HEATH SCHOOL LISTENING SESSION NOTES
JANUARY 19, 2018

- 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.