

Driscoll Park and Playground Community Forum January 29, 2020



DRISCOLL PARK AND PLAYGROUND

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Tighe & Bond STUDIO



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Welcome Everyone!



- Introduction —
 - Goals & Priorities,
 - Design Review Process
 - Existing Conditions and Site Analysis
 - Open Discussion
 - Summary and Conclusion
- DRISCOLL PARK AND PLAYGROUND



Town-Wide Vote

On December 10, 2019 Town wide vote approved the appropriation of \$115.3M to build the new Driscoll School. Included in the appropriation are funds to create a new Driscoll Park and Playground once the new school is built and the existing school is removed.



PROJECT GOALS AND PRIORITIES

- Address issues of Universal Accessibility, including treatment of the park's perimeter and entries;
- Redesign for new playground to include play equipment for all ages and abilities and resilient safety surfacing;
- Upgrade the athletic field and support infrastructure
- Assess the grading and drainage to direct runoff appropriately
- Assess hardcourt play areas and uses
- Optimize location of site furniture and destinations for seating and picnicking throughout the park
- Assess plant health and develop planting plan



Community Comments Received

Comment Received:

Improve safe access for pedestrians and bikes.
Improve sidewalks and bike lanes

Comment Status:

The Town's Transportation department has approved a series of improvements, such as an improved signage plan, new bike lanes, new school drop-off lanes, and ADA compliant sidewalks. These will improve access to both the school and the park

