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Although planning for East Greenwich's proposed school construction projects is still in the early stages, consultants under contract with the Town have quickly moved forward with scheduling a series of 'community conversations' to gather feedback from residents.

At the School Construction Committee on August 29th, the Town's Owner's Project Manager discussed their proposed realignment of the schedule, which would push back the schematic design submission to the Rhode Island Department of Education by several months. This change would allow for more opportunities to perform due diligence in these early planning stages. Part of this due diligence is meeting directly with residents to hear their hopes and concerns for these projects moving forward.

The first of these 'community conversations' is concentrated on listening, and feedback will be used to ensure empathy for the East Greenwich community is fully realized throughout the design process. Although a brief presentation will be given, there will not be a technical focus on the design or proposed sites at this meeting. The Project Team has also planned a series of interactive activities to help drive conversations.

"We fully understand that these projects affect everyone in our community, not just residents with direct connections to our schools. As such, we felt it was critical to provide an opportunity for everyone to sit down, discuss, and engage with the Project Team on what matters to everyone individually. We encourage everyone to come and make their voices heard" – Dr. Brian G. Ricca, Superintendent of Schools.

The first of these forums is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 PM at the Swift Community Center. If you cannot attend, you can submit questions to the Project's email address, eastgreenwichprojects@gmail.com.