

**EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut**

Special Meeting – Community Forum

Thursday, April 12, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Mary Broderick Auditorium, East Lyme High School

MINUTES

Board Members Present:	Tim Hagen (Chair), Al Littlefield (Secretary), Jaime Barr Shelburn, Jill Carini, Candice Carlson, Eric Bauman, Leigh Gianakos, John Kleinhans, Barbara Senges
Board Members Absent:	Bill Derry
Administrators Present:	Jeffrey Newton (Superintendent), Amy Drowne (Assistant Superintendent), Kim Davis (Director of Student Services), Maryanna Stevens (Director of Finance, Marketing and Growth Management), Pat Lannon (Technology Director)

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:03 p.m. by Chair Tim Hagen

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Chair Tim Hagen

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Presentation by Milone and MacBroom re: Elementary Redistricting Scenarios**

Board Chair Tim Hagen, Superintendent Jeffrey Newton and Milone & MacBroom representative Mike Zuba provided the attached PowerPoint presentation pertaining to elementary redistricting for the 2019-2020 school year (see attachment) followed by a question and answer period.

B. **Questions and Answers re: Elementary Redistricting**

1. Dave Rodes, 26 North Road, asked how we got the enrollment numbers and if the enrollment numbers included East Lyme students not physically in ELPS.
 - A. The enrollment numbers were based on the October 1 enrollments and do not include East Lyme children not enrolled in ELPS.
2. Dean Donovan, 90 Arbor Crossing, said his neighborhood was not previously included for Haynes, noted an increase in transportation time, and that it is the only neighborhood included north of Route 1.
 - A. We are keeping in mind where we can keep entire neighborhoods intact.
3. Kristin Chantrell, 13 Green Valley Lakes, expressed concern regarding transitioning, accessibility of schools, busing on I-95, and passing Flanders enroute to Haynes increasing transportation time.
 - A. We are striving to reducing busing times and are working with First Student and our transportation coordinator on this issue. Fall 2018 focus.
4. Nathan Sobol, 35 Scott Road, stated that the enrollment numbers are based on predictions and asked what if we don't want to redistrict.
 - A. The Board of Education reserves the right to establish school attendance zones and many factors are considered in the process with employer's trends factored in. We are doing what we can for boundaries to last as long as possible.

5. Dawn Rodes, 26 North Road, asked what the student count is in 3A and 4A of students on Spinnaker Road and why can't students stay where they are. She hopes that the emotional impact on families is being considered.
 - A. We will get the student numbers to you.
6. Ryan Shrader, 15 Applewood Commons, stated that friends and relationships are affected and asked if we could plan field trips, etc. to ease the transition for students. He also asked the district to describe the process that is forthcoming.
 - A. This forum is an important platform to gather community input. Board deliberations and further discussion with First Student will occur with a goal of May 2018 to have a set plan in place.
7. Vanessa Vincenti, 14 North Road, supports the redistricting plan.
8. Charity Kennedy, 33 Stoneywood Drive, asked what the district's thoughts are regarding transitioning and will intradistrict transfers be considered.
 - A. Transition planning will begin in fall 2018 when building the FY 20 budget. Intra-district transfers will be only be considered for siblings of students currently on an intra-district transfer.
9. Christa Sanders, 11 West Road, noted that only eleven students are being moved out of Niantic Center School and it doesn't make sense to move them out.
10. Arun Basu, 4 Wynn Circle, expressed concerns regarding the number of transitioning times for fourth graders and asked if an alternative to busing will be offered to keep a student in their current school.
11. Allison Bosse, 84 Grassy Hill Road, asked how will we deal with intradistrict day care options.
 - A. The district is trying to help parents plan by giving them as much advance notice as possible.
12. Lisa Sperry, 24 Spring Rock Road, asked how we will support students during transition and if there are delays in construction, how will that affect redistricting.
 - A. ELPS has wonderful staff that will keep a pulse on what's happening – Students first, staff next.
13. Courtney Gates-Graceson, 33 Plum Hill Road, said they bought their house for the Flanders District and wonder how reliable the projected enrollment numbers are.
 - A. We are working hard to provide equally excellent schools with the best educational experience possible.
14. Alicia Brothers, 149 Roxbury Road, hopes the district considers child care concerns.
15. Brendan Boyle, 13 Saunders Drive, expressed concerns regarding sidewalk considerations, enrollment growth (Hope St. condos) and not including magnet school students in potential enrollment growth.

Chair Tim Hagen and Superintendent Jeffrey Newton thanked the audience for their comments and suggestions. The Board will continue to deliberate and discuss next steps forward. A decision will be rendered before this school year ends. Redistricting information will continue to be available on the district website.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tim Hagen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.; Leigh Gianakos seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Littlefield

Albert Littlefield, Secretary

East Lyme Board of Education

Attachment and available on the district website:

- EL BOE Community Forum re: Elementary Redistricting PowerPoint Presentation dated 04/12/18.



East Lyme Board of Education Community Forum Re: Elementary Redistricting

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Mary Broderick Auditorium
East Lyme High School

Presented by EL BOE Chair Tim Hagen, Superintendent
Jeffrey Newton, and Representative Mike Zuba from
Milone & MacBroom

Alterations Project Update

Provide for all three Elementary Schools comparable

- Air Quality
- ADA Compliance
- Security
- Interior Building Finishes
- Electrical, Lighting, & Technology

For each Elementary School address specific critical needs

- Site
- Structural
- Other

Elementary School Alignment

-Principal Introductions/Backgrounds

-Cohesiveness

-Curriculum

-Programs

-Scheduling

-Staffing





Current K-4 Elementary Enrollment

Niantic Center School

175

Flanders School

369

Lillie B. Haynes School

297

ELPS Elementary Redistricting Ad hoc Committee

Jeffrey Newton, Superintendent	Kori Witcraft, FL Parent
Jill Carini, BOE Member	Katie Douton, HA Teacher
Al Littlefield, BOE Member	Judy Deeb, HA Teacher
Kim Davis, Dir. of Student Services	Tara Dowling, HA Para
Linda Anania, FL Principal	Laura Schultz, HA Parent
Melissa DeLoreto, HA Principal	Danielle Holsapple, HA Parent
Jeff Provost, NC Principal	Julie Horner, NC Teacher
Theresa Landry, Location Manager	June O'Connor, NC Teacher
Lisa Vaudreuil, FL Teacher	Toni Chamberlain, NC Para
Susan Parodi, FL Teacher	Kelly Trusillo, NC Parent
Lori Shedd-Nickerson, FL Para	Lynn Sullivan, NC Parent
MaryBeth Franco, FL Parent	Linda Johansen, ELTA President

Facilitator: Amy Drowne, Asst. Supt.