Environmentally designed,
Ecologically friendly,
Energy efficient

The building will comply with the Town's Fossil Fuel Free guidelines

Play Space during construction

Play space to be provided during construction

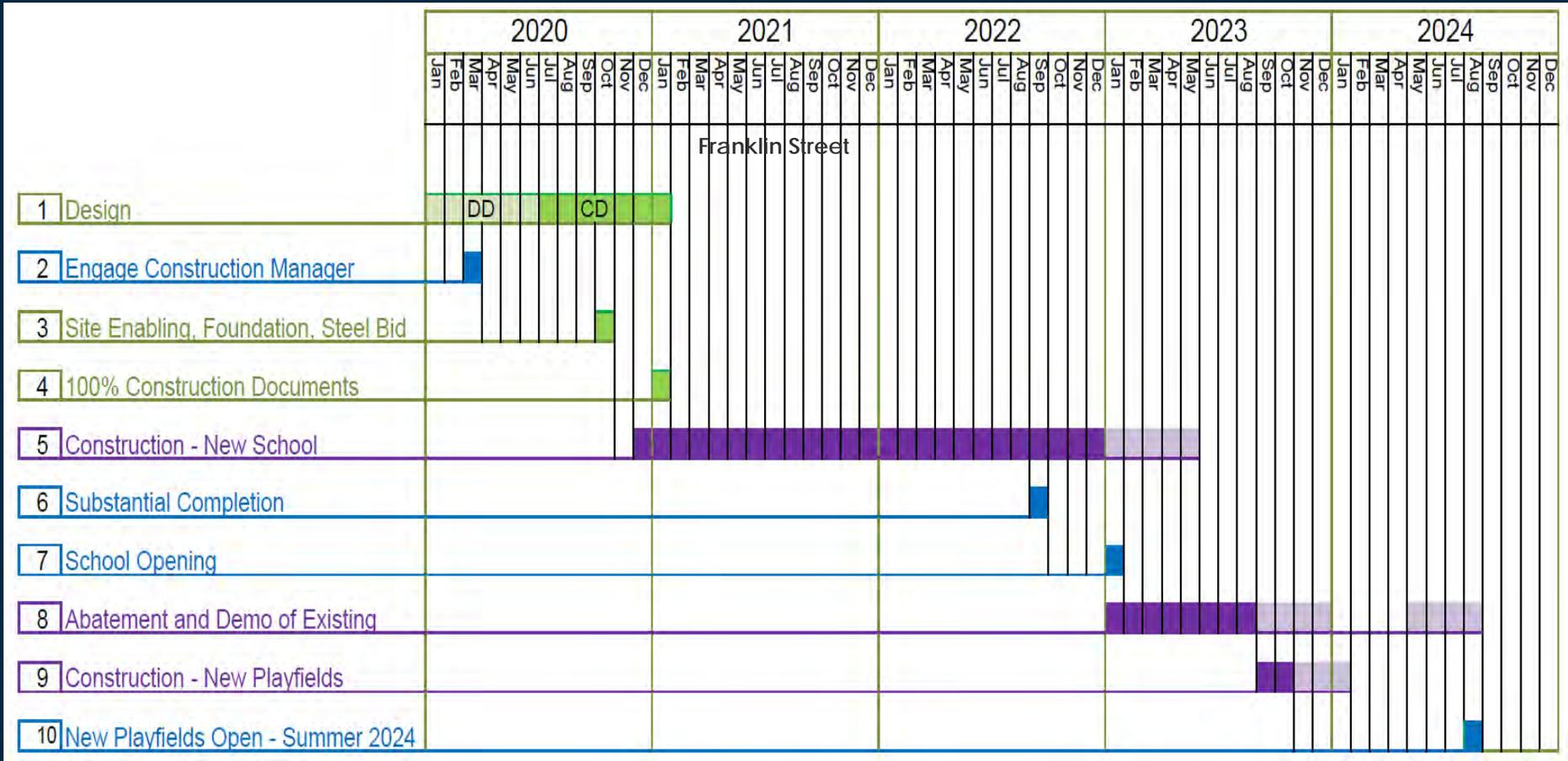


Design Review Process

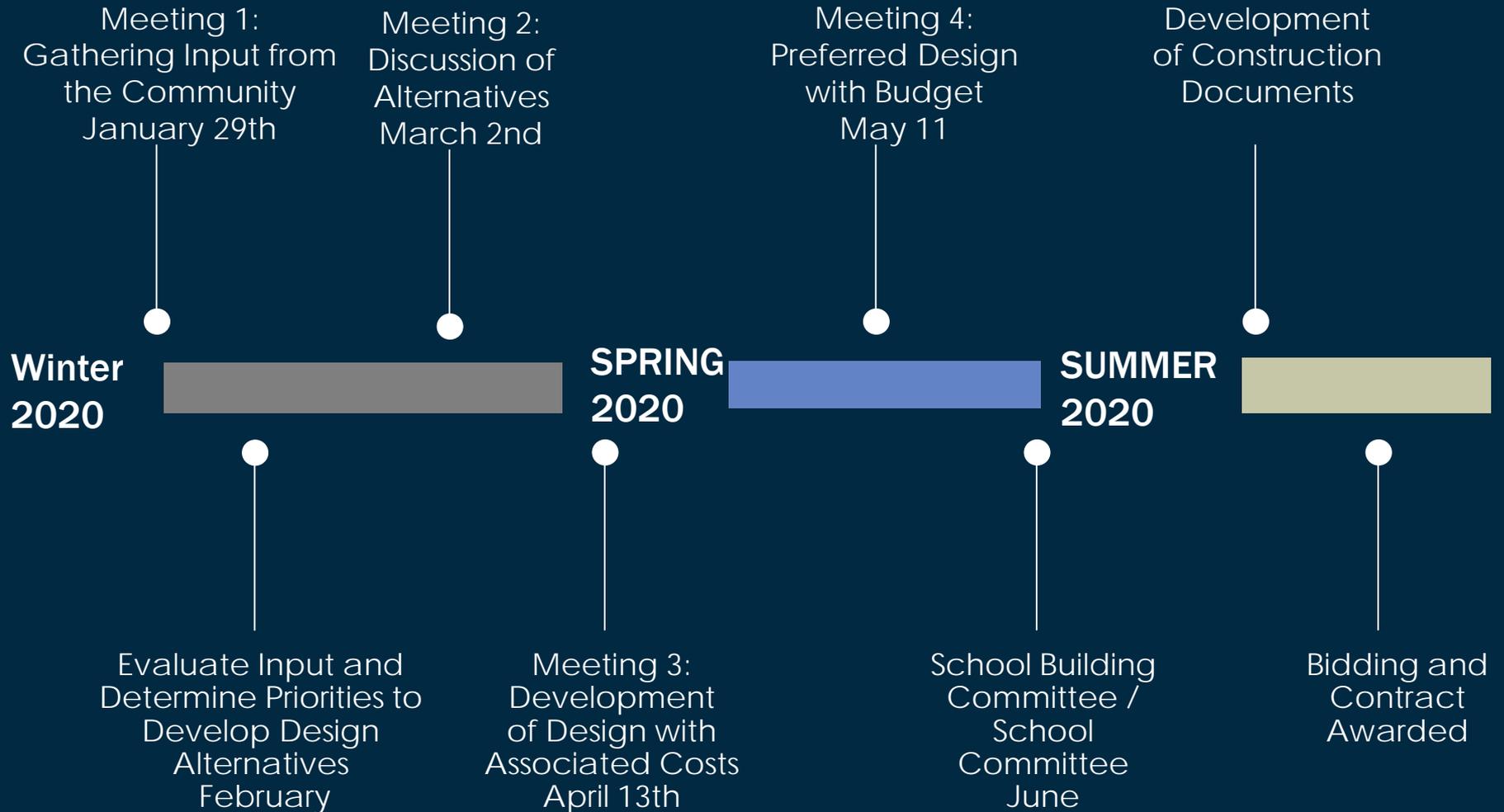
- Establishment of a Design Review Committee
- 7 Members:
 - 2 School Committee Members
 - 2 Park and Recreation Commissioners
 - 3 Members of the Public
 - Letter of Interest to School Committee
- Public discussion of alternative solutions
- Develop preferred concept plan
- Final presentation to School Committee/School Building Advisory



