



East Lyme Public Schools

Elementary School Design Planning, Timeline and Implementation

Presented to the East Lyme Board of Education
on September 28, 2015 by EL BOE Chair Tim Hagen
and Superintendent Jeffrey R. Newton

Elementary School Project Timeline

BOE hired Kaestle Boos to conduct a feasibility study	2010
Feasibility study conclusion – (\$22 million in elementary bldg needs)	2011
ELPS Facilities Vision Task Force formed by BOE (options)	Fall 2011
ELPS Facilities Vision Task Force Findings Report to BOE	Apr 2013
In order of preference -	
1) Renovate as new FL and HA w/NC offline;	
2) Discontinue use of all 3 elem schools and build new at HA or FL site;	
3) Renovate all 3 elem as new.	
BOE authorized Supt to seek proposals from design firms to assist BOE w/determining best course of action to address elementary facility needs	Jul 15, 2013
Prepare RFQ, review by 3 BOE members to determine qualified firms for RFP (process 4-6 months)	Sep 9, 2013
BOE voted to hire design firm (Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC)	Mar 10, 2014
Design Steering Committee charge/appointment by BOE	May 13, 2014
Design Steering Committee recommended taking option of one elementary school off the table	Jun 2014

Elementary School Project Timeline (Continued)

NESDEC results of demographic study presented to BOE	Sep 8, 2014
Design Steering Committee recommendation vote held	Nov 12, 2014
Design Steering Committee recommendation to BOE (BOE took action to renovate as new NCS and build new FL School)	Nov 17, 2014
BOE authorized Design Comm to move fwd w/planning for project (Renovate as new NCS and build new FL School)	Dec 15, 2014
Supt and town official tour of HA facility	Mar 2015
NCS Traffic Study Presentation to BOE	Jun 23, 2015
Modify educational specifications	Ongoing
Supt presentation to Niantic Rotary Club	Sep 16, 2015
Final cost estimates expected	Mid Oct 2015
Complete Design/Ed Spec	Dec 2015
BOE presentation to Board of Selectmen	Winter 2016
BOE presentation to Board of Finance	Winter 2016

Elementary School Project Timeline (Continued)

Referendum to Town	Mar 2016
File to St of CT for reimbursement (ED-049)	Jun 2016*
Secure construction manager services	Jul 2016
Complete construction plans and specifications	May 2017
Reimbursement Approval	Jun 2017
Redistrict elementary students for 2017-2018 SY	Jun 2017
Vacate NCS (Students temporarily relocated to HA)	Jul 2017
Begin construction at NCS and FL	Jul 2017
Complete construction	TBD
Occupy new facilities	TBD
Release Lillie B. Haynes to Town	TBD

*If not ready to file by Jun 2016, timetable slips by at least one year with additional costs.

Communication with the Community*

Community Forum	Jun 24, 2013
Community Forums	Sep 23,24,25, 2014
Elementary PTA Presentations	Fall 2014
Elementary Project Update to HA parents from Supt	Feb 28, 2015
Elementary Project Update to Parents/Staff	Apr 9, 2015
Letter to Parents from Supt	Jun 18, 2015
Welcome Back Ltr to Parents/Staff & Elem Proj Update	Aug 17, 2015
Elementary Project Update to Parents/Staff	Sep 15, 2015
Elementary Project Presentation to Niantic Rotary	Sep 16, 2015
Elementary PTA Presentations	Sep/Oct 2015
Community Forums	Fall 2015
Elementary Project Presentation to Board of Selectmen	Winter 2015
Elementary Project Presentation to Board of Finance	Winter 2015

*Ongoing updates and posting of information and meeting agendas/notes on our district website.



Board of Education Adopted Proposal **Two Elementary Schools:** **Niantic Center and Flanders**



Each with ~400 K-4 student capacity with classroom space for current pre-school enrollment

Renovate as New Niantic Center School

- New gymnasium
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 on first floor
- Media Center on first floor to comply with code
- Geothermal heating and cooling

Build New Flanders School

- Position building on current site optimizing location
- Geothermal heating and cooling

Construction to occur at same time (proposed 17-18' school year) to save money.

Factors Considered in Selecting Two Elementary School Sites*

▪ **Site Size**

- Expansion Potential in the Future (How much?)
- Parking Capacity and Expansion Capacity
- Playground Space (How much is desired?)
- Bus and Parent Drop-off Patterns

▪ **Site Location**

- Bus Route Lengths and Costs
- Traffic Patterns at and Near Site
- Security of the Site
- Safety of the Site
- Adjacent or Near-by Amenities

Definitions and State Reimbursement Rates

Renovate as New - An existing building is totally refurbished and results in the renovated facility taking on a useful life comparable to that of a new facility. Example: Completely gutting a closed high school and converting it to a middle school. **The state will reimburse 43.21% for eligible sq. ft.***

New Construction - A completely new building is built. **The state will reimburse 43.21% for eligible sq. ft.*** if building new is proven to be more cost effective than renovate as new.



Opportunities that are Possible with New or Renovate as New Elementary School Facilities



- Improved collaborative, flexible teaching facilities and spaces that also provide safe and secure learning environments
- Responsive to 21st Century technology and environmental advancements and efficiencies
- Increased community usage and flexibility
- Assist Town with relocating offices and departments (ie. Parks & Rec) into existing Lillie B. Haynes School.



Discontinue Use of One Building and Renovate as New and/or Build as New Two Remaining Facilities

Pros

- Allows for good educational design and flexibility due to extensive interior renovation and modifications to meet instructional needs
- Upgrades all major systems and provides modern security and safety procedures for 20 years
- Qualifies for state reimbursement of 43.21% on eligible square footage
- **Saves over \$750,000 in annual general fund expenditures for staff and maintenance**
- **Creates two schools with less than 400 students each**
- **Releases one site back to the Town for alternative use or sale**

Cons

- **Significant cultural change**



East Lyme Elementary Schools Design Committee Activities



Committee Meetings

May 21, 2014	September 18, 2014	January 28, 2015
June 4, 2014	October 2, 2014	February 12, 2015
June 17, 2014	October 21, 2014	March 26, 2015
August 21, 2014	October 28, 2014	May 27, 2015
September 4, 2014	November 12, 2014	June 15, 2015
		September 9, 2015

Committee Updates to Board of Education

May 27, 2014	September 22, 2014	January 26, 2015	May 26, 2015
June 9, 2014	October 14, 2014	February 5, 2015	July 13, 2015
July 14, 2014	October 27, 2014	March 23, 2015	August 10, 2015
August 25, 2014	December 15, 2014	April 6, 2015	September 14, 2015

Committee Recommendation to the Board of Education

November 17, 2014

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