

Grade Span Configuration Proposal

School Committee Presentation

October 21, 2019



Current Status

- Envisioning 2020 - Optimal district configuration
- Spread across five schools
- Understaffing requires the district to transport students across the city at an additional cost
- Inequities in class sizes across our schools
- Current span not aligned to developmental needs

Positive Outcomes

- Maximize impact of our limited resources
- Specific student needs can be targeted with smaller spans
- Current single preschool location limits future growth

Additional Considerations

- Redistrict the city
- Reevaluate school start times
- Support students at an earlier grade level
- Grade five

Proposed Configuration

Lower Elementary

Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade One

Studley Elementary School

Thacher Elementary School

Upper Elementary

Grades Two, Three, & Four

Hyman Fine Elementary School

Hill-Roberts Elementary School

Willett Elementary School

Progress

- Prepared and researched two proposals to determine if viable
- Attleboro Education Association Leadership
- Discussed proposal in each school
- Completed a survey to determine support for the concept
 - 22.3% support the concept
 - 35.4% support the concept and want more information
 - 37.4% do not support the concept

Current Actions

- Scheduled times to discuss at all elementary PTO meetings
- Create committees to discuss:
 - Personnel
 - Curriculum
 - Operations
- Administer survey to families and staff

Proposed Timeline

2018-2019: Present information to Attleboro Education Association

2019-2020: Family forums, redistrict, research start times, survey staff and families

2020-2021: Preparation of facilities & planning for transition

2021-2022: Implementation of grade span configuration

Next

- Continue the conversation with families and staff to determine support before moving forward with any contemplated change.