East Lyme Public Schools School Redistricting Plan

Redistricting Scenarios

April 12, 2018



Contents

- Introduction and Process
- Redistricting Criteria
- Enrollment Projections
- Building Capacity Assessment
- Redistricting Alternatives



Timeline & Process

- Fall of 2017 – Enrollment Projections, Capacity & Criteria
- Dec. through April – Scenarios & Preferred Options
- May – BOE Adoption of Preferred Option
- Summer through Spring of 2019 – Implementation Planning
- Start of 2019-2020 School - New Boundaries In Effect



BOE Redistricting Criteria

Equity - Comparable enrollments to ensure equity in available resources across schools

- Centralized registration and enrollment
- Considering operational capacity
- Access to the same resources
- Equitable distribution of services

Future Growth & Sustainability - Ensure the long term sustainability of the plan considering future growth

- Goal is to have additional capacity based on enrollment projections
- Based on enrollment projections BOE will determine % of additional capacity per school
 - BOE may adjust boundary lines based on enrollment projections
 - Potential for future adjustment of boundary lines as necessary in the long term



BOE Redistricting Criteria

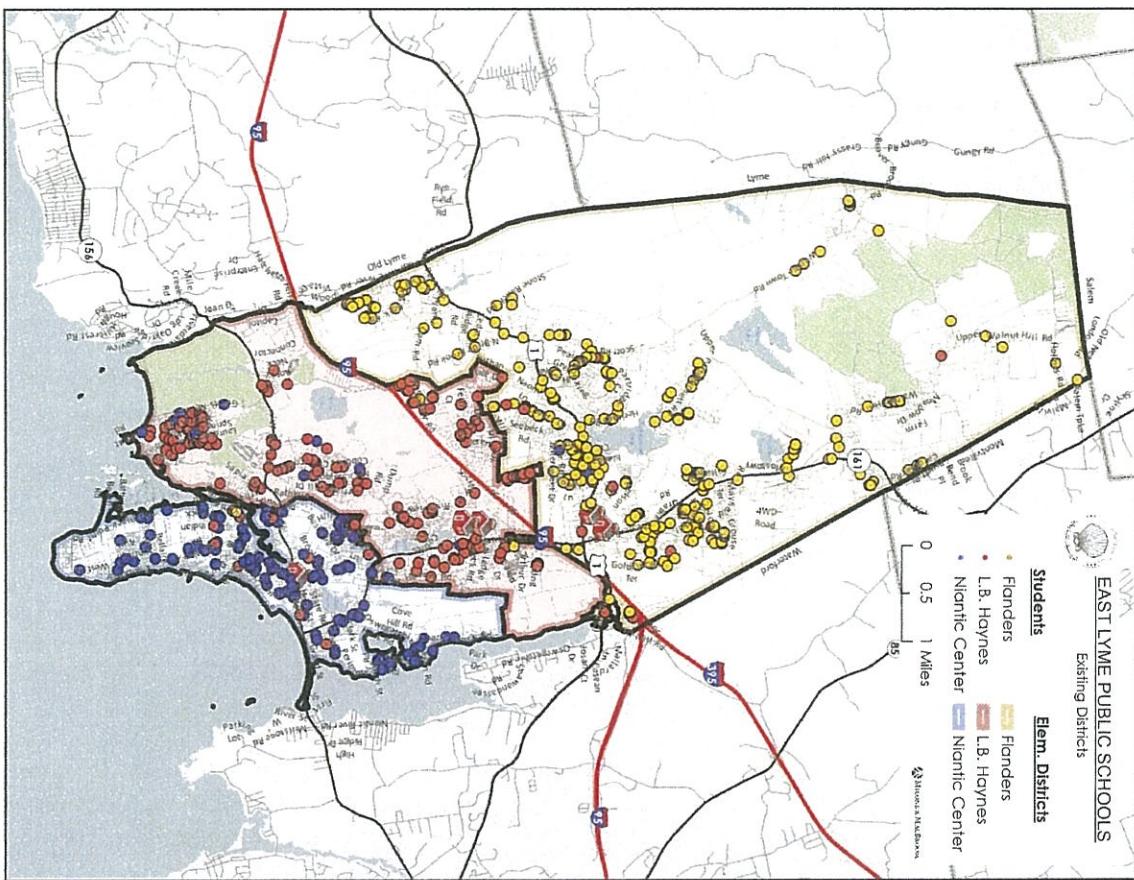
Impact to Families & Students - Strive to redistrict students to schools in close proximity to where they reside

- Ensure neighborhood school communities
- Limit student travel time to conform to Board policy
- Enhance family involvement in schools



Existing Elementary District Boundaries

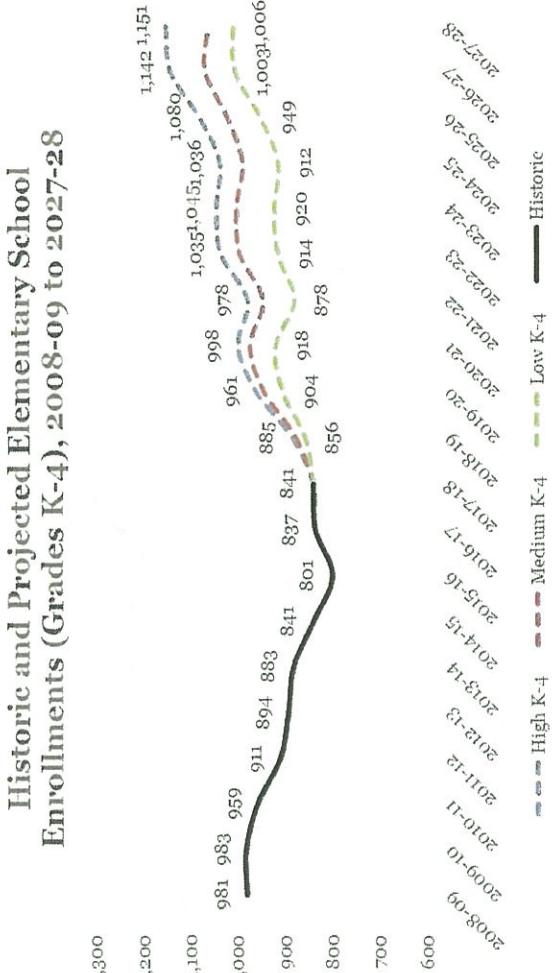
- Depicts students in grades K-4 only



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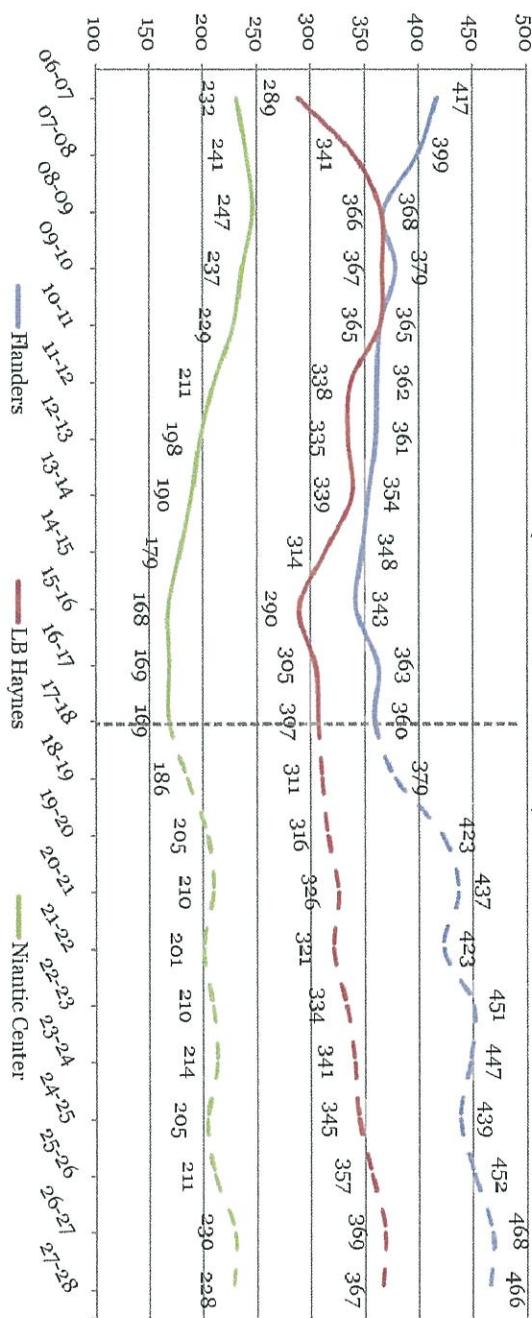
Elementary Enrollment Projections

