

APS Facilities Needs 2015-2021

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The Needs - Elementary

- 17-20 Elementary Classrooms
 - 300 more students ($300/20 = 15$)
 - 6-9 for schools that are already overcrowded
 - 4 currently empty that can be used
 - starting next year
 - not in the schools where it is most needed

The Needs – Middle School

- 20 Classrooms
 - 350 more students
 - 14 regular classrooms ($350/25=14$)
 - 6 specialist classrooms
 - More gym space
 - More lunchroom space
 - More administrative space

The Needs - AHS

- We need to rebuild the High School
- 12/21/15 – we find out if we are chosen for a rebuild to start next year
- MSBA will be involved in this and to stay at the top of the list, we cannot put in for any other school renovations

4 Big Questions Need to be Answered:

1.) Elementary Neighborhood Schools

- How important?
- Definition of neighborhood?
 - Can it be a part of town?
- Redistricting to put students where the classrooms are?
 - How much does this help and for how long?

4 Big Questions Need to be Answered:

2.) Middle School Size

- Currently 7th largest in the state
- Make it a campus and own the size or break it up?
- Where to build?
 - Add to what we have
- Grade levels to put together – should one be alone?

4 Big Questions Need to be Answered:

3.) Class Size/Teacher Load

- Class size is not a number, but a teacher load
 - All students are not equal in their need
 - Age
 - Needs
 - What is educationally sound?
 - What can we afford?
 - How do we define?
 - What do parents/voters want?
- How will we mitigate classrooms that exceed this teacher load?
 - New classroom
 - Add teachers, aides, student teachers
 - When does it have to be another classroom?

4 Big Questions Need to be Answered:

4.) Town Impact

- We need to take some of our town resources to ensure the quality of schools that voters want
- We know it will cost money
- We need to build somewhere – what is the smallest impact on the other priorities our town has?

Tipping Points

School Year	School	Classrooms Needed	Other Space needed
16/17	Thompson	0-2	None
17/18	Thompson	4	Yes - undefined
	Ottoson	6	Yes - cafeteria
	Hardy	1-2	None
	Bishop	0-2	None
18/19	Ottoson	6	Yes – gym, admin
	Bishop	2-4	None
	Brackett	2	None
	Dallin	3-4	None
	Hardy	2-3	None
19/20	Ottoson	8	Yes - undefined

Looking at it another way

- Bring stressed elementary schools up to 24 classrooms each to enable them to hold 4 classes of each grade
 - This would mean we need to add 20:
 - Thompson: 6
 - Bishop: 6
 - Hardy: 3
 - Dallin: 3
 - Brackett: 2
- Some elementary schools will also need additional other space (gym, lunch, after school, specials, etc.)
- Add an additional 20 classes and additional space to the Ottoson

2 Educationally feasible ways to do this

1. Add on to the 5 elementary schools in place and then for the middle school do:
 1. Add on in place, make a campus (Ottoson/Crusher Lot)
 2. Build/open another middle school (Gibbs, other space)
 3. Move 8th grade to the AHS campus (if we get to rebuild that)
2. Remove 5th grade from the elementary schools and create a 5/6 school and a 7/8 school – 1 can stay at Ottoson, build the other
 - Crusher Lot/Ottoson grounds
 - AHS
 - Gibbs

Need to pick a high level strategy for our schools moving forward and then make the short term decisions on what to do from that.

Timeline Requirements

- In order to build permanently anywhere by the 17/18 school year, funds need to be approved at the January 2016 special town meeting
- Modulares can be in place with a year's notice

Our timeline (so far)

- December
 - 9: SETF (School Enrollment Task Force)
 - 10: Full School Committee
 - Get input from school committee on 4 big questions
 - Discussion of enrollment stresses, solutions, and recommendations
 - 14: Community Relations meeting to plan January parent/voter forum on schools
 - 16: Facilities subcommittee meets
 - 17: Full School Committee
 - 18: New McKibben numbers from Mr. McKibben
 - 21: MSBA announcement on AHS
 - 22: Next meeting of the SETF
- January
 - 7: Parent/Voter forum on schools
 - 14: Full School Committee
 - 25: Town Meeting

Other questions that need to be answered

- Complete solution costs and plans
- Decision timelines for each option
- Where and when will the stress hit each school?
 - This needs refining
- Tonight: High level recommendations from the school committee on how to move forward and what to take back to the School Enrollment Task Force