

## Community Engagement Forum #7 Q&A Response 24-1206

**Project Name:** Greenwich Central Middle School

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### 1. Vehicular & Pedestrian Safety:

- a. **The building committee received a number of questions related to safe access/egress to the site, both from a pedestrian as well as vehicular standpoint.**
- b. **Several questions focused around existing traffic speeds along Orchard St.**
  - i. New crosswalks and safety features added on Orchard St and Indian Rock Lane
  - ii. Rapid flashing beacons and striping to be added at crosswalks.
  - iii. Pedestrian safety, especially Coach Lamp to Indian Rock: Additional crosswalks with illuminated flashers will be added. These improvements are expected to be installed during summer 2025 and 2026. The new design provides safer pathways than currently exist.
  - iv. Police Chief Heavey noted speed cameras to be installed near schools.
    1. Traffic calming on Orchard St: The town is planning to install speed cameras near schools, which can be moved as needed during construction phases.
  - v. Fencing and grading at bus exit on Orchard St: There were concerns about the fence height and grading differences. The project team noted they are changing some grading to address elevation concerns, and the bus exit will have a less steep incline than currently exists.

### 2. Existing Building & Safe Occupancy:

- a. **Several questions were directed around the team's approach to ensure the safety of students (faculty & staff) during the construction of Phase 1 and while they are occupying the existing structure.**
  - i. Separation between construction and school operations: Detailed phasing and logistics plans have been developed to maintain clear separation, with frequent communication planned between the construction team and school principal.
  - ii. Safety of existing building during construction: An independent third party (Gap Mountain) was engaged to assess if the existing school will be safe to occupy during construction. Their recommendations are being incorporated into bid documents.
  - iii. Blasting procedures and notifications: Blasting will follow town noise ordinances. There will be pre-blast surveys, monitoring, and communication with the community about blasting schedules. Horns will sound before any blasts.

### 3. Building Operations:

- a. **Several questions focused on building operations.**
- b. Regarding isolating construction activities from the on-going daily operations of the school, maintaining egress, and establishing protocols for interfacing with Principal Tom Healy.
  - i. Clear separation between construction operations and school operations:
    - 1. Careful planning of site fencing to create distinct separation.
    - 2. Much thought has gone into setting up fencing and egress points from existing buildings.
  - ii. Maintaining egress:
    - 1. Egress points from existing buildings have been carefully considered.
    - 2. Principal Healy and the construction team have had many conversations regarding egress and parking.
  - iii. Protocols for interfacing with Principal Healy:
    - 1. Principal Healy will be a key point of contact for the construction team.
    - 2. There will be frequent communication throughout the day and weeks.
    - 3. The construction team and Principal Healy are expected to develop a close working relationship.
  - iv. Ongoing communication and updates:
    - 1. The construction team will issue updated and modified logistics plans and phasing plans regularly.
    - 2. Additional logistics plans will be created for each phase of construction (site preparation, rock removal, foundation work, steel erection, exterior envelope, etc.).
    - 3. These plans will be communicated to the school, students, and surrounding community, providing 2–6-week outlooks.
- c. How has the current design addressed GPS requirements surrounding the Zero-Waste Schools Program.
  - i. The zero-waste school program for Greenwich is still being decided at the GPS administrative level.
  - ii. Dan Watson, who was present at the meeting, indicated that it's a larger district-wide decision that is still somewhat undecided.
    - 1. However, Watson noted that within the design for food service, they can accommodate a couple of different scenarios depending on which direction GPS decides to take on the zero-waste program.
  - iii. The design team seems to have built in some flexibility to adapt to whatever decision is made regarding the zero-waste program, but no specific details were provided.

### 4. General Topic Questions:

- a. Solar panels: The project is designed to be "solar ready" but the panels themselves have been removed from the current scope to stay within budget. The infrastructure will be in place to add panels later when the town is ready.