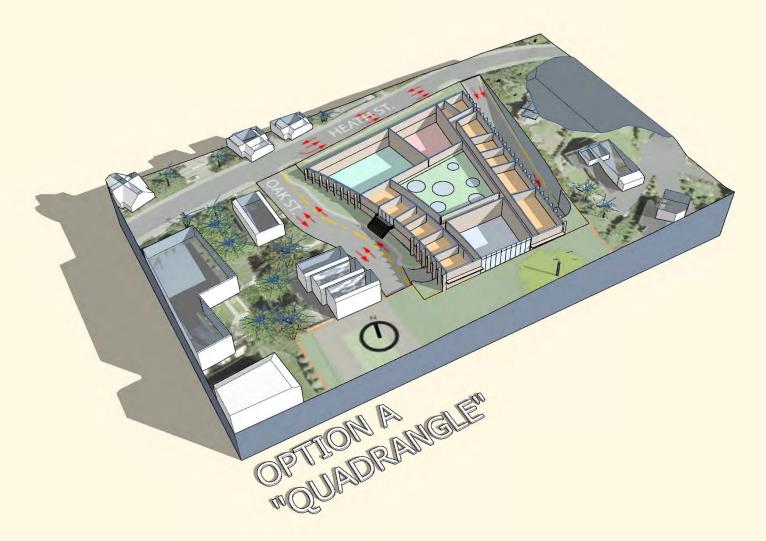
**Option C** "Twin Court"

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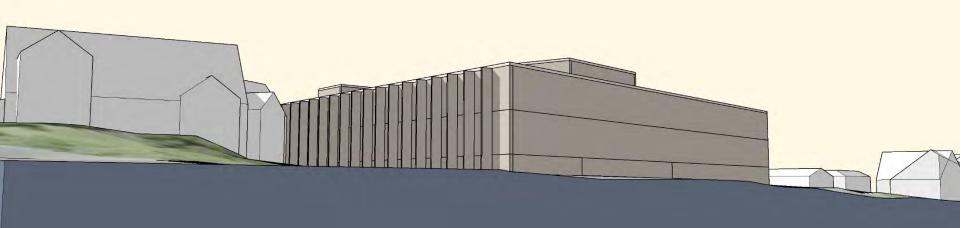
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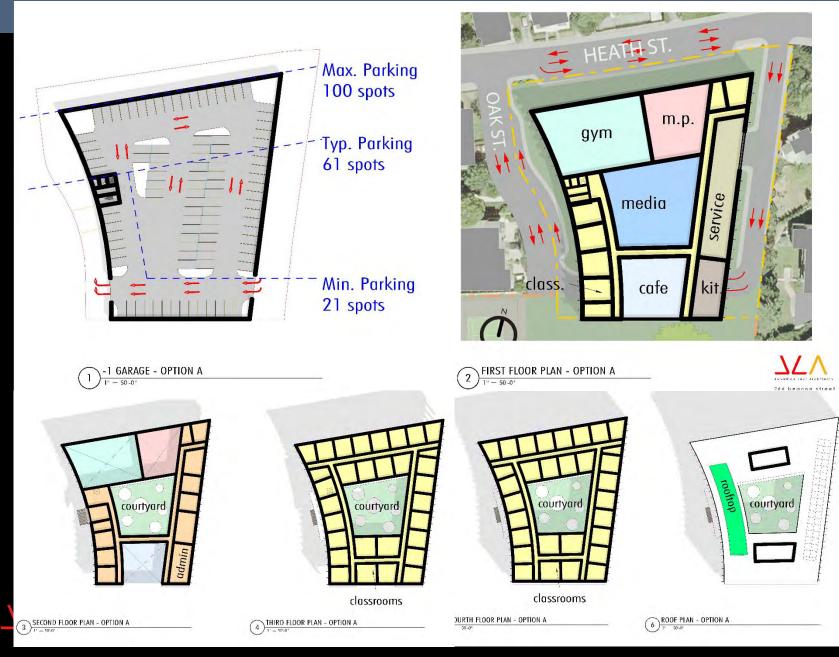


