

APS Facilities Needs 2015-2021

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The Needs - Elementary

- 17-20 Elementary Classrooms
 - 300 more students ($300/20 = 15$)
 - 6-9 for schools that are already overcrowded
 - 4 currently empty that can be used
 - starting next year
 - not in the schools where it is most needed

The Needs – Middle School

- 20 Classrooms
 - 350 more students
 - 14 regular classrooms ($350/25=14$)
 - 6 specialist classrooms
 - More gym space
 - More lunchroom space
 - More administrative space

The Needs - AHS

- We need to rebuild the High School
- 12/21/15 – we find out if we are chosen for a rebuild to start next year
- MSBA will be involved in this and to stay at the top of the list, we cannot put in for any other school renovations

4 Big Questions Need to be Answered:

1.) Elementary Neighborhood Schools

- How important?
- Definition of neighborhood?
 - Can it be a part of town?
- Redistricting to put students where the classrooms are?
 - How much does this help and for how long?

4 Big Questions Need to be Answered:

2.) Middle School Size

- Currently 7th largest in the state
- Make it a campus and own the size or break it up?
- Where to build?
 - Add to what we have
- Grade levels to put together – should one be alone?

4 Big Questions Need to be Answered:

3.) Class Size/Teacher Load

- Class size is not a number, but a teacher load
 - All students are not equal in their need
 - Age
 - Needs
 - What is educationally sound?
 - What can we afford?
 - How do we define?
 - What do parents/voters want?
- How will we mitigate classrooms that exceed this teacher load?
 - New classroom
 - Add teachers, aides, student teachers
 - When does it have to be another classroom?

4 Big Questions Need to be Answered:

4.) Town Impact

- We need to take some of our town resources to ensure the quality of schools that voters want
- We know it will cost money
- We need to build somewhere – what is the smallest impact on the other priorities our town has?

Looking at it another way

- Bring stressed elementary schools up to 24 classrooms each to enable them to hold 4 classes of each grade
 - This would mean we need to add 20:
 - Thompson: 6
 - Bishop: 6
 - Hardy: 3
 - Dallin: 3
 - Brackett: 2
- Some elementary schools will also need additional other space (gym, lunch, after school, specials, etc.)
- Add an additional 20 classes and additional space to the Ottoson

Our timeline (so far)

- December
 - 9: SETF (School Enrollment Task Force)
 - 10: Full School Committee
 - Get input from school committee on 4 big questions
 - Discussion of enrollment stresses, solutions, and recommendations
 - 14: Community Relations meeting to plan January parent/voter forum on schools
 - 16: Facilities subcommittee meets
 - 17: Full School Committee
 - 18: New McKibben numbers from Mr. McKibben
 - 21: MSBA announcement on AHS
 - 22: Next meeting of the SETF
- January
 - 7: Parent/Voter forum on schools
 - 14: Full School Committee
 - 25: Town Meeting

Other questions that need to be answered

- Costs of options
- Decision timelines for each option
- Where and when will the stress hit each school?
- High level recommendations from the school committee on how to move forward