

9th School Site Selection – June 2016 Update



**JOINT BOARD OF SELECTMEN/
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

JUNE 7, 2016



Tonight's Presentation



1. Why does Brookline need a 9th K-8 Elementary School?
2. What has Brookline been doing to address enrollment growth?
3. What happens if we don't build a 9th K-8 Elementary School?
4. The Timeline: Aiming for Fall 2020
5. Current Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Why does Brookline need a new K-8 elementary school?



**DRAMATIC AND ONGOING ENROLLMENT
GROWTH**



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Enrollment 2011-2021

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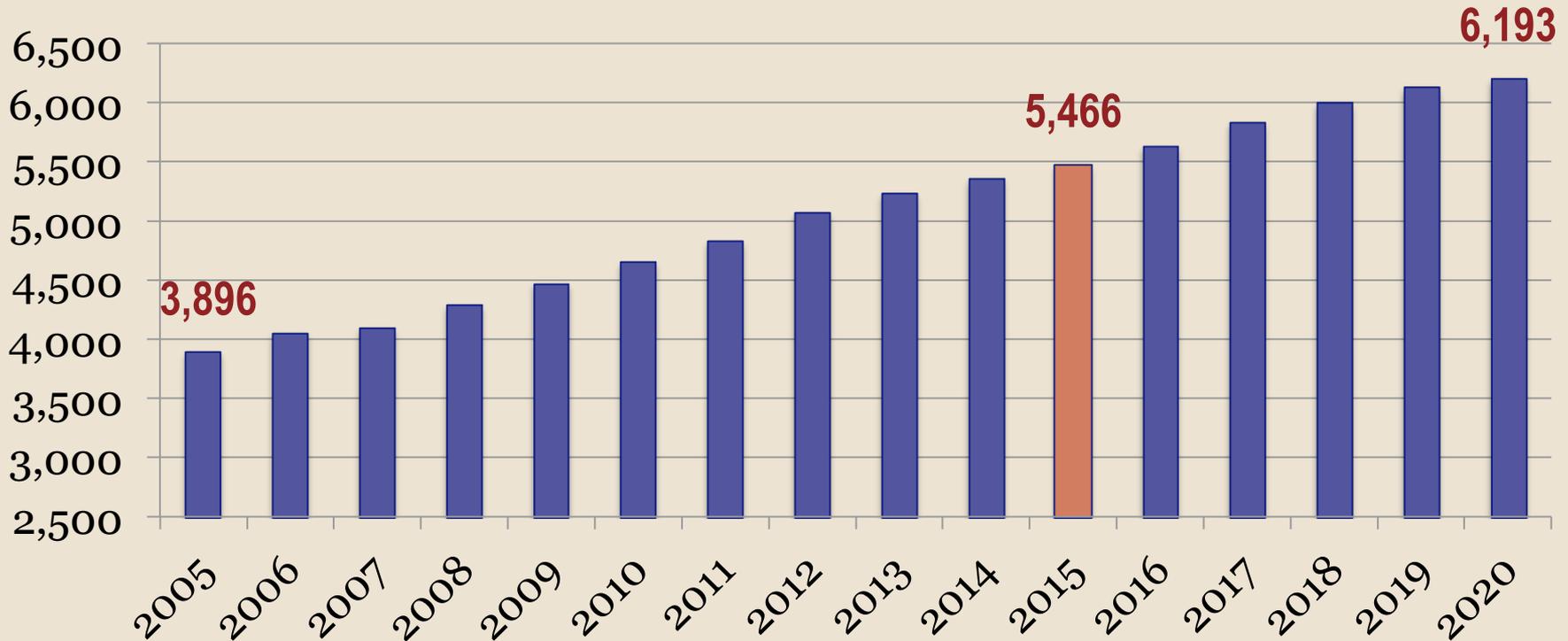
School Year	K-8 Enrollment	9-12 Enrollment	K-12 Total	Increase from Previous Year
2010-11	4,652	1,726	6,378	+ 161
2011-12	4,827	1,777	6,604	+ 226
2012-13	5,067	1,774	6,841	+ 237
2013-14	5,228	1,802	7,030	+ 189
2014-15	5,354	1,893	7,247	+ 217
2015-16 *	5,466 (+814 since 2010)	1,946 (+220 since 2010)	7,412 (+1,034 since 2010)	+ 165
2016-17	5,628	2,027	7,655	+ 243
2017-18	5,827	2,115	7,941	+ 286
2018-19	5,994	2,250	8,244	+ 303
2019-20	6,122	2,308	8,430	+ 186
2020-21**	6,193 (+727 from 2015)	2,397 (+451 from 2015)	8,591 (+ 1,179 from 2015)	+ 161
10 year totals	+ 1,541 (+33%)	+ 671 (+38%)	+ 2,213 (+37%)	