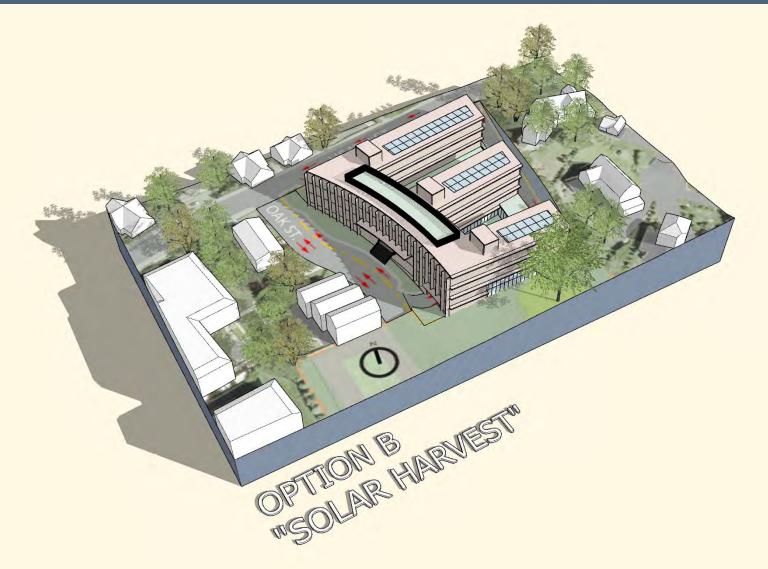




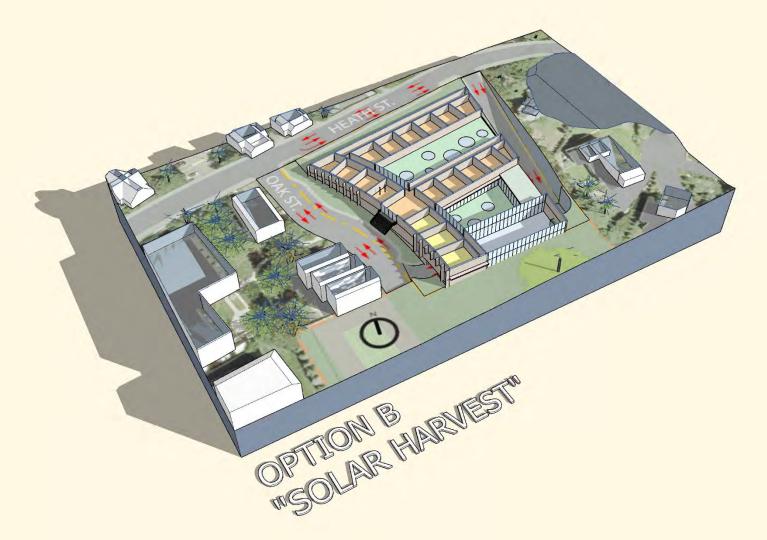


## Option A - Quadrangle

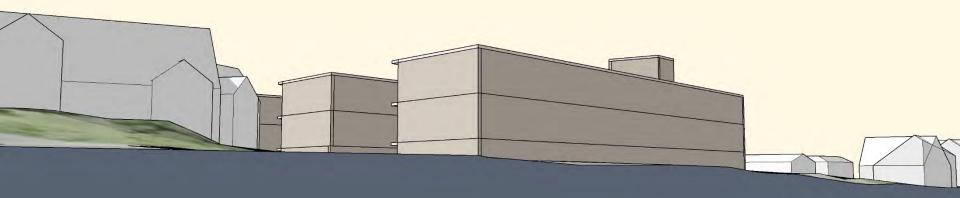






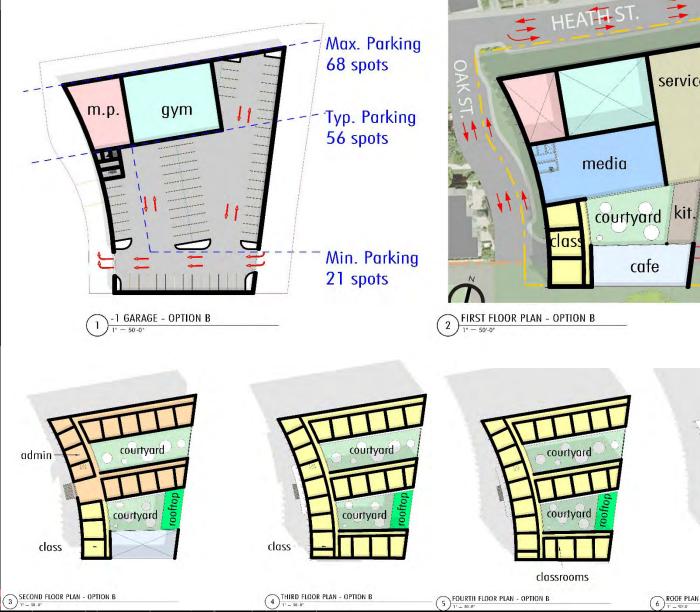








#### Option B – Solar Harvest