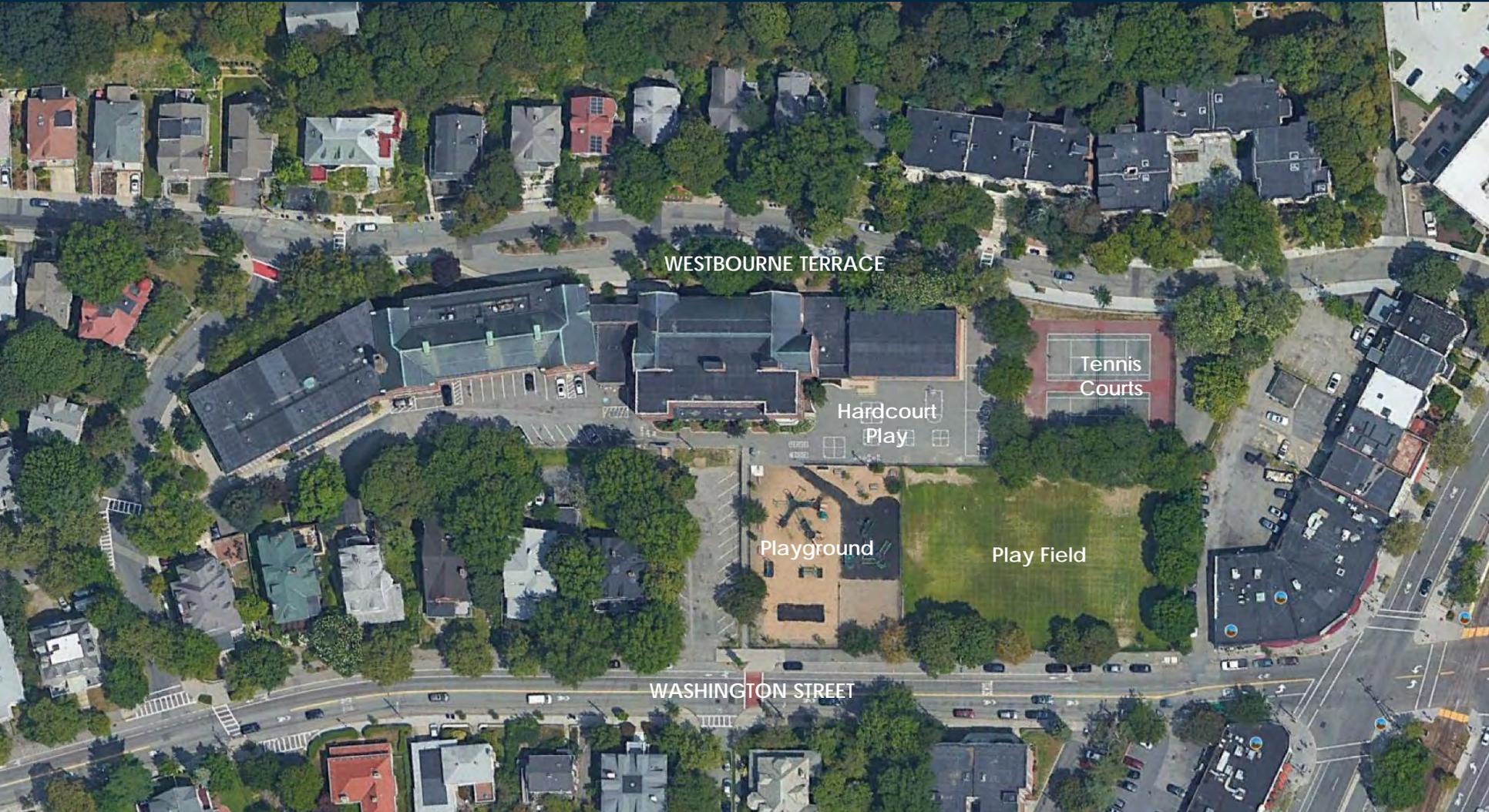
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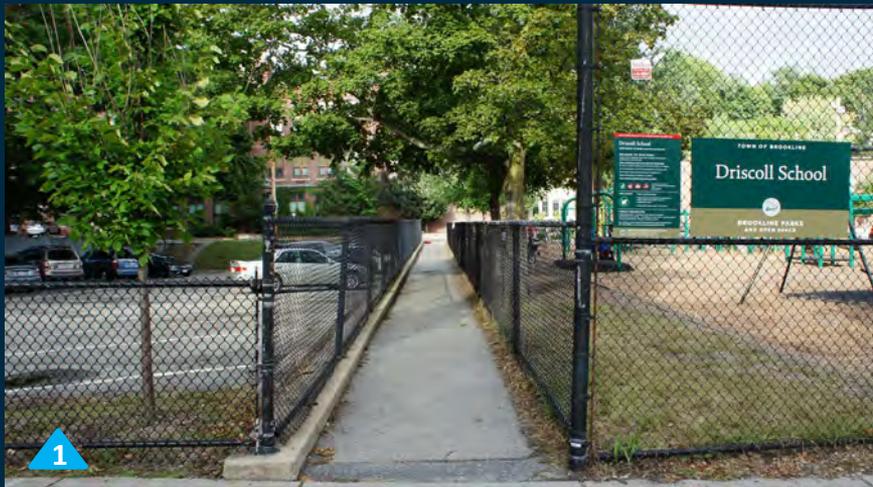
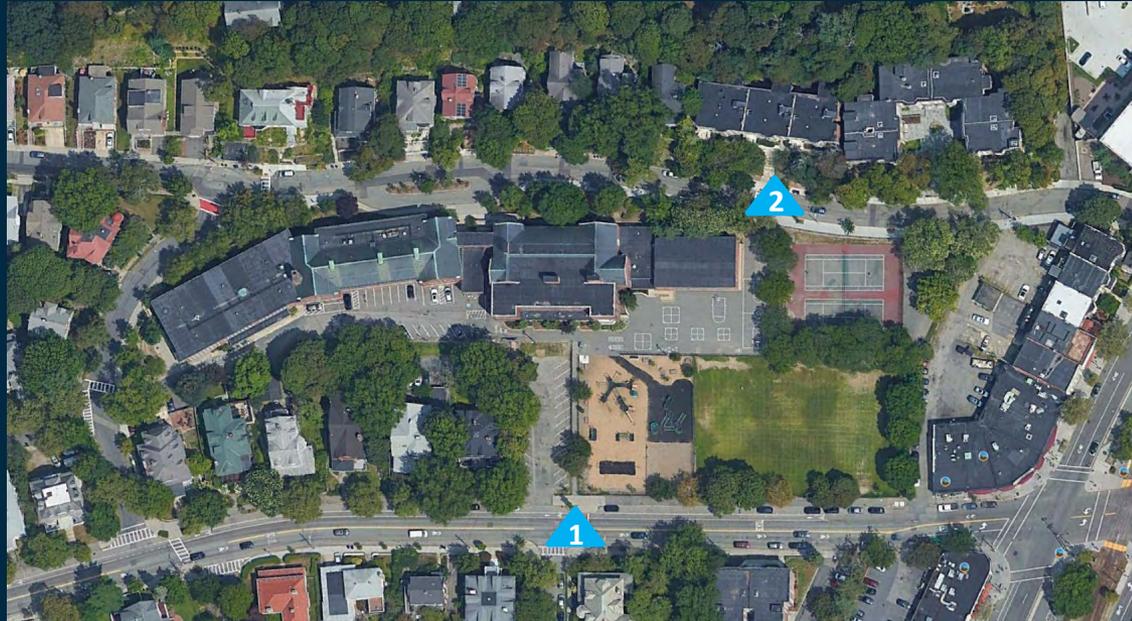
Landscape Design Timeline