Dramatic Enrollment Growth

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K-8 Enrollment



Notes on October 2015 Enrollment Projections:

- Does not include BEEP enrollment
- Includes projected school-age population from proposed developments at: 86 Dummer St., 45 Marion St., The Residences of South Brookline, 111 Cypress St., and Crowninshield Rd.
- Does not include recently proposed residential developments - Puddingstone, 40 Centre St., 420 Harvard St.



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K-8 Enrollment 2005-2021

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School Year	K-8 Total	K-8 Change	% Change from 2005 - 2006
2005-06	3,896	---	---
2010-11	4,652	+ 756	
2015-16	5,466	+ 814	
2020-21	6,193	+ 727	
10 Year Growth – 2005 - 2015		+ 1,570	40%
15 year Growth – 2005 - 2020		+ 2,297	59%



- Since 2005: K-8 Enrollment Increase = the size of Baker School + Pierce School
- In the next 5 years: K-8 Enrollment Increase = the size of Lawrence School
- We are adding the equivalent of a K-8 school every five years

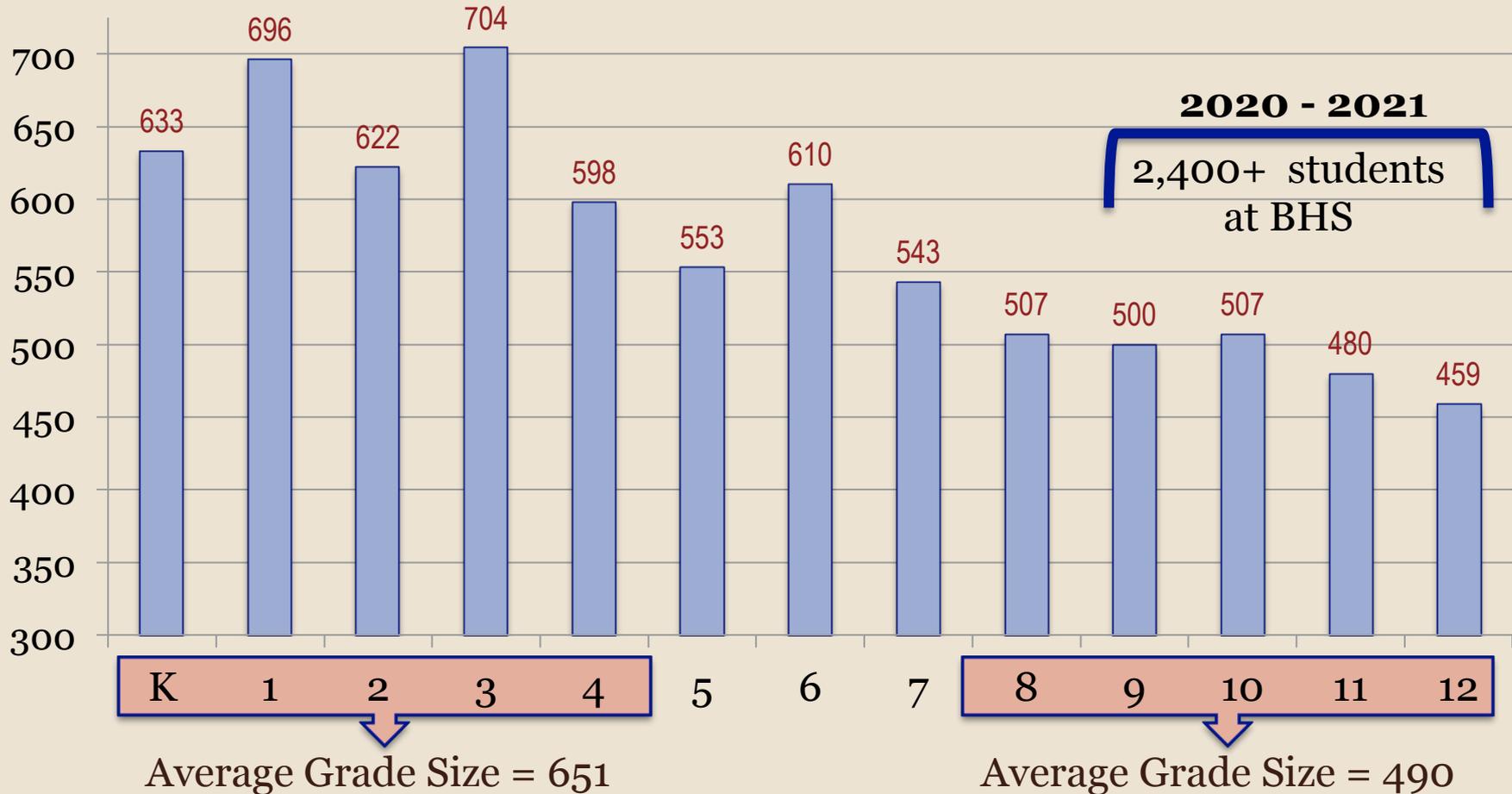


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Enrollment by Grade 2015-2016





Classroom Capacity 2015 – 2021

- Based on a maximum class size of 22 (K-3) and maximum class size of 25 (4-8) and assuming average class size of 21 students across K-8

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Rooms Available	254	255	255	260	260	260
Total Rooms Needed	259	265	270	280	285	290
Projected Shortage	- 5	- 10	- 15	- 20	- 25	- 30

Short-Term Solutions until a 9th school

- Additional modulars
- Additional Rental space
- Creating more substandard space w/in schools
- Larger class sizes
- Core Facilities would remain inadequate

Does not take into account

- BEEP classrooms
- Potential for more aggressive growth from new developments
- Currently leased classrooms

What has Brookline been doing to address our dramatic increase in K-8 enrollment?





Studies and Plans



- 2009 Facilities Master Plan created by MGT
 - ❖ Updated in 2011 with by MGT
- 2013 Brookline School Population and Capacity Exploration (B-SPACE) Committee
 - ❖ Included 2013 Feasibility Study by HMFH Architects