- All scenarios show similar trend of near-term growth, stagnation in the mid-2020s, followed by strong growth in 2025-26 and 2026-27
- Net change over the ten-year horizon projected between 19.7% to 36.9%



Elementary Enrollment Projections

Actual and Projected Elementary (K-4) Enrollments by School
(Medium Scenario)



- First 5-yrs of the medium scenario, Flanders and Niantic Center experience significant growth while L.B. Haynes has level enrollment in the first five years (based on known births)
- In latter half of projections, all three schools grow steadily

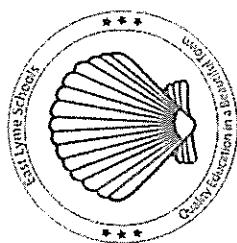


Elementary Building Capacities

School	Grade	Rooms Loading			Planning Capacity	Notes
		K	4	18		
Flanders	K-4	15	20		335 - 372	
LB Haynes	K	4	18		389 - 432	Add'l 11 classrooms in vacated LEARN space could provide further capacity
Niantic Center	K-4	12	20		281 - 312	

Sources: *progress drawings dated December 15, 2017 (Flanders: A-1.0, L.B. Haynes: A-1.0, NCS: A-1.0 and A-1.1), East Lyme Board of Education adopted class size guideline.*

- School capacity figures are based on architectural drawings with current room assignments
- Capacity ranges reflect maximum capacity (high) and target capacity (low) based on current K-4 instructional space
- LEARN classrooms being vacated in L.B. Haynes could provide substantial additional capacity if reallocated to grade-level instruction

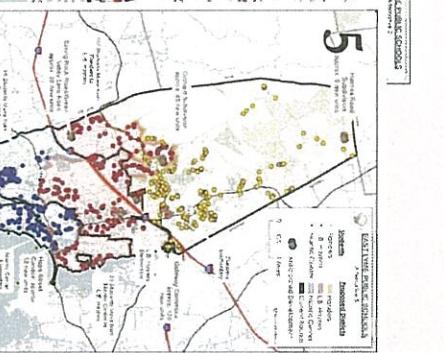
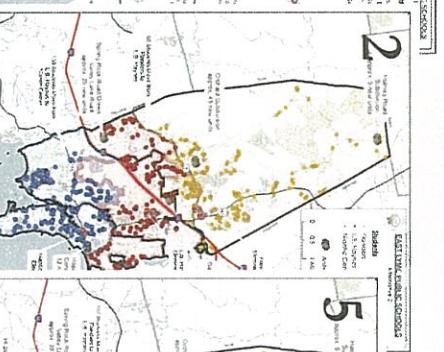
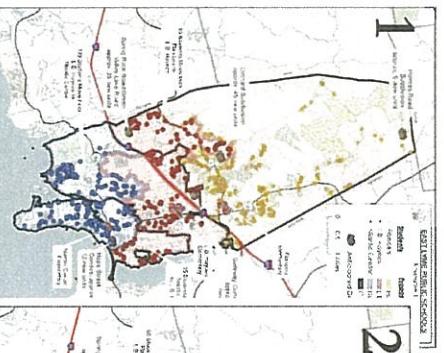
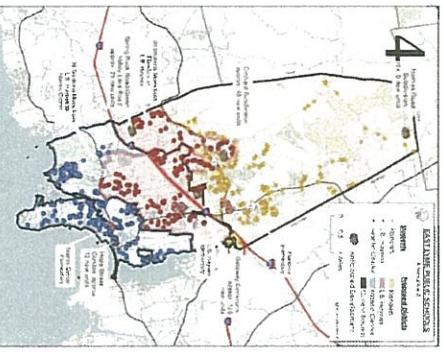
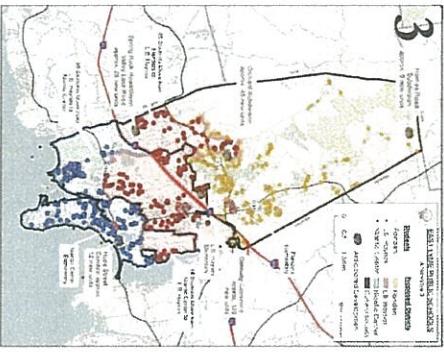


Development of Alternatives

- Prepared five Alternatives for BOE consideration
- Three Alternatives were eliminated
- Adjustments requested for Alternatives 3 & 4

