


To: School Committee

From: John P. Phelan, Superintendent 

RE: Space Update

Date: June 9, 2015

As you know the enrollment of the Belmont Public School system is increasing each year. In the past five years we have seen an increase of 317 students with a projected enrollment of over 800 additional students over a ten year period by school year 2018/19.

Given this increase we are taking a conservative approach to our planning. In year one, (2015/16) we will be able to use our current foot print, plus the existing on-site modular classrooms at Belmont High School to absorb the increase.

We will form a committee to meet in the fall to reexamine and solidify our enrollment projections and brainstorm short and long term solutions. This work will be done in conjunction with the School Committee and in close communication and collaboration with our the Town of Belmont's Capital Committee.

Year One (2015/16)

- Elementary level will utilize existing space to expand programming for increased enrollment
- Chenery will retrofit computer lab to classroom space to accommodate increased enrollment
- Belmont High School will utilize existing modular classrooms units in back of school to accommodate increased enrollment

Years Two and Three (2016/17, 2017/18)

- Establish a committee to evaluate enrollment trends
- Discuss options with School Committee and Capital Committee