

Belmont Public Schools
MSBA / BHSBC Configuration Vote

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23, 2018

AGENDA

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- Goal of Meeting
- Why Explore Options?
- MSBA Options Explored
- Different Corresponding Options
 - Grade K-6 Review, New School K-5
- Reflection of Three MSBA / BHSBC Options
- Recommendation

Goal

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To decide and vote on the grade configuration as proposed in the MSBA / BHSBC project:

- Grades 9-12
- Grades 8-12
- Grades 7-12

* We do not have to decide our corresponding configurations tonight.

Why did Belmont ask the MSBA to explore options?

Enrollment – District Wide

	Oct. 1, 2011	Oct. 1, 2012	Oct. 1, 2013	Oct. 1, 2014	Oct. 1, 2015	Oct. 1, 2016	Sept 1, 2017*	Oct. 1, 2019
BPS K-12 Enrollment	3900	3994	4136	4222	4303	4408	4531*	4705
		94	142	86	81	105	123*	
			<i>Increase, 2011 to 2017</i>				631	

Given the average six year increase of approximately 101 students per year our current projection of 4705 may be exceeded. * October 1 enrollment is the official DESE submission

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Belmont Public School District K-12 Enrollment Forecast



<u>Grade</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
<u>Elem.</u>	1785	1824	1836	1805	1832	1830	1827	1823	1820
<u>Middle</u>	1359	1388	1419	1490	1491	1528	1539	1513	1546
<u>BHS</u>	1264	1301	1320	1360	1398	1427	1458	1528	1522
<u>Total</u>	4408	4513	4575	4655	4721	4785	4824	4864	4888

Why did Belmont ask the MSBA to explore options?



To have the Town of Belmont take full advantage of the opportunity to implement its vision for teaching and learning by exploring the impact on space and enrollment at all levels of the district.

BHSBC/ MSBA: Grade Configurations



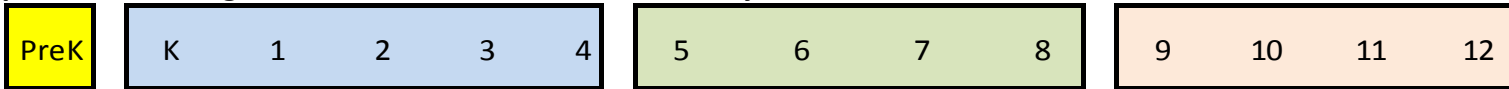
MSBA Configuration Options	Elementary	Middle School	Notes
<u>9-12</u> *	<input type="checkbox"/> K-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-8	MS and Elementary enrollment / space issues not addressed.
<u>8-12</u> * 8/9...10-12 8... 9-12	<input type="checkbox"/> K-4	✓ 5-7	HS and MS levels would have space – Elementary level issues not addressed.
<u>7-12</u> * 7/8...9-12 7-9 ... 10-12	✓ K-3	✓ 4-6	All levels would be provided space to accommodate increased enrollment.
* MSBA / BHSBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Space Issues Still to be Resolved by Town		

When discussing the BHSBC Options, we needed to look at the K-12 view

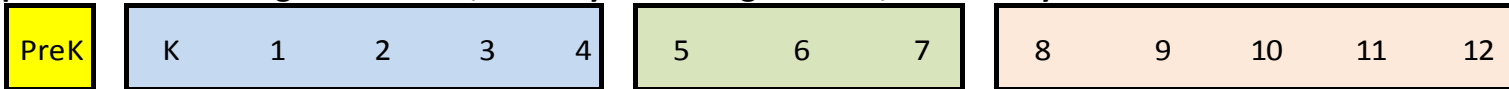
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Belmont Public Schools Possible Grade Configurations

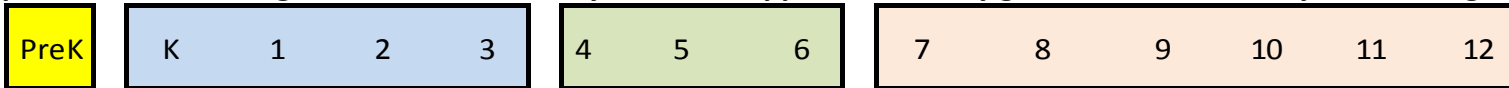
Option 1 - New High School 9-12; Middle and Elementary schools need additions



Option 2 & 3 - New High School 8-12, Cheney becomes grades 5-7, Elementary K-4's need additions



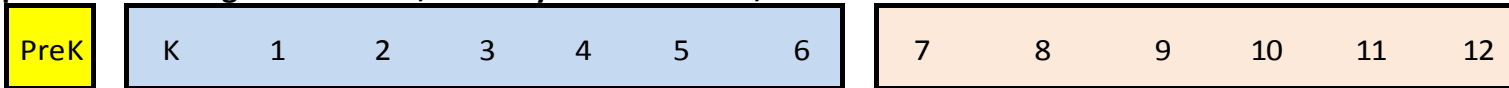
Option 4 & 5 - New High School 7-12, Cheney becomes Upper Elementary grades 4-6, Elementary K-3's are right sized



Option 6 - New High School 9-12; Cheney becomes grades 6-8; Construct a new Elementary School and adjust ES grades



Option 7 - New High School 7-12; Cheney becomes a K-6; All ES's become K-6



K-6 Configuration Option

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<u>K-6 Grades</u>		Projected K-6 Enrollment by Strand	Right Sized Capacity	Delta in student capacity	Delta in CR
Chenery	6 classes per grade	978	1104	<u>126</u>	<u>6</u> *
Wellington	4 classes per grades	652	628	-24	-1 **
Winn Brook	3 classes per grade	489	417	-72	-3
Butler	2 classes per grade	326	277	-49	-2
Burbank	2 classes per grade	326	267	<u>-59</u>	<u>-3</u>
	Elementary	Building	Delta	-204 seats	classrooms

This data demonstrates lack of fit in four elementary buildings.

* Moves Pre K to CMS

** Use of Pre K space for regular education classrooms.

Options explored that do not work...

- **Option # 6**
 - Build new elementary school – lack of site for school
- **Option # 7**
 - K-6, K-7, K-8 –
 - The amount of grade level classes of each grade in our small and big settings are not educationally sound
 - The CMS building would carry large enrollment, not suited for early grade level

BHSBC/ MSBA: Grade Configurations













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The good news is that all three configuration options (9-12, 8-12, 7-12) as presented to the Town by our Design Team fit on the current high school site location.

Configurations Rubric: Superintendent's Recommendation

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- 2 Questions to answer:
1. Does the grade configuration work for the BHSBC project? AND
 2. Does the grade configuration work for the corresponding needs and challenges of the district?

	9-12	8-12	7-12	
Educational Vision				
Enrollment, Space, Operations		 / 		
Financial Viability				
Timeline				

Green – Meets district needs

Yellow – Partially meets district needs

Red – Does not meet district needs

Superintendent's Recommendation

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- It is my recommendation to the Belmont School Committee that the district would be best served by a 7-12 configuration.