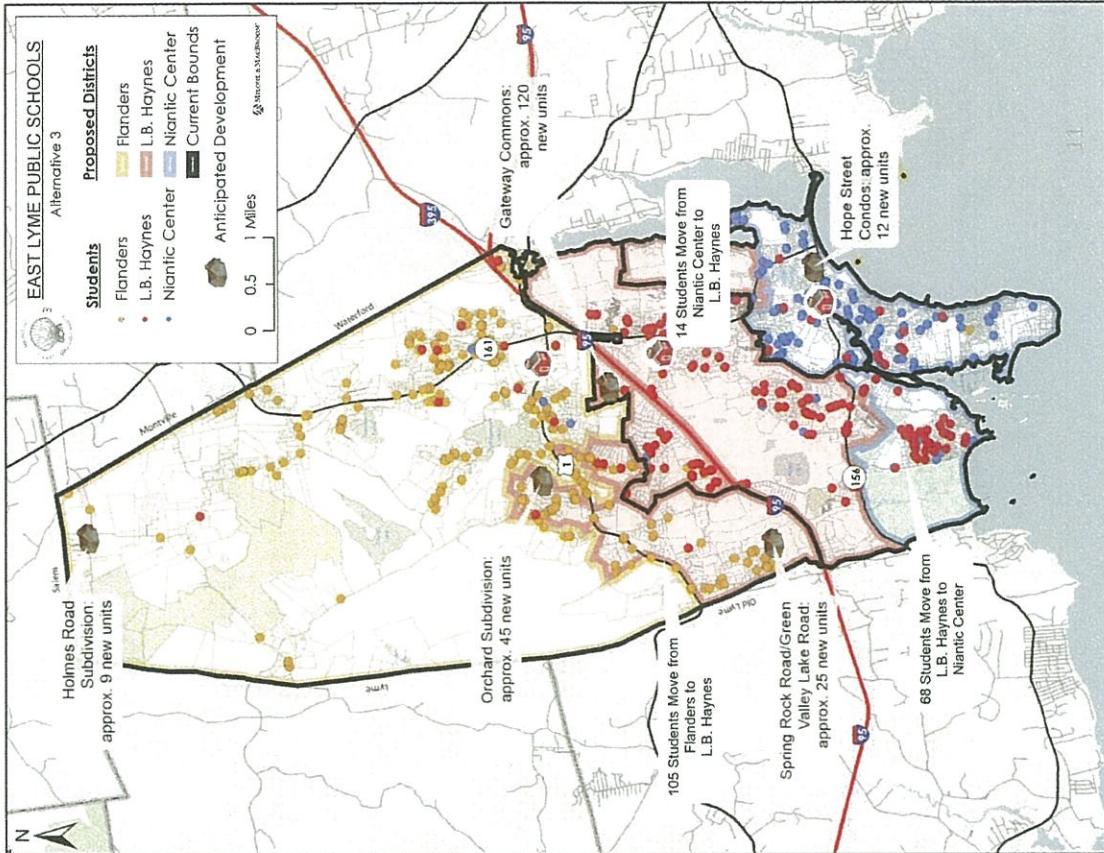
Viable Alternatives

Eliminated



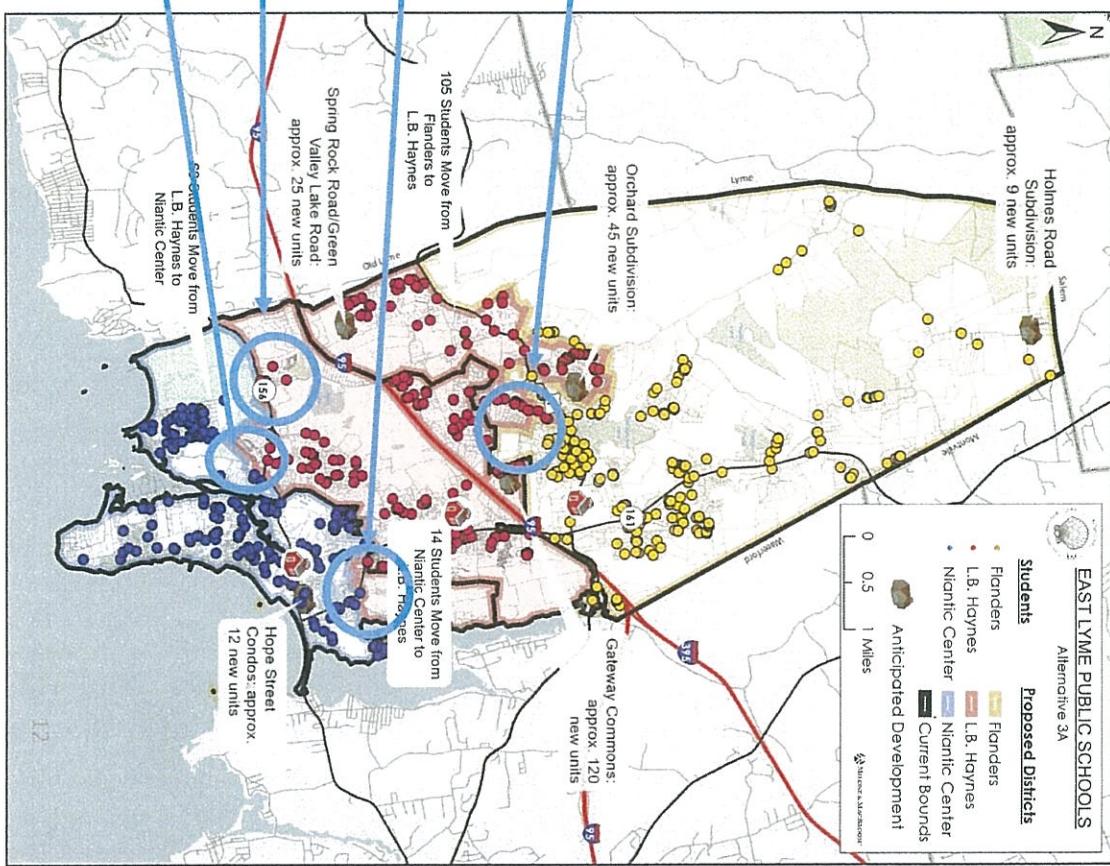
Alternative 3

- Giants Neck neighborhood moves from Haynes to NCS
- Niantic east of Pennsylvania Avenue and north from Oswegatchie Hills Road moves from NCS to Haynes
- Neighborhood west of Dean Road/Plum Hill Road and adjacent to Boston Post Road moves from Flanders to Haynes



Alternative 3A

- Revised Alternative 3 based on Administration & BOE Input

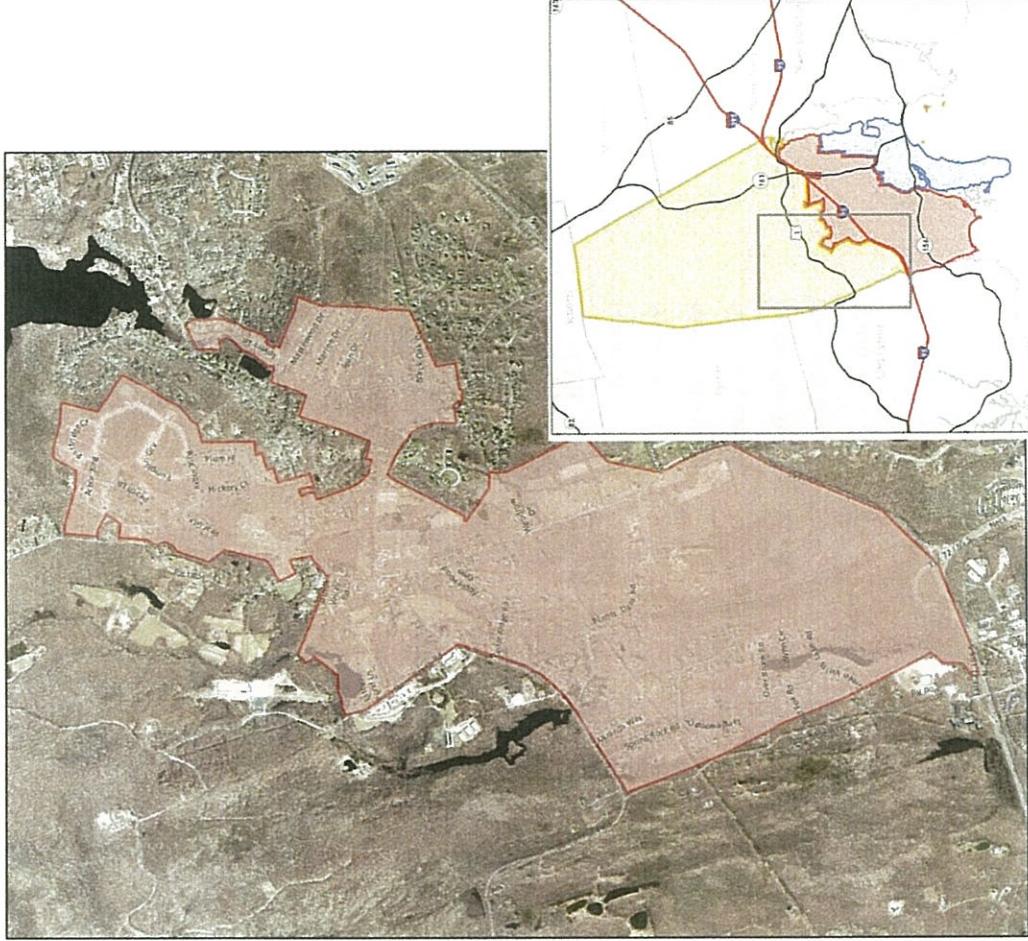


Alternative 3A

Flanders to LB Haynes - 105 Students

Impacted Streets

Applewood Common	North Bride Brook Rd
Arbor Crossing	218-296 even, 199-303 odd
Black Oak Dr	Over Brook Rd
Boston Post Rd	Partridge Ct
366-540 even, 375-461 odd	Peach Ln
Bride Brook Rd	Pear Grove
Cedar Ridge Rd	Plants Dam Rd
Dean Rd	Plum Hill
2-54 even, 3-25 odd	Pumpkin Grove
Esther Pond Ln	Red Fox Rd
Four Mile River Rd	Scott Rd
Frog Hollow Rd	Spring Rock Rd
Green Valley Lake Rd	Stone Ranch Rd
Hickory Ct	7-37 odd side only
Holly Ln	Tanglewood Dr
Jean Dr	Woodcock Ln
Joshua Valley Rd	Woodrow Dr
Lovers Ln	
Miranda Way	
Morris Ln	



