

East Lyme Public Schools



Design Committee Progress Update for the Elementary School Facilities

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Design Steering Committee Progress Update

Meetings To Date:

August 18, 2016

September 7, 2016

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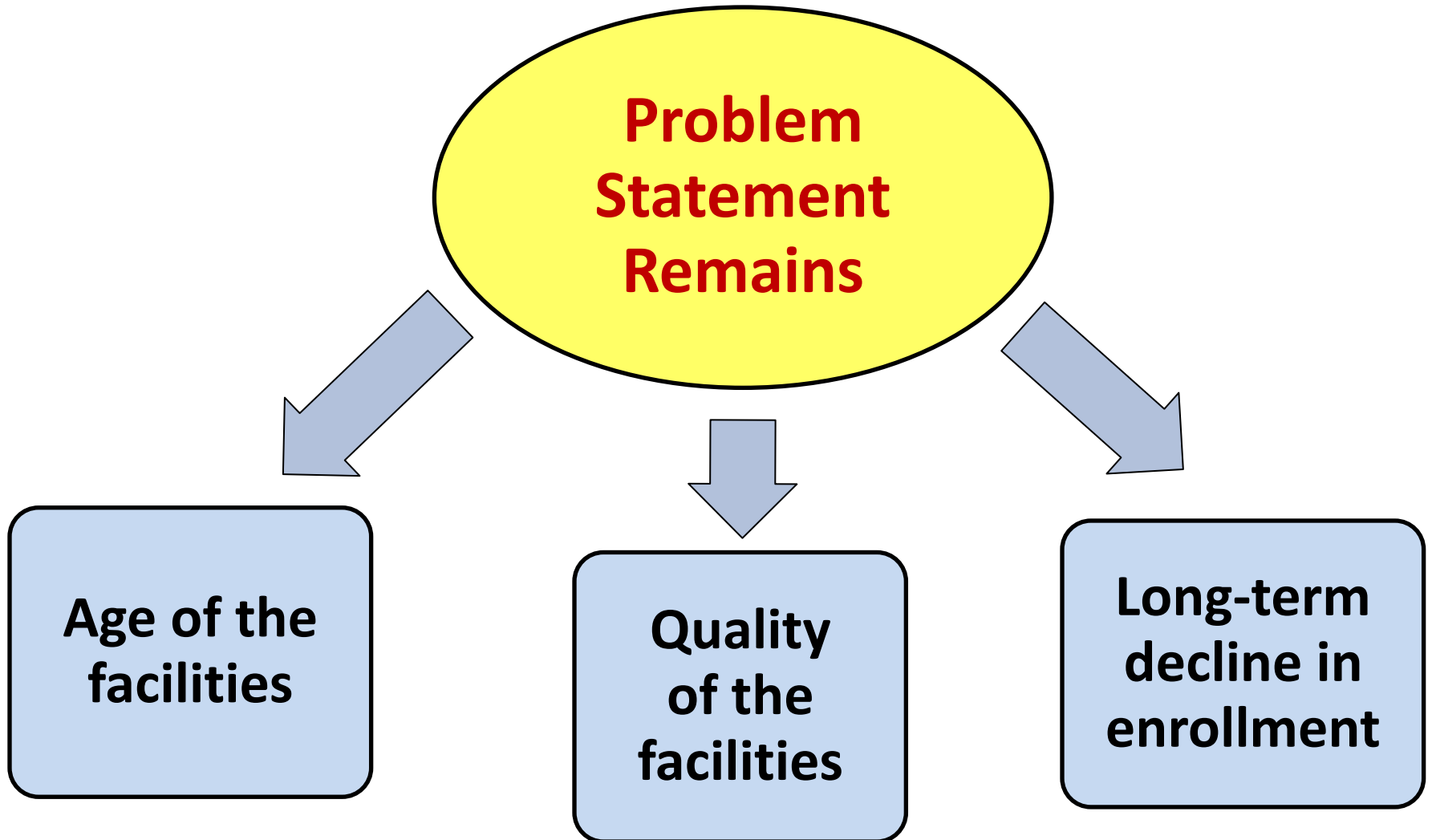
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Committee is in need of additional time prior to sharing their revised school alteration proposal with the Board of Education

East Lyme Elementary School Facilities



Town of East Lyme Fiscal Picture

- **ISSUE:** We need to upgrade the overall environment of our Elementary School facilities.
- **CONCERNS:**
 - East Lyme has a total debt service of over \$55 million
 - The State has serious debt and budgetary constraints which may lead to increasing the cost sharing burden to state municipalities and/or directly to the tax payer
 - East Lyme Education operating budget will be constrained by recent negotiated contracts with bargaining units and insurance cost increases
- **CONCLUSION:** Building new or renovating-as-new is not a fiscally prudent option in today's situation

Town of East Lyme Fiscal Picture

- **ISSUE:** We still need to upgrade the overall environment of our Elementary School facilities
- **POINTS:**
 - Over the next five years the Town's existing debt service will decrease by a factor of two
 - Interest rates still remain very low
 - Fixing our Elementary School facilities will have cost savings on the operational budget
 - Working with the Town, up to \$30 million could be an affordable budget to address our Elementary Schools
- **CONCLUSION:** Develop an alteration plan for the Elementary School facilities with a budgetary goal to East Lyme of \$30 million.

Elementary School Alterations

Non-Negotiables:

- Essential to ensure every child has an equal opportunity to learn in the best educational setting
- We must ensure that staff are provided the best opportunity to educate our children in the most positive environment
- We will remain focused on the balance between educational needs and fiscal responsibility

Elementary School Alterations

Alteration Design Requirements:

- Provide best practices for school facility security and safety
- Upgrade facilities for handicap (ADA compliant)
- Maintain class sizes consistent with current practices and BOE guidelines
- Upgrade environmental and air quality systems
- Provide balanced schools in size and support services with a buffer of up to 900 students

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Alteration Design Requirements (Continued):

- Enhance both internal and external building finishes
- Total alteration cost to the Town capped at \$30 million
- Include the alteration of the small gymnasium at LBH for use as a gymnasium for school and Town use
- Maintain space in LBH to accommodate rental to LEARN and classrooms for Creative Playschool
- Include additional technology enhancements such as Wi-Fi Service, laptops, etc to equally prepare our students for the future

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Next Steps:

- Work continues on breaking down associated project alteration costs and identifying eligible vs. ineligible state reimbursement items
- Student enrollment (current and projected) continues to be scrutinized
- Principals in collaboration with the architect are again reviewing programmatic and space needs

Elementary School Alterations

Next Steps (Continued):

- Programmatic and space needs meeting to occur on Thursday, September 15th
- Design Steering Committee reconvenes on September 20th
- Recommend holding a BOE 'Committee of the Whole' Meeting (TBD) to review Design Steering Committee recommendation