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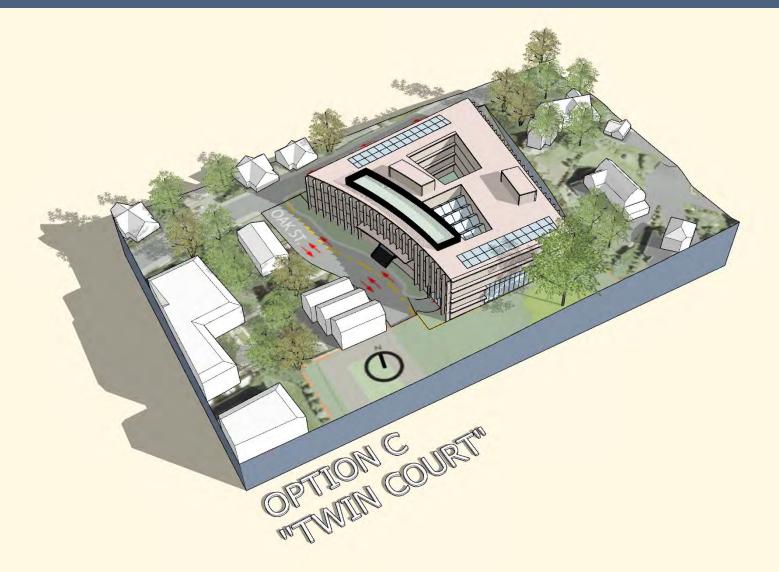
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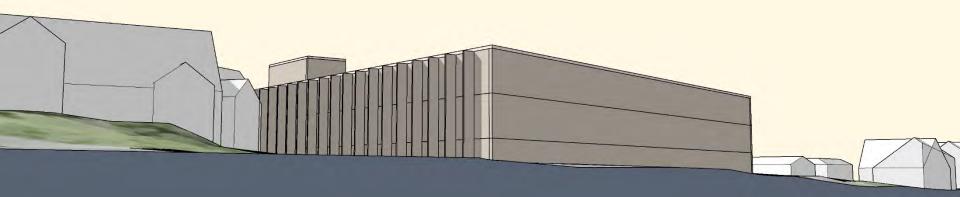
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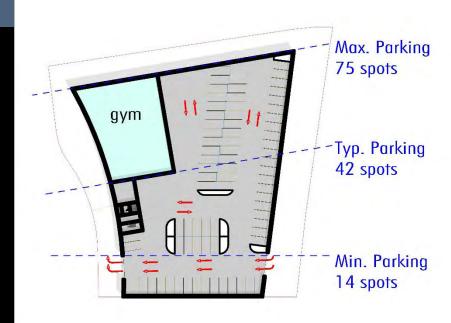