Alternative 3A

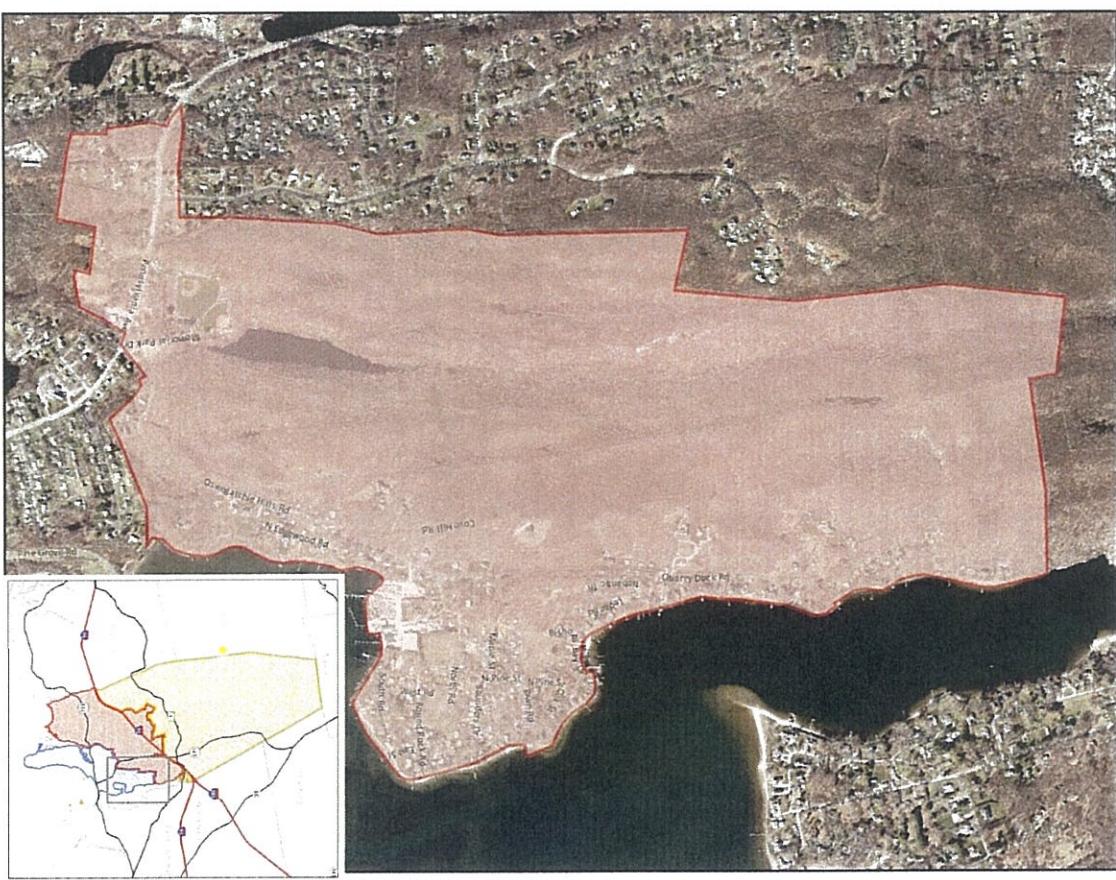
Niantic Center to LB Haynes - 14 Students

Impacted Streets

Birch Trail	Oak St
Bishops Bay Rd	Oswegatchie Hills Rd 2-116 even, 7-133 odd
Cedar St	Pennsylvania Ave
Center Rd	188-220 even, 165-193 odd
Cove Hill Rd	Quarry Dock Rd
East St	Round Rock Rd
Elizabeth St	Saunders Dr
Hoskins St	South Rd
Ledge Rd	Town Rd
Maple St	West Rd
Memorial Park Dr.	
North Edgewood Rd	
North Pine St	
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North Rd	



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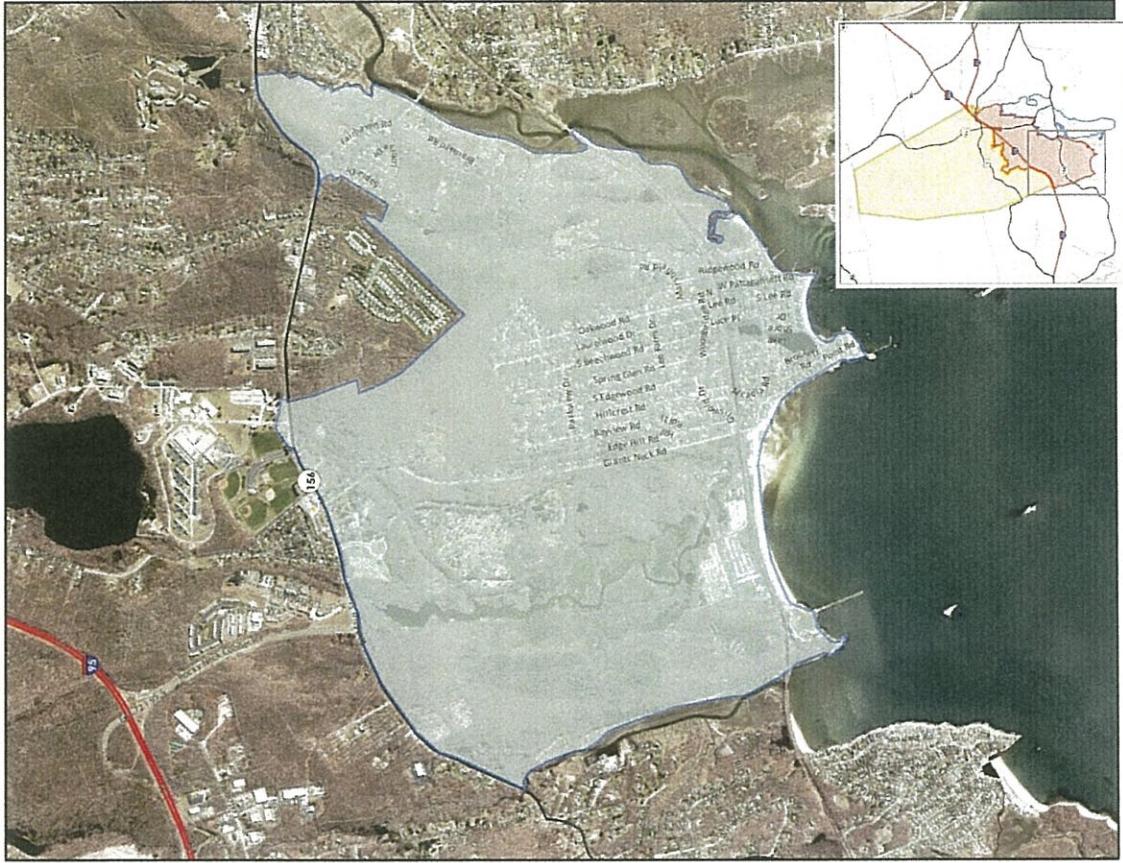


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LB Haynes to Niantic Center 68 Students

