ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXPANSION PROJECT

OCTOBER 21, 2020

Agenda

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Project History

> 2018

- The School Enrollment and Capacity Exploration Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and School Committee
 - > Review the trend of increased enrollment at the elementary level and make a recommendation of future space considerations to support the educational goals of the Lynnfield Public Schools
 - > The committee's findings and final recommendation was that both elementary schools would require additional space to accommodate the increase in enrollment

>2020

- The School Building Committee was formed to act upon the final recommendation of the School Enrollment and Capacity Exploration Committee and undertake all actions related to the expansion of both elementary schools
 - > The recommendation from the Building Committee is to construct additions at each school along with additional school improvements as set forth in the conceptual design plans

Enrollment and Space Considerations

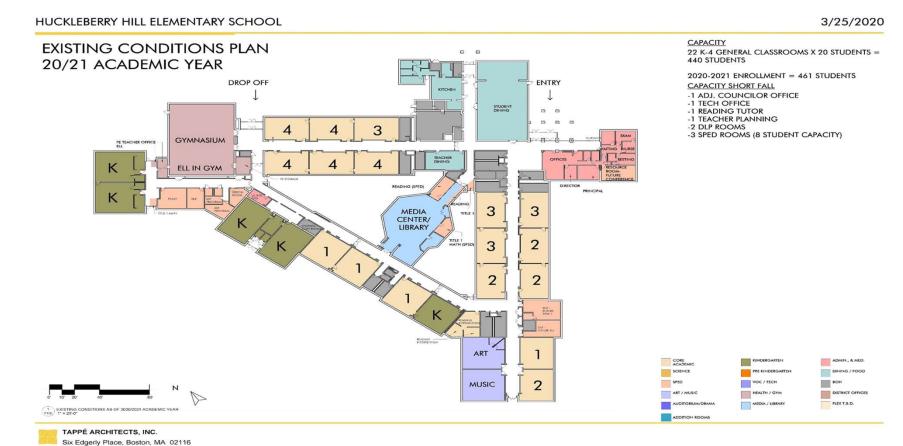
- Current Enrollment Huckleberry Hill
 - >452 students attending hybrid or full remote
 - > 18 students not attending this year but expected to return for the 2021-2022 school year
 - > Total student population: 470 students
- Current Enrollment Summer Street
 - > 392 students attending hybrid or full remote
 - > 23 students not attending this year but expected to return for the 2021-2022 school year
 - > Total student population: 415 students
- Total Number of Classrooms available 2020-2021: 42 district wide (HHS: 22/SSS: 20/885 students)
 - > Expected need 2021-2022: 43 classrooms (Enrollment projection: 931 students)
 - > Expected need 2022-2023: 46 classrooms (Enrollment projection: 978 students)
 - > Expected need 2023-2024: 47 classrooms (Enrollment projection: 1,002 students)
 - > Expected need 2024-2025: 48 classrooms (Enrollment projection: 1,030 students)
 - > **Number of classrooms needed are based projected enrollments using NESDEC (New England School Development Council) data**

Alternatives to Address Increased Enrollment

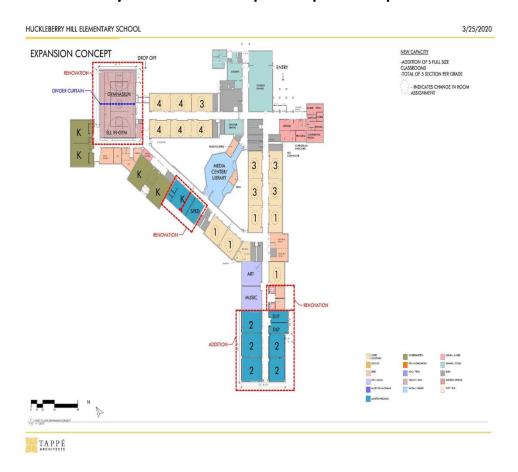
- Art and Music on a Cart
 - > Putting these programs on a cart or removing them from a dedicated teaching space will jeopardize the integrity of the instruction by limiting the resources that can be used and projects that can completed
- Redistricting
 - > Both HHS and SSS are both presently at capacity so redistricting does not solve the space issues
- Larger Class Size
 - Expand the current class size guidelines
 - ➤ Using today's enrollment and forecast the average class size would be 25-27 kids, using the assumption that the student population is split evenly between the two schools (2020-2021 breakdown is 54% @ HHS and 46% at SSS)
 - > 2020-2021 average class size is between 18-22 depending grade level
- Relocate the Pre-School
 - > Only affects Summer Street, and would only gain 2 classrooms when the need is for 5
 - Would require multiple new positions to be staffed
 - > PS would need its own Director, OT/PT, Nurse instead of leveraging these resources available at Summer Street School