Existing Aerial



PARK ENTRANCES

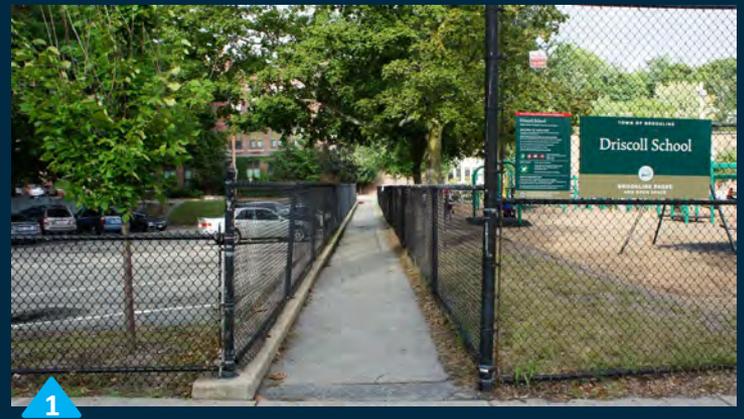
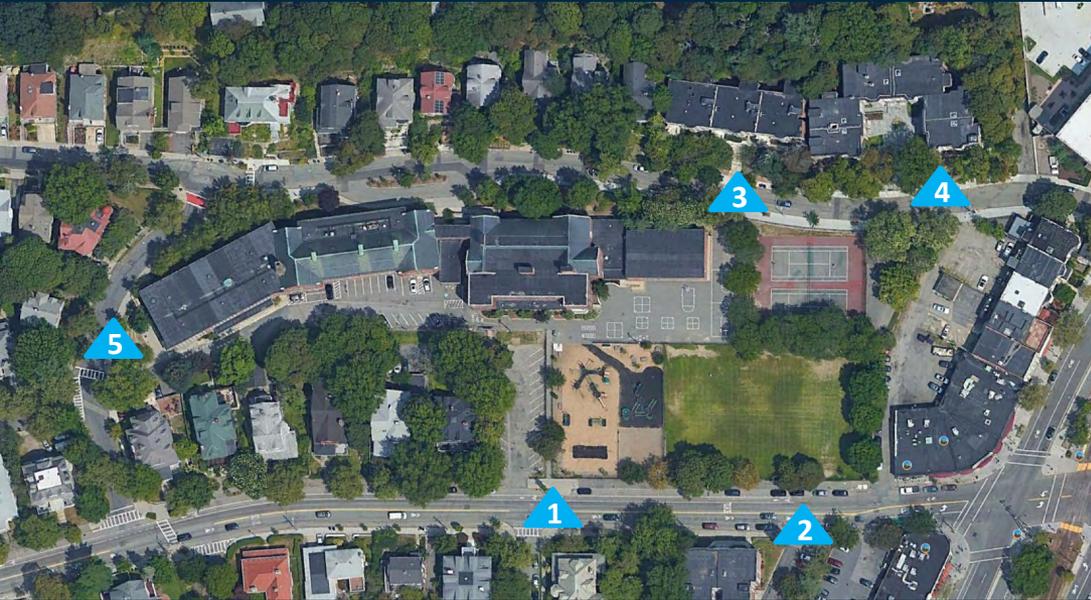