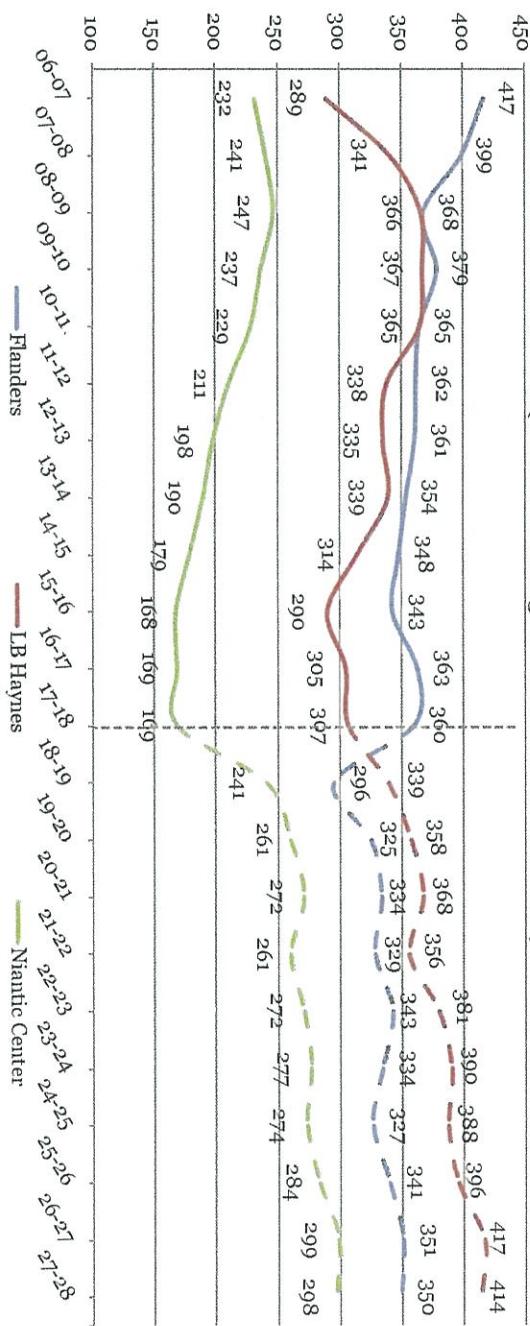
Impacted Streets

Arcadia Rd	Hilltop Rd	Point Rd
Atwood Dr	Lake Shore Dr	Ridgewood Rd
Bayview Rd	Laurelwood Dr	Sapia Dr
Brainerd Rd	Lee Farm Dr	Sea View Ln
Brockett Rd	Louise Dr	Spring Glen Rd
Creek Rd	Luce Pl	South Beechwood Rd
Dell Ln	Mamacock Rd	South Bride Brook Rd #3 & #42
Edge Hill Rd	Marshfield Rd	South Edgewood Rd
Fairhaven Rd	Niles Creek Rd	South Lee Rd
Giants Neck Rd	North Lee Rd	West Main St
Griswold Dr	Oakwood Rd	208-266 even
Griswold Rd	Osprey Ln	West Pattagansett Rd
Grovedale Rd	Park Ln	White Birch Cir
Hill Rd (GNH)	Parkview Dr	Woodbridge Rd
Hillcrest Rd		



Alternative 3A: Projections

Actual and Projected Elementary (K-4) Enrollments by School
(Alternative 3A - Medium Scenario)



- LB Haynes enrollments see strong growth over 10-year horizon
- Flanders enrollment declines and stabilizes at ~330 to 350 students
- Projections are strictly based on modeling and do not account for individual school preferences that may ultimately impact future enrollment



Alternative 3A: Projections

Alternative 3A: Projected Enrollment and Utilization

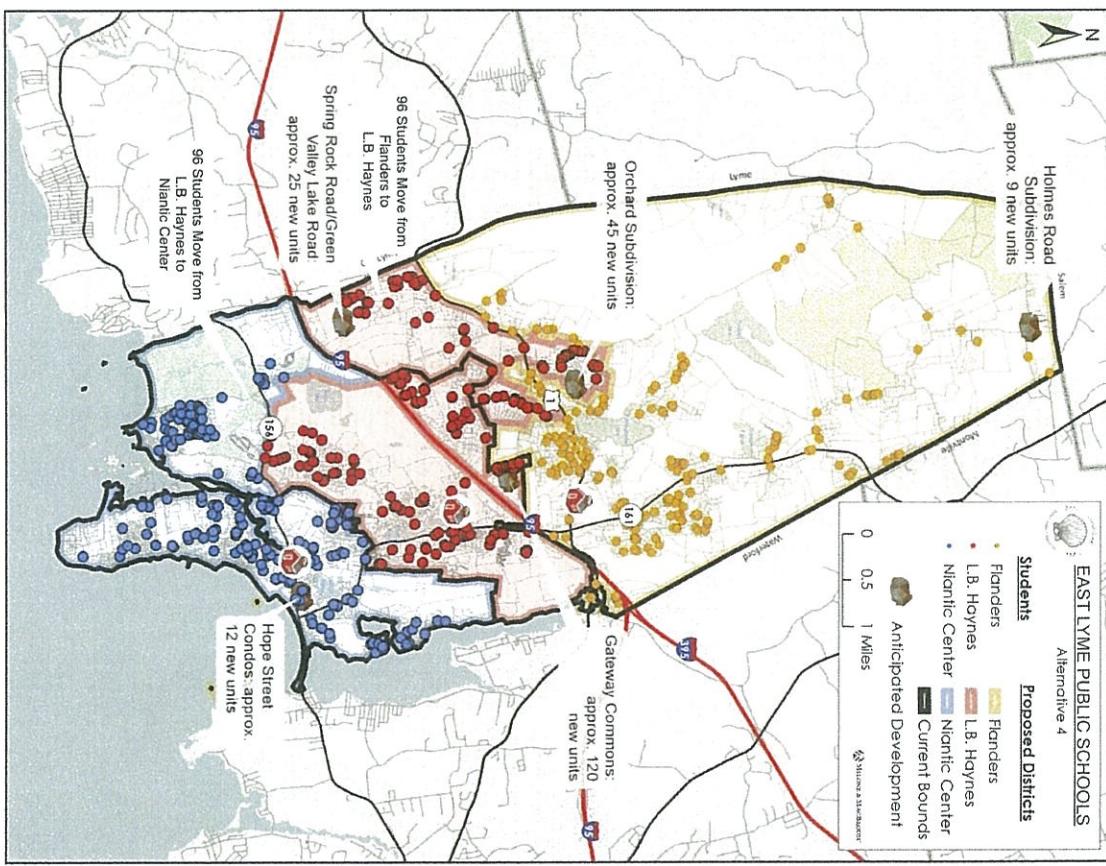
School	Planning Capacity	Max. Projected Enrollment	% of Lower Bound	% of Upper Bound
Flanders	335 - 372	351	104.8%	94.4%
LB Haynes	389 - 432	417	107.2%	96.5%
Niantic Center	281 - 312	299	106.4%	95.8%

- Enrollment at all three elementary buildings remain within upper-bound capacity throughout projection horizon and maintain some margin of flexibility at ~95% utilization
- Total of 187 K-4 students would move under this scenario (approx. 22% of all K-4 students)
- Addresses imbalances between buildings projected to arise in prior Alternative 3, and is more likely to remain in balance in the face of expected growth



