

NOVEMBER 2018

# Baldwin School Building Project

FEASIBILITY DESIGN PHASE OVERVIEW

## By the Numbers

**40%**

Total enrollment growth of  
K-8 schools at PSB from  
2006-2017

**90**

Total number of core  
classrooms at PSB that  
currently exceed class size  
targets.

**195**

Total number of K-8  
students who currently live  
within 0.5 miles of the  
Baldwin School.

## Overview

- 2 Section, 18 classrooms,  
PreK-8 School
- BEEP, Special Education  
(RISE) and English Learner  
Education (ELE) Programs
- Projected Enrollment: 420  
- 450 students, 86 staff
- Preliminary Size: 108,250  
Sq. Ft. (Gross Square Feet)

## Background

Over the past ten years, Brookline has experienced historic enrollment in its K-8 schools, growing from 3,904 students in 2006 to 5,482 students in 2017.

Today, children are crowded into schools without adequately-sized cafeterias, gymnasiums, and auditoriums. They must endure learning spaces carved out of auditoriums, locker rooms, active passageways between buildings, modular classrooms, temporary rentals, and windowless storage spaces.

These outdated building layouts create unnecessary transition time and remain environmentally inefficient. In addition, dilapidated play-spaces and small auditoriums limit the extent of extracurricular programming that can be provided outside of school hours. Having added more than 60 classrooms to our existing schools through the "expand-in-place" strategy, schools are now severely overcrowded.

After more than a decade of struggling to absorb students into substandard spaces, the Town has a new way forward. On June 13, 2018, the Select Board, School Committee, and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee approved a three-school solution that will add the classroom capacity needed to provide relief across the entire town. Included in that plan is a proposed expansion of the Baldwin School.

Expanding Baldwin will alleviate overcrowding across all of our schools, provide new and modern facilities fit for educating our children into the next century and enhance the Chestnut Hill neighborhood with new community resources that can be accessed by all.

For more information and to provide comments online, please visit [www.brookline.k12.ma.us/baldwin-expansion](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/baldwin-expansion)

# Feasibility Design Phase Timeline

During this phase of the construction process, the Baldwin School Building Committee, with input from community members, Town Boards, PSB Staff and Families, will select a preferred design option for the Baldwin School.

## August - October

- Architects develop and present Preliminary Design options for the Building Committee and community members to review.
- Traffic, Parking, Geo-technical, Engineering, and Legal reviews conducted.
- Public meetings and hearings held to incorporate community feedback into design options.

## November - December

- Traffic report and preliminary cost estimates are finalized.
- Building Committee identifies a Preferred Design option and recommends it to the School Committee, Select Board, Advisory, and other Town boards.

## December 13

- Elected Town Meeting members review completed Feasibility Design report and recommendations and vote on Schematic Design Funding.

Following the Feasibility Design study, the Baldwin School Building Project will then proceed to the following stages (Currently Projected Dates):

### Schematic Design (Dec. 2018 - May 2019)

- Architects work with Building Committee, community members, Town Boards, PSB Staff and Families to develop interior and exterior layouts based on selection of preferred concept. Town meeting will then vote in May to approve Design Development.

### Design Development and Construction Documents (July 2019 - June 2020)

- Final design, floor plans and architectural drawings will be completed. Application for building permit.

**Construction (July 2020 - Sept. 2022):** Projected occupancy by Fall 2022.

## Get Involved

Come to our public meetings for project updates and provide comments and feedback!

**November 8:** Building Committee Meeting at Town Hall, 7:30 a.m.

**November 19:** Building Committee Meeting at Town Hall, 7:30 a.m.

**November 27:** Neighborhood Community Forum at TBD, 7:00 p.m.

**November 29:** Building Committee Meeting at Town Hall, 7:30 a.m.

**December 13:** Town Meeting at Brookline High School, 7:00 p.m.



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