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PERIMETER



PLAY EQUIPMENT

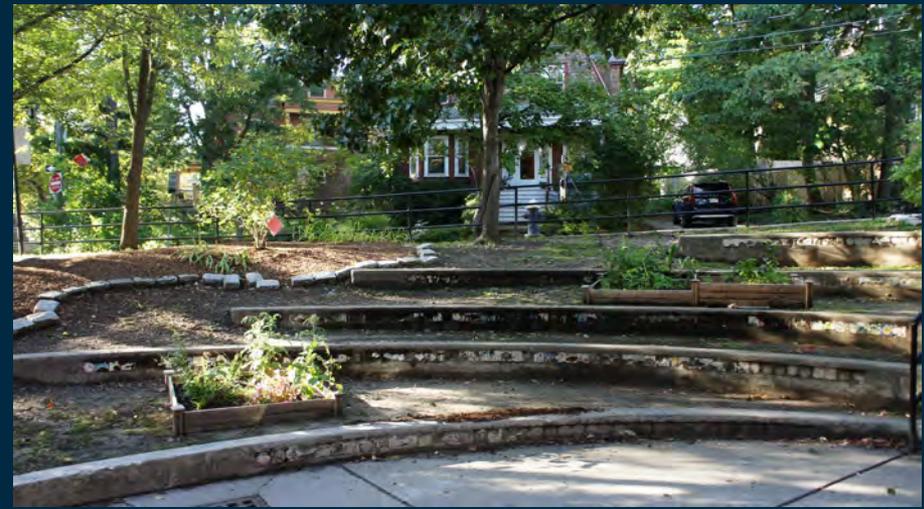


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LAWNS AND PLANTING



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ATHLETIC FIELD AND TENNIS COURT



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HARDCOURT PLAY AREA



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SITE FURNITURE



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School Program Priorities

From Driscoll Staff

- 3 PLAYGROUNDS:
 - GRADES PRE-K – 1
 - GRADES 2-5
 - GRADES 5-8
- SOCCER FIELD
- BASKETBALL COURT / HARDSCAPE PLAY SPACE
- GA-GA PIT / WALL BALL AREA
- OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS AND GARDENS / RAIN GARDEN
- SHADED SEATING AND GATHERING AREA
- SPLASH PAD?
- PERIMETER PATH
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- EQUIPMENT STORAGE