 - ❖ Resulted in recommitment to “Expand-in-Place” Strategy
- 2014 Override Study Committee Report – included demographic projections done by MIT team
- Dec 2014 – Civic Moxie commissioned to do study on possible locations for 9th elementary school



Expanding in Place: 2008 - 2015

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54 classrooms added through the “**Expand-in-Place**” strategy since **2008** including but not limited to:



6 classrooms built at **Heath**

4 classrooms built at **Lawrence**

2 modular classrooms added at **Baker**

11 BEEP classes moved out of K-8 buildings into rental space

3 classrooms in rental space for **Pierce**

1 brand new school will be built at **Devotion** to add 12 classrooms



Expanding in Place: 2008 - 2015

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- **Relocated** administrative offices from school buildings into rental space
- **Created** new classrooms by dividing larger ones
- **Converted** hallways, locker rooms, and small rooms into substandard classroom spaces and administrative office space
- **Expanded** and utilized buffer zones to distribute enrollment increases across all schools to balance overcrowding
- **Reclaimed** classrooms dedicated to Extended Day and other programs
- **Spending \$1 million annually** for rental space for classroom and administrative offices

What happens if we don't build a 9th Elementary School?



“The strategies of maximizing space, re-allocating underutilized space, reducing staff space, and relocating some operations and staff off site have been exhausted.”

CIVIC MOXIE STUDY - OCTOBER 2015



Impact of “No-Decision”



What will happen if we don't build a new elementary school?

- A shortage of 27 to 30 classrooms across the district at the K-8 level
- Undersized cafeterias will result in all K-8 schools starting lunch before 10:30 a.m. (2 schools do this now, and 2 more start before 11.)
- Inadequate core facilities such as gymnasiums and libraries will not be addressed
- Expand the use of expensive, short-term solutions such as modular classes and rental space.
- Class sizes continue to increase . . .



