

TOWN-WIDE FORUM LISTENING SESSION NOTES
JANUARY 23, 2018 @ PIERCE SCHOOL

- Consider building a school that could be used for a different community use if enrollment declines in the future.
- We need to make a decision and move forward.
- Will sites that have been defeated earlier be considered again?
- Heath Street sites don't seem workable. Pine Manor should not be considered any more.
- Need to consider the conditions that teachers are working in and the message it sends to them. Plans must include renovation as well as expansion.
- Don't begin the design process by trying to conform with local, residential zoning requirements. Recognize that the size of a new school should be based on the needs of the school and enrollment.
- Burden of enrollment, class size, etc. needs to be balanced across the schools.
- Multi-site options strategy strongly supported.
- Be sure to look at where development will happen over the next 10 years.
- Select Board, ZBA, TM, Planning board need to consider zoning regulations that keep increasing housing.
- Add equity to the evaluation criteria, e.g. Pierce is run down and needs renovation; spend some more money now to get better facilities.
- Same number of kids or increase to 5 sections at Pierce if it means improved facility.
- 5 sections seem too big. Important to consider the number of students and impact on student schooling experience.
- Building in one area may mean moving students to other schools depending where capacity is built.
- Regardless of where a school or more capacity is put, traffic will operate at best efficiency possible in the future.

- If busing results from selected site location, Town should know about it in advance.
- It may be that students, who don't walk now, may continue not to walk.
- Need to replace the core, common and community spaces that have been lost due to expand in place (including BEEP and Extended Day).
- Multiple overrides ask a lot of citizens to pay for these capital projects.
- Make 111 Cypress the 9th school.
- If the school is built at Baldwin or Pine Manor, many students will be bused.
- BHS, 9th school and Town side need to come together to find a workable solution for all the needs.
- Risks of Pine Manor site are great because delays are likely due to lack of access to the site to study it thoroughly and likely lawsuits.
- Old Lincoln needs to be considered. It's closer to North Brookline where the density is.
- Pierce has a desperate need for renovation; concern that Pierce will only get the attention it needs if it's part of the multi-site solution.
- Would love to see Pierce as part of the solution.
- Pierce needs attention and needs to be part of the solution.
- Take a hard look at and apply for MSBA funding.
- Old Lincoln School should be part of the solution.
- Modularity could be used as part of the High School renovation swing space instead of Old Lincoln.
- Consider seeking private partnerships including naming rights and raising private funds to help fund school renovation/expansion projects.