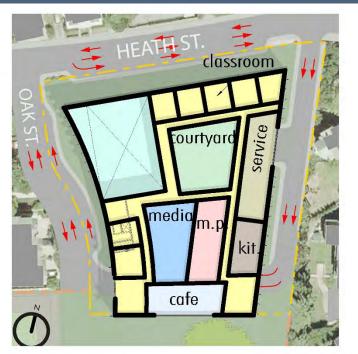




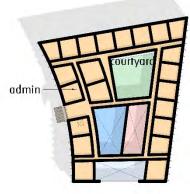


## Option C – Twin Court



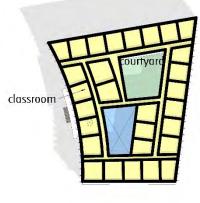






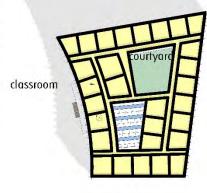
SECOND FLOOR PLAN - OPTION C

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THIRD FLOOR PLAN - OPTION C

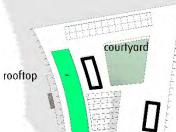
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5 FOURTH FLOOR PLAN - OPTION C

FIRST FLOOR PLAN - OPTION C 1" = 50'-0"

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266 beacon street

6 ROOF PLAN - OPTION C



## **Evaluation Topic Categories**

- 1. Project Viability Issues
- 2. Site
- 3. Teaching and Learning
- 4. Building Environment
- 5. Long Term Costs



#### Evaluation Topics - Project Viability Issues

- 1. Total Project Cost
- 2. Schedule
- 3. Traffic
- 4. Risk



#### **Evaluation Matrix Topics - Site**

- 1. Construction Impact to Neighbors
- 2. Open Space / Building Massing / Footprint
- 3. Community Use



## **Evaluation Matrix Topics – Teaching and Learning**

- 1. Educational Program Accommodation
- 2. Flexibility-Fixed Classroom Count per Cohort
- 3. Collaborative / Project Based Learning
- 4. RISE



## Evaluation Matrix Topics – Building Environment

- 1. Flexibility-Building Systems
- 2. Security
- 3. Natural Light and Views
- 4. LEED / Sustainability



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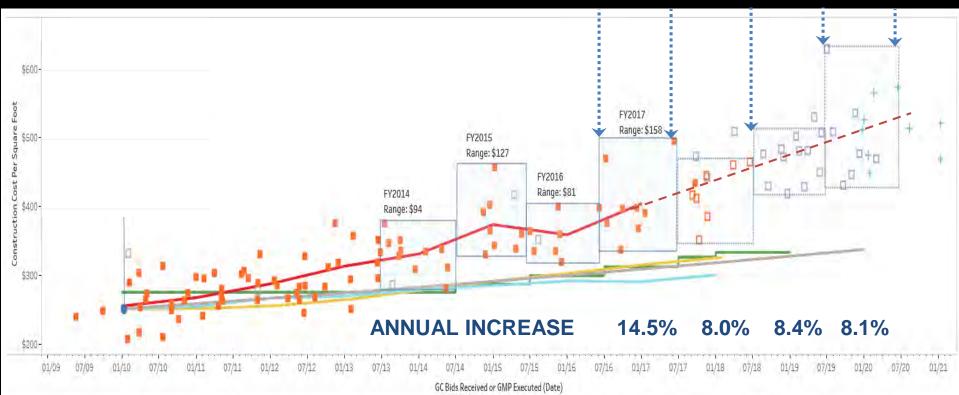
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#### **COST ESCALATION OF RECENT MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS**



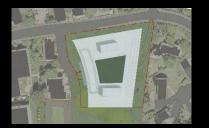


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#### Preliminary Project Cost Comparison Includes 10 Parking Spaces under Building (1.8M)

Includes \$1M for sidewalk improvements



Option A Quadrangle



Option B Solar Harvest

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Option C Twin Court \$74M – 78M

\$76M – 80M

\$77M – 81M