Impact of “No-Decision”



Class Size Continues to Increase

	2015-16	2020-21
Total K-8 Enrollment	5,466	6,193
Total Rooms Available	254	260
K-8 Class Size Average	21	24
Number of K-8 classes with 25 or more students	7	75+
Range in K-8 class size	17 to 27 students	18 to 30 students

The Timeline



**AIMING FOR A NEW ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TO BE BUILT BY FALL 2020**



Recent Progress 2015-2016

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Collaborative Effort Across Town Departments and Commissions

- ❖ Planning Board
- ❖ Building Commission
- ❖ Park and Recreation Commission
- ❖ Advisory Committee and related subcommittees
- ❖ Preservation Commission
- ❖ Conservation Commission



Recent Progress 2015-2016

October 2015

- Civic Moxie Report identified 26 possible sites with 6 identified as most promising;
- Board of Selectmen and School Committee voted:
 - Construction of a new elementary school as the preferred solution to address the ongoing enrollment growth; and
 - Staff to complete further due diligence on two of the six sites

November and December 2015

- Neighborhood Association Meetings with members of BOS and BSC
- Two Open House Presentations with Q&A
- Public Hearing
- Joint BOS and BSC public meeting

January – March 2016

- Two more joint BOS and BSC public meetings
- BOS, BSC, and Advisory Committee all vote to forego MSBA partnership to allow for greater flexibility on cost, design and timeline.
- Neighborhood Association Meetings continued
- Based on public input from October through January, Boards voted on further study of 3 sites : Village School, Beverly Road, and Baldwin/Soule



Best Case Scenario Timeline

Set by BOS/BSC in December 2015

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April – May 2016

- RFQ for Site Selection Study
- **Architectural firm selected for Site Study**
- Town Meeting appropriates funds for Feasibility Study phase

June – August 2016

- Site Selection Study

September & October 2016

- Site Studies completed
- Public process continues
- **Final Site Selection**

November 2016 – April 2017

- Feasibility Study phase
- Public presentations and hearings

May 2017 – October 2017

- Schematic Design phase
- Public presentations and hearings

Fall 2017

- Proposed Town Meeting & Debt Exclusion Override for Construction Funding

Fall 2017 to June 2018

- Construction Drawings phase

October 2018

- Construction begins

September 2020

- **School opens**

Site Selection Studies



- **VILLAGE SCHOOL (HARVARD ST. GROCERY STORE)**
- **BEVERLY ROAD**
- **BALDWIN SCHOOL/SOULE REC CENTER**



School Site Selection Study

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- **To be completed by Jonathan Levi Architects (JLA)**
- **Will include:**
 - ❖ Civil
 - ❖ Cost
 - ❖ Code/Accessibility
 - ❖ Educational
 - ❖ Geoenvironmental
 - ❖ Geotechnical
 - ❖ Hazardous Materials
 - ❖ Historic Preservation
 - ❖ HVAC
 - ❖ Landscape
 - ❖ Structural
 - ❖ Sustainability
 - ❖ Traffic



Ongoing Interdepartmental Work

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- Interdepartmental team will continue internal planning. For example:
 - ❖ Eminent domain/Legal acquisition
 - ❖ Land restrictions
 - ❖ Funding pathway
 - ❖ Continuing public input and feedback
 - ❖ Demographic and enrollment updates

Next Steps from Here



THE PATH TOWARDS FINAL SITE SELECTION



Current Schedule of Public Meetings

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June-August 2016:

- June 14: School Committee hosting public meeting to provide input to JLA
- July 26: Joint School Committee/Board of Selectmen meeting: JLA shares preliminary findings of Site Selection Study
- August 16: BOS/BSC Executive Session on site cost and other issues

September-October 2016:

- September 8: School Committee/Board of Selectmen joint meeting for JLA presentation on completed Site Selection Study findings
- Mid September – Early October: Two Open House meetings; Public Hearing; meetings with neighborhood associations

October 13:

- **Final Site Selection:** Joint School Committee/Board of Selectmen public meeting to make final site selection



Next Public Meeting

June 14 Community Meeting with Jonathan Levy Associates
Town Hall @ 7:00 p.m.

For ongoing updates

www.brookline.k12.ma.us/capitalprojects

To provide input

www.brookline.k12.ma.us/capitalprojects
Look for “email a question or comment” link