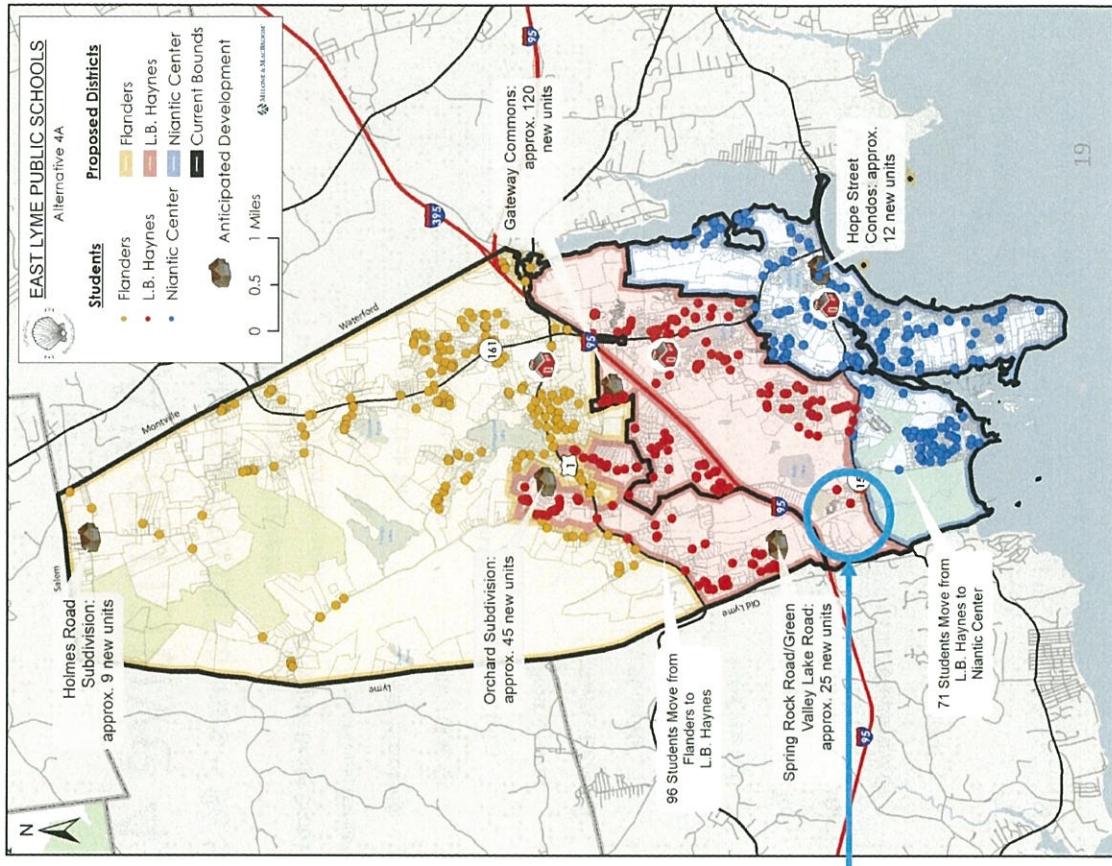
Alternative 4

- Similar to Alternative 3, but eliminates move from Niantic Center to Haynes
- Giants Neck neighborhood moves from Haynes to NCS
- Neighborhood west of Dean Road/Plum Hill Road and Lover's Lane, and south of Boston Post Road moves from Flanders to Haynes