Huckleberry Hill School Existing Floor Plan



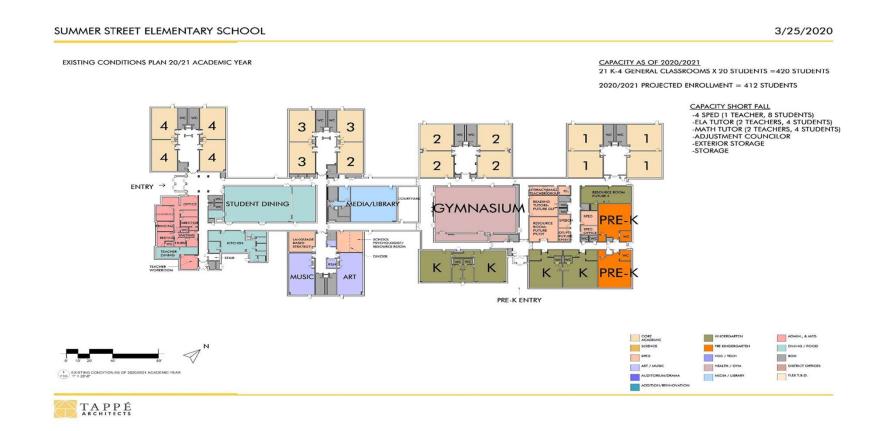
Huckleberry Hill School Conceptual Expansion Option



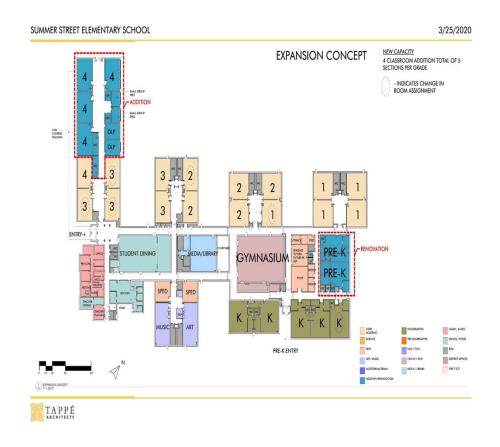




Summer Street School Existing Floor Plan



Summer Street School Conceptual Expansion Option





Cost, Funding and Construction Timeline

> Cost

- Total estimated cost for the building project is \$17 million
 - This dollar amount represents the all inclusive number (aka Full Project Cost Estimate)
 - Includes construction cost, consulting and design fees, project manager fees, basic furnishing costs for each new classroom as well as IT infrastructure costs)
 - > The estimate includes the upgrade to the Huckleberry Hill playing field (irrigation and new grass)
 - > The estimate is inclusive of construction contingencies and a budget for upgraded septic systems should it be determined that upgrades are needed at each school

Funding

- > The project cost would be funded by an appropriation through a debt exclusion vote by the Lynnfield Community
- > The debt exclusion would be for 20 years and would cost the average household \$205.88/year on their property tax bill
 - > This equates to roughly \$17/month per household...or about the same cost as a subscription to Netflix

Construction Timeline

> The project would be scheduled to begin in the summer of 2021 and would be substantially completed by September 2022

Important Dates

- Saturday November 21, 2020
 - > Special Town Meeting to review and make a recommendation on the project
- Tuesday December 8, 2020
 - > Special Town Election to approve the debt exclusion funding