



# FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## MEMORANDUM

Enclosure No. 1  
September 5, 2023

**TO:** Board Members  
**FROM:** Superintendent Michael J. Testani  
**DATE:** September 1, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** ECC Location Analysis

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Good afternoon,

I have analyzed each elementary school's ability to support an ECC program with 5 classrooms inclusive of a CLC with Angelus Papageorge, Executive Director of Operations. The sites were considered solely for space capacity and do not take into consideration anything else related to redistricting. The criteria utilized was based on the rubric developed in 2019 which includes location of classrooms on ground level with bathrooms, air conditioning, and an appropriate pre-school playground. One item to note is that every playground will require some upgrades to meet the state standard.

I have asked the SLAM consultants to examine using 2 locations for the ECC in addition to the one currently located at Fairfield Warde High School using the rubric. They will use Holland Hill as one of the two sites as the Board directed at the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. In addition, SLAM will consider using an additional combination of 2 sites for ECC to compare to the one using Holland Hill. They will look at how each combination impacts the redistricting priorities in preparation for the September 12, 2023 meeting. The impact on middle and high school will be limited; they will not provide a deep level of detail in time for the September 12, 2023 meeting. I have provided some context on each building's ability to host ECC.

- 1. Burr has 8 classrooms on the first floor with bathrooms. However, K-2 must be located on first floor.*
- 2. Dwight has 8 classrooms with bathrooms. They do not have air conditioning and have stairs to access the first-floor classrooms.*
- 3. Jennings has 11 classrooms with bathrooms. They have split A/C units which will need replacement as well as other minor work to get the program started.*
- 4. Holland Hill has 9 classrooms with bathrooms.*
- 5. Mill Hill has 7 classrooms with bathrooms. There is no available space, therefore, it would involve moving students out which will add significant transportation needs.*



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6. *Riverfield has 3 classrooms with bathrooms.*
7. *McKinley has 4 classrooms with bathrooms.*
8. *North Stratfield has 13 classrooms with bathrooms. They are also part of our Phase I air conditioning project.*
9. *Sherman has 7 classrooms with bathrooms. There is no available space, therefore, it would involve moving students out which will add significant transportation needs.*
10. *Osborn Hill has 4 classrooms with bathrooms.*
11. *Stratfield has 4 classrooms with bathrooms. There needs to be more playground work than other sites.*

In closing, the administration has determined SLAM should consider all possibilities where ECC can be effectively implemented, and racial imbalance be reduced to 21% or below. However, we must remain cognizant to not increase the number of bus runs to avoid contributing to an already strained transportation system.