Alternative 4A

- Revised Alternative 4 based on Administration & BOE Input

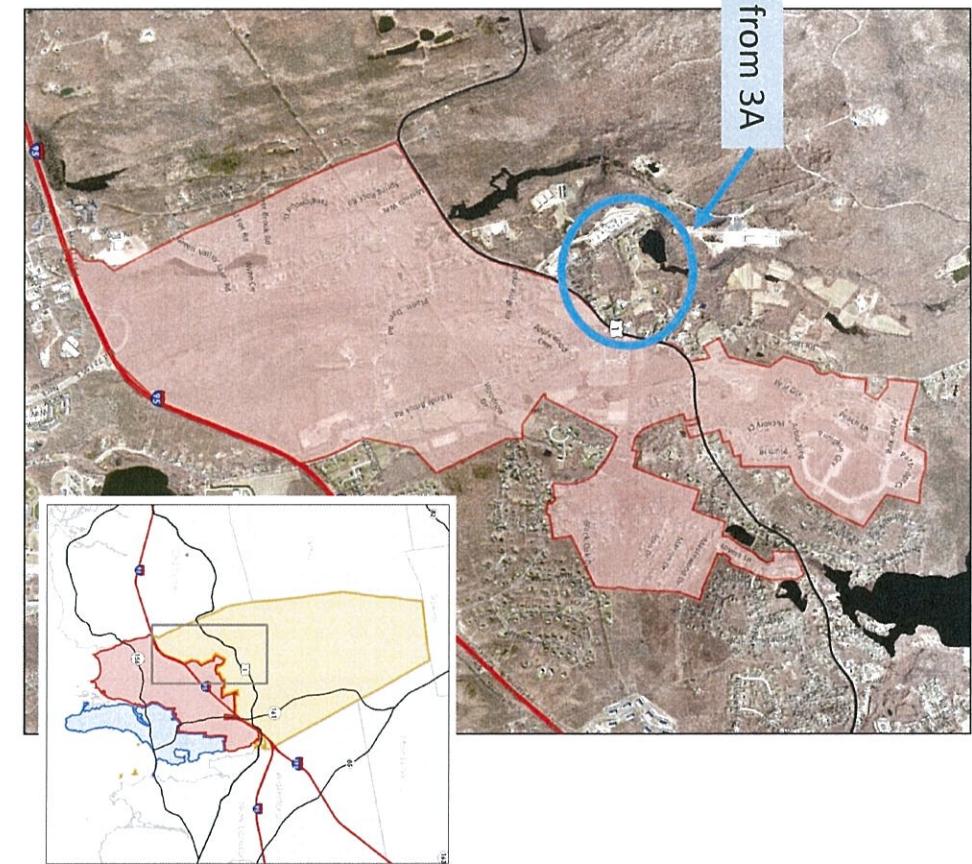


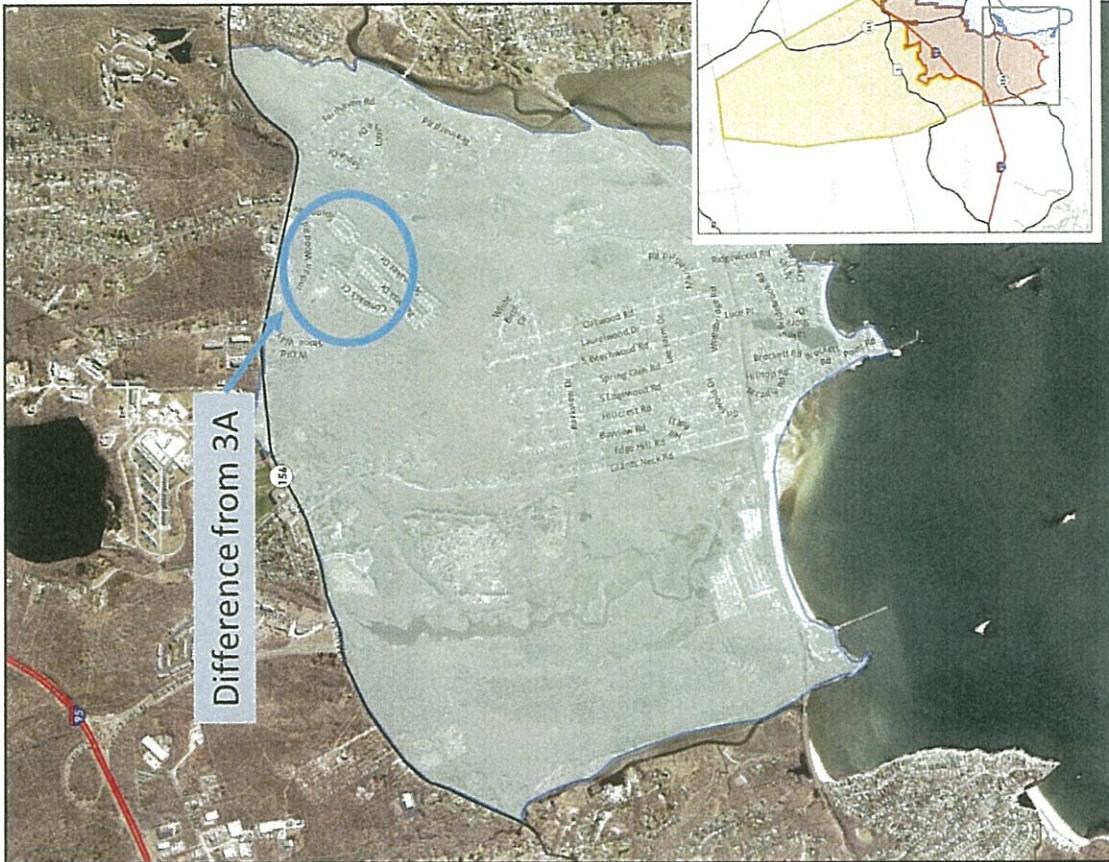
Alternative 4A

Flanders to LB Haynes – 96 Students

Impacted Streets

	Difference from 3A
Applewood Common	North Bride Brook Rd 246-296 even, 199-303 odd
Arbor Crossing	Over Brook Rd
Black Oak Dr	Partridge Ct
Boston Post Rd	302-540 even, 375-401 odd
Cedar Ridge Rd	Peach Ln
Dean Rd	Pear Grove
6-54 even, 3-25 odd	Plants Dam Rd
Frog Hollow Rd	Plum Hl
Green Valley Lake Rd	Pumpkin Grove
Hickory Ct	Red Fox Rd
Jean Dr	Spring Rock Rd
Lovers Ln	Tanglewood Dr
Maplewood Dr	Woodrow Dr
Marion Dr	Wynn Cir
Miranda Way	
Morris Ln	





Alternative 4A

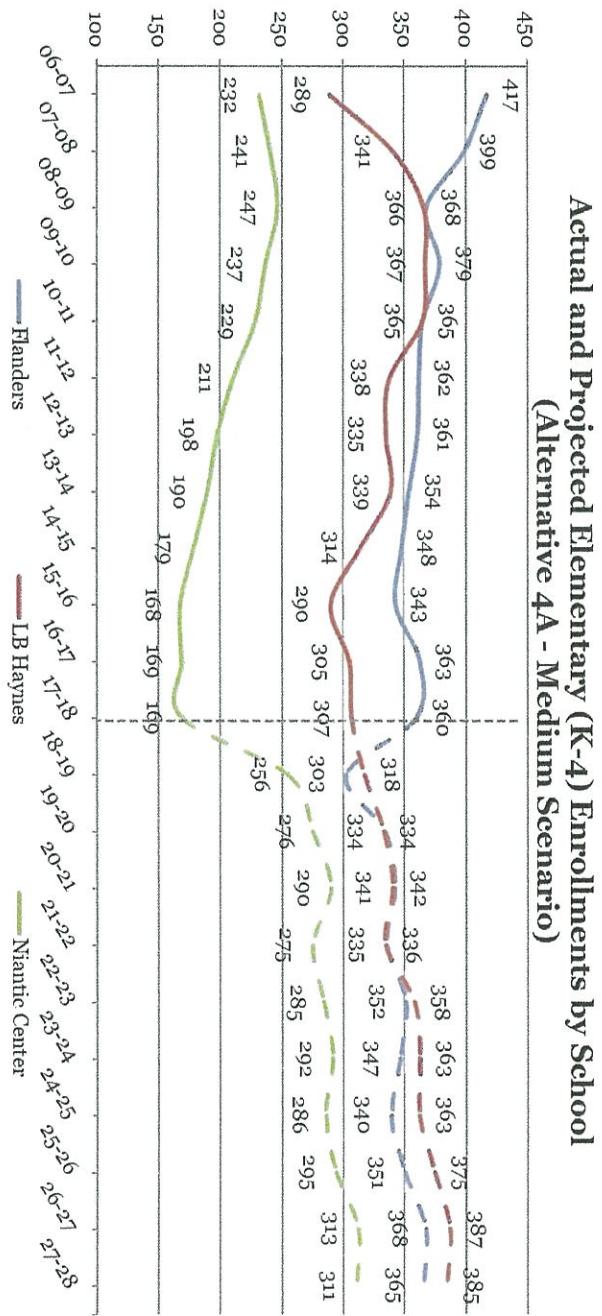
LB Haynes to Niantic Center – 71 Students

Impacted Streets

Arcadia Rd	Laurelwood Dr	South Edgewood Rd
Bayview Rd	Lee Farm Dr	South Lee Rd
Brainard Rd	Louise Dr	Sapia Dr
Brockett Rd	Luce Pl	Sea View Ln
Compass Ct	Mamacock Rd	Spinnaker Dr
Dell Ln	Marshfield Rd	Spring Glen Rd
Edge Hill Rd	North Lee Rd	West Main St
Fairhaven Rd	Niles Creek Rd	158-266 even only
20-24 even, 7-33 even	Oakwood Rd	West Old Stone Way
Giants Neck Rd	Osprey Ln	West Pattagansett Rd
Griswold Dr	Park Ln	White Birch Cir
Griswold Rd	Parkview Dr	Windward Dr
Grovedale Rd	Point Rd	Woodbridge Rd
Hill Rd (GNH)	Regatta Dr	
Hillcrest Rd	Ridgewood Rd	
Hilltop Rd	South Beechwood Rd	
Indian Wood Rd	South Bride Brook Rd	
Lake Shore Dr		



Alternative 4A: Projections



- Narrows gap in enrollment between elementary buildings, sharply increasing enrollment at Niantic Center, slightly decreasing enrollment at Flanders, and channeling future growth towards L.B. Haynes (where unused capacity exists)
- Projections are strictly based on modeling and do not account for individual school preferences that may ultimately impact future enrollment

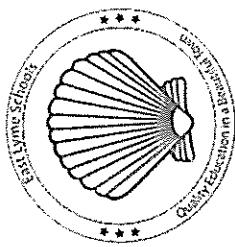


Alternative 4A: Projections

Alternative 4A: Projected Enrollment and Utilization

School	Planning Capacity	Projected Enrollment	% of Lower Bound	% of Upper Bound
Flanders	335 - 372	368	109.9%	98.9%
LB Haynes	389 - 432	387	99.5%	89.6%
Niantic Center	281 - 312	313	111.4%	100.3%

- Projected enrollment puts Niantic Center enrollments very slightly above upper-bound capacity in 2026-27, but otherwise schools remain below upper-bound capacities through projection horizon
- If adopted, this scenario may require future redistricting to avoid overcrowding at Niantic Center if projection assumptions hold
- Total of 167 K-4 students would move under this scenario (approx. 19.9% of all K-4 students)



Discussion

