

PIERCE SCHOOL LISTENING SESSION NOTES
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- HMFH evaluates needs for renovation of existing classrooms vs. building new spaces
- Suggestion: Upper & Lower (new/old), NOT new/old K-8 + K-8 – need to ensure equitability
- Pierce community is receptive, but needs equity in relation to other Brookline schools
 - Ex. Unit A
 - Think of Pierce as a site owned by Town
 - Community will not support putting brand new school next to old school / keeping in mind the unique architecture of Pierce
- Open classroom ~~is~~ preferred
 - Suggestion: use of white noise ~~is~~ preferred
- MSBA funding use = TBD, but being considered
- Suggestion: Look at other town spaces (not just those existing/those next to Pierce/take an expansive look
- YES, in my backyard – Support building a school at Pierce
- Suggestion: Use BHS as model for Pierce
 - 2 spaces, 1 being academic & 1 for arts/gyms
- What will happen to Unit A if pressure of overcrowding = removed?
- Even if Pierce ~~is~~ renovated, renovation/expansions @ other schools will relieve overcrowding
- Need to ensure that creative designs of spaces still effectively manage students
- Concerns about traffic circle
 - Think of building & traffic circle as 2 spaces with separate needs
- If not @ Pierce, will Town have “appetite” for another renovation in BPS in future?