



TO: School Committee

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RE: Student Assignment Working Group Update

On February 12, 2018 a full description of five preliminary scenarios was provided for consideration. The working group is currently focused on communication. The goal is to spread the word about the potential changes as illustrated in the preliminary scenarios through a variety of channels and to encourage feedback. This feedback is critical to improving and refining scenarios as the process moves forward.

Based on some feedback provided so far, and to ensure that the preliminary group of scenarios presented for consideration is as complete as possible, two additional variations have been added. There are now seven preliminary scenarios that are the focus of the communication and outreach.

The first variation (Scenario A.3) answers the question: What would a scenario with the smallest possible impact on the Horace Mann and Lincoln-Eliot districts look like (and still accomplish the goal of balancing enrollment and adjusting boundaries for new school locations).

The second additional variation (Scenario G.2) is an option that uses new Cabot capacity and balances enrollment at Franklin and Burr (versus Peirce as is shown in G.1).

The next opportunity to review and discuss student assignment potential changes will be at School Committee on April 25, 2018. At this meeting, the working group recommends offering extended public comment time in order to hear direct feedback on the preliminary scenarios.