

Step Up for Education... Support Our New Pelham High School

Why Do We Need a New Pelham High School?

Pelham High School Grades 9-12 - OVERCROWDING

- 561 Capacity at 85% utilization (State recommendation)(660 at 100%)
- 647 Students enrolled as of (June 2009)

Pelham High School Restricts Curriculum Changes and Growth

- The TEACH Committee Recommendations were to have 59 classes by 2009-10.
 - Currently the school offers 47 classes.
 - Space and teacher resources are the primary constraints.
- 16 of 18 *general* classrooms are undersized.
- Undersized *specialty* areas include music, art, computer lab, darkroom, and special education.
- New Biotechnology Pathway on hold due to limited science lab space.
- 2009 Budget Discussion: PHS Critical need is an English teacher, no available space.
- PHS is currently on a Warning status from New England Association of Schools and Colleges, (NEASC)
- All remaining NEASC concerns are based on lack of space and building deficiencies.
- Land Restrictions of Current Site:
 - Current land is not large enough for expansion for all the identified district needs.
 - 2009 Topographic survey shows reduced buildable acres due to regulatory changes.
 - Current septic system not large enough for additional capacity at PHS.

What Does a New High School Offer?

A New High School provides an adequate, updated and modernized facility:

- Adequate classroom space for current curriculum needs and growth.
- Multi-purpose laboratories sized per current standards.
- Properly sized and equipped Cafeteria, Administrative Space, Storage Space.
- Teacher collaboration spaces.
- Energy efficient mechanical systems properly sized for facility and facility configuration.
- Adequate specialty areas for music, art, computer science
- Meets Current Building and Safety Standards
- Resolves ALL NEASC Warning Status concerns

Provides space opportunities with existing buildings for other district needs:

- Reduce Memorial school overcrowding.
- Provide options for Kindergarten and Pre-school services on existing properties.

What does it cost me?

Estimated Cost:

- \$38.8M New High School on a New Site
- Includes Land, Design, Building, Equipment

Estimated Peak Tax Impact - \$ 2.38/1000 Assessed Value in Peak Year 2012 of a 6%, 25 year Bond

Home Value	Peak Year Tax Impact
\$ 250,000	\$ 595
\$ 362,000 (Median Value)	\$ 861
\$ 450,000	\$ 1,071

Bond payoff amount decreases every year after 2012

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