

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) **Related to the School Facilities Study of September 2017**

We will continue to add questions that are asked at meetings held about the Facility Study throughout the school and community.

How do we know the State will be able to pay us back (reimburse the Town)?

Mike Sorano, Architect from Friar Associates shared that the State has never declined funding for an approved project but they have postponed projects prior to the start of the building process.

When will the homeowners in the area be approached regarding land acquisition?

The BOE stated that although some options would require land acquisition, they are very early in the process and have made no decisions.

Can a new facility be built on the 100 acres of town land on route 320 by the bus lot?

The town property is 50 acres of land on route 320, much of which is wetlands. The Board of Education researched this suggestion and learned that there is a 1992 report prepared by the School Building Committee that concluded, after an analysis, that this property is not feasible for a school and that a better site must be found.

What was the cost of the facilities study? The study cost \$15,000. A Board of Education Committee and staff interviewed three firms who submitted proposals including an estimated cost and unanimously chose, Friar Associates and Mike Sorano, architect to complete the study.

What does the timeline look like for the BOE's next steps and decision making regarding the facilities study? The facilities study will be on the agenda for many upcoming BOE meetings. Dr. Jacoby and Mr. Stevens will present the study to other groups including PTA and staff. This will be a lengthy process and there will be opportunities for community members and others to give feedback, ask questions, and learn more about the study.

The Board of Education has scheduled a Workshop to discuss the Facilities Study and invited the public to join them on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building, Board of Education Conference Room.

Where can the community go to find information about the Facilities Study?

Electronic Access: www.friar.com/clients, Username: WilmingtonPS@friar.com, Password: 1234.

Facilities Option 5: New School on Center Property (PreK-8), Will demolition happen after the new building is built? Yes, once the new building is built, the old building would be demolished.

Facilities Option 6: Consolidate to PreK-5 Building and Grades 6-8 sent Out of District, Are there additional costs beyond the building for this option? Consideration would need to be given to the annual cost of tuition for the approximately 150 students who would be sent to other districts along with transportation costs for these students.

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