

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE

May 12, 2016

Dear Public School of Brookline Families,

The Brookline School Committee has announced four public meetings to update parents, guardians, and community members about ongoing and upcoming school building projects: the site selection and construction of a 9th elementary school; the renovation and expansion of Brookline High School; and the Devotion School renovation.

## **9th Elementary School**

Updates on the 9th school are scheduled for May 18th and June 7th. All are welcome to attend these meetings for a presentation on the current timeline for site selection and construction and a review of the three sites being studied this spring and summer. There will be time for Q&A at the May 18th meeting.

- May 18 at Pierce School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- June 7, Joint School Committee/Board of Selectmen meeting at Town Hall in the Selectman's Hearing Room. The time will be announced closer to the meeting date.

These meetings continue our efforts to keep members of the public informed about the process for identifying a site for a 9th elementary school and the ongoing need to address enrollment growth in the public schools.

You can learn more about the 9th school on the Brookline [town website](#) with links to the [Civic Moxie Study](#) on possible sites, [FAQs](#), and other useful information regarding site selection for a new elementary school.

## **Brookline High School Expansion and Renovation**

The Brookline High School Expansion Working Group will hold a meeting at Brookline High School on June 13th at 7:00 p.m. to update the community on the work they have been doing to develop an educational plan that will guide BHS expansion. The Working Group will also share the current timeline and process for this expansion project, which is designed to prepare PSB for the rapid increase in high school enrollment in the coming years.

## **Devotion School**

Construction of the new Devotion School will begin this July. All community members are invited to attend a meeting on June 8th for an update on the project schedule and construction by HMFH Architects and Shawmut Construction. There will also be an update and progress report concerning the 30 Webster Street site for Lower Devotion. This meeting will take place at the Devotion School Auditorium on June 8th at 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at these important community meetings.

## **New Email Addresses for all PSB Employees Starting on June 8th**

On June 8th, the email addresses of all employees of the Public Schools of Brookline will change. New email addresses will be [firstname\\_lastname@psbma.org](#). For example if your child's teacher is Jane Doe, then her new email address will be [jane\\_doe@psbma.org](#). For all teachers and staff members, the part of the email address before the @ symbol remains the same. The existing [brookline.k12.ma.us](#) email addresses will continue to work and get to our staff through the summer and into next school year, so our staff will not miss any emails that you send to them. We are changing email systems because our currently existing system is no longer reliable and has suffered a number of outages this year. We will send out additional reminders as we get close to June 8th.

Sincerely

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Interim Superintendent