

HEATH SCHOOL LISTENING SESSION NOTES  
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- Why these sites? Prior studies and Special town Meeting directed to these sites.
- Old Lincoln? Needs to be used in the short term for BHS swing space.
- Where is the need in terms of neighborhoods? Both in South and North Brookline.
- Consider safety, sound and learning impacts when building or renovating existing schools.
- What are the Town and School Departments doing to solve the issues over the long term? The Town needs to be thinking long term.
- Consider adding community space at any site this is expanded (i.e. a teen center)
- Build where the population is growing so students can continue to walk to school.
- Need to show us where the population is and where it is growing.
- Class size staying low is key.
- School size is also key. They can't get too big.
- Consider middle schools as a way of keeping elementary schools smaller.
- Don't consider middle schools. Keep the K-8 model.
- Don't spend money on bussing.
- Important to consider and know how to phase construction at multiple sites.
- 3-section size is preferable; hesitant about changing the size of the school.
- Walkability is very important.
- Would prefer smaller class size, if we move to a 4-section school.
- Need to consider the financial realities and impact on taxpayers
- If a 1,000 student school works for some in Town, we can't say it doesn't work for others.

- Need to be open about the costs of each option.
- Consider Northeastern University's Parsons Field.
- Think about air purification when building on existing schools because of environmental, allergy and breathing concerns.
- The K-8 model is strong because of relationships and continuity of kids.
- Important to help us understand how phasing would happen – including how and if students would be on or off site during construction.
- Need to consider parking on site.