Test Fit Concepts Option A



Test Fit Concepts Option B



Test Fit Concepts Option C



Phasing Diagram - Phase 1

Driscoll Pre-Preliminary Phasing Drawing
Pending CMR input

Phase 1 - New Building Construction



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Phasing Diagram - Phase 2

Driscoll Pre-Preliminary Phasing Drawing
Pending CMR input

Phase 2 - Existing Building Demo

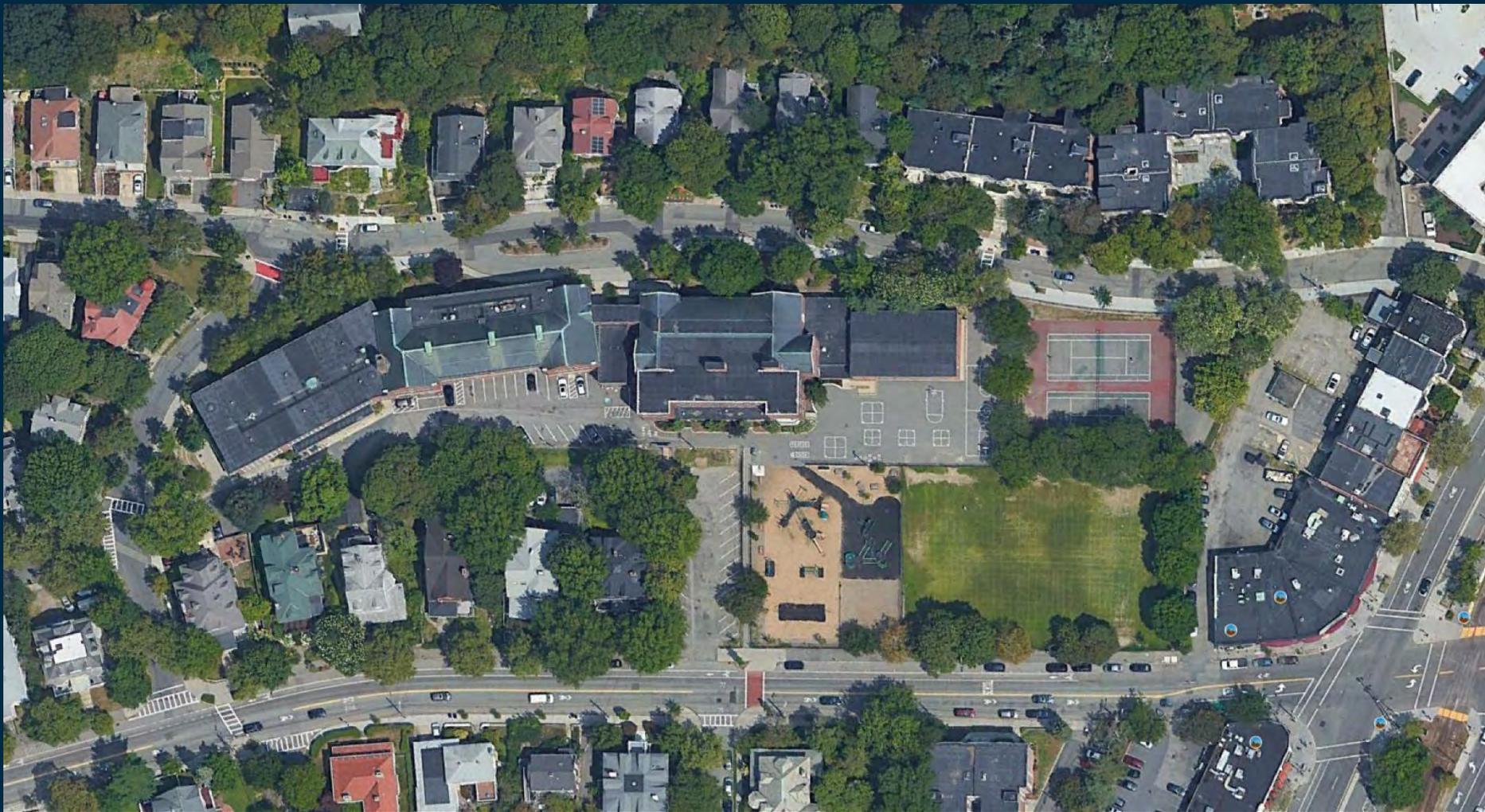


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DISCUSSION



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Thank you for coming!



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Contact Information

Your input is valuable - Please contact us with your ideas!

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The New Driscoll School

- STUDENTS INCREASE FROM 631 TO 800
- BECAUSE OF DENSITY IN SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD, SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT ZONE WILL NOT INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY
- ALL K-8 STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE
- THE VAST MAJORITY OF STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO GET TO SCHOOL BY WALKING

NECESSARY TO IMPROVE WALKABILITY AND
BIKE-ABILITY AND TO INCREASE SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS
AND CYCLISTS



Improving Safety for Walkers

- Widen and upgrade sidewalks on Westbourne (both sides), and Washington (north side)
- Improve crosswalks at: Salisbury Road, Westbourne, Beacon, and at service delivery right of way
- Improve signage on Westbourne, Beacon, Bartlett, and Washington including “Your Speed Is” electronic warning signs, and a rectangular rapid flash beacon on Washington
- Organize vehicle traffic so cars, deliveries, and buses/vans have separate and distinct drop off areas with sufficient space that does not interfere with pedestrians
- Add stops signs on Bartlett Crescent (both ends), school driveway, service delivery right of way



Improving Safety for Walkers



Encouraging Biking and Improving Safety for Cyclist

All of the improvements for walkers PLUS

Covered bike racks at both entrances (*will confirm how many during Design Development*)

Two staff showers

Designated bike lanes



Improving Vehicle Safety

- Separate, designated areas for car drop off (Westbourne), bus drop off (Washington) and deliveries (Service Road Right of Way)
- Designated staff stationed at drop off areas to support safety for those exiting cars and pedestrians
- Staff will help enforce these guidelines
- Westbourne widened to have a full parking lane that will be used for drop off and pick up. Includes 4' lined safety buffer separating cars dropping off/picking up students from travel lane
- Washington St widened to provide bus, van, and handicapped parking that is separate from the westbound travel lane

Improving Vehicle Safety

