

Dedham Public Schools

Home to America's first tax supported, free public school

New ECEC At Dexter Site

Town Meeting Presentation

May 16, 2016

The Need – Curran ECEC/Capen School

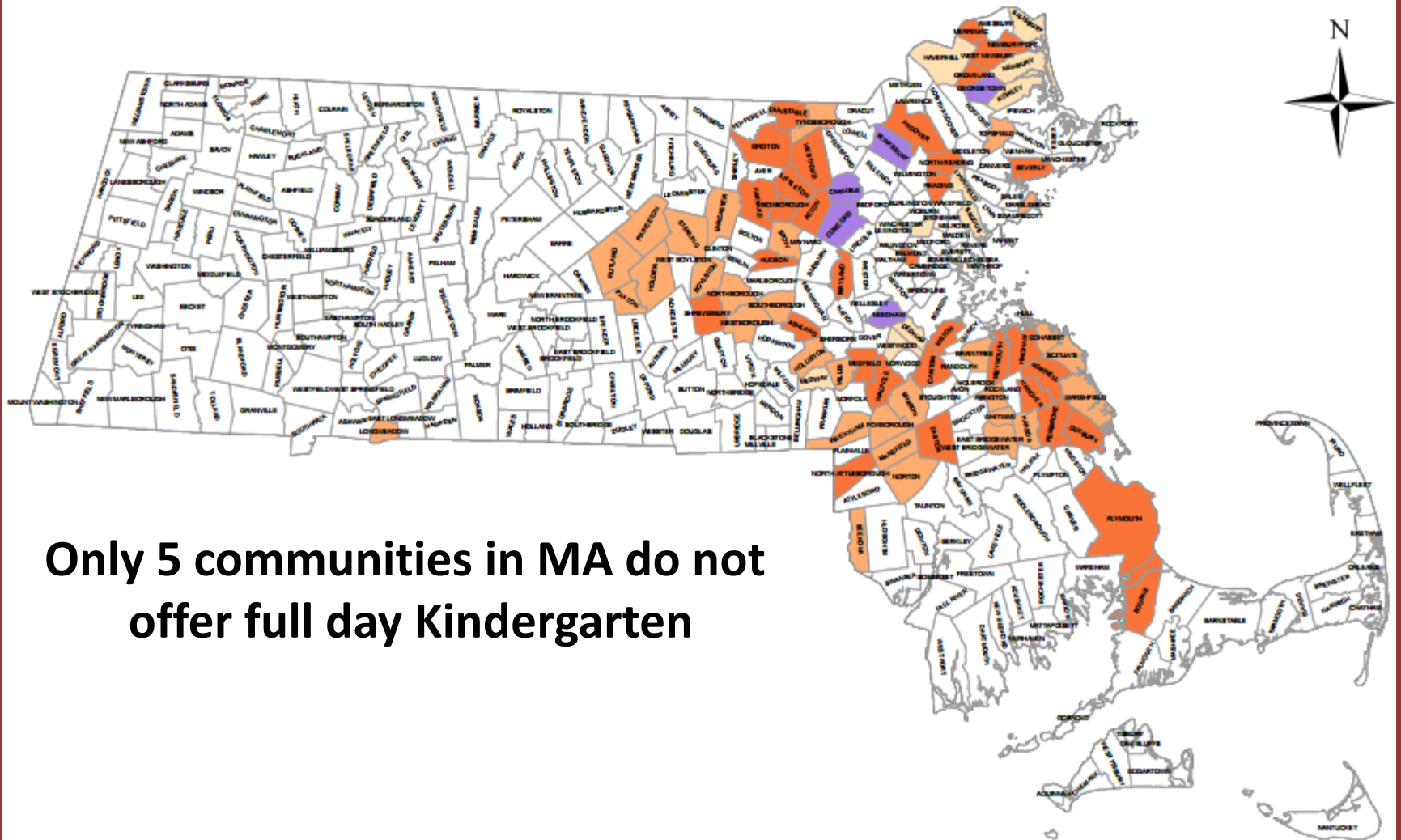


- Built in 1931 as elementary school
- Closed from 1981 – 1993
- Re-opened as pre-K and K in 1993
- Currently houses 185 K and 122 pre-K

- Mandatory pre-K for special needs students
- Plan for FREE full-day Kindergarten in 2 years
- 80% of students in full-day Kindergarten
- Youngest = 3 years old; oldest = 6 years old
- Pre-K = half-day, full day, 2,3, or 5 days/week



2015-16 Tuition Rates For Full Day Kindergarten



Only 5 communities in MA do not offer full day Kindergarten

Not designed for 3 – 6 year olds



Bathroom
sinks don't
work...

Need to use
sink in
hallway...



Urinals haven't worked in years...



No bathrooms in classrooms...group bathroom visits

3 floors + 2 sets of stairs = Not Handicap accessible. No elevator.



No Cafeteria – Food prepared in basement



No Bathroom in Nurse's office

Tiny classrooms



Inadequate playground space



Severe Site Access Challenges

The Process

January 2012

Original
Dedham
Statement Of
Interest (SOI)
submitted to
MSBA

Fall 2012

Town Meeting
appropriates
\$45,000 to
update
Education Model
and Master Plan

August 2014

MSBA and SBRC
select KBA to
study all
combinations
for Curran
Center

March 2015

SBRC votes to reduce to
3 final options for
Curran Center –
Greenlodge combo and
new or renovated
Dexter sites

March 30, 2016

MSBA approves
\$10.77 Million for
new Curran Center at
Dexter Site

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

Spring 2013

MSBA invites
Dedham's SOI into
the initial stage of
grant process

Fall 2013

Town Meeting
approves \$600,000
Feasibility Study to
study free-standing
Curran Center OR
combo options for
ECEC + Elementary
Schools on several site

Feb. 2015

14 designs at
5 different
sites
presented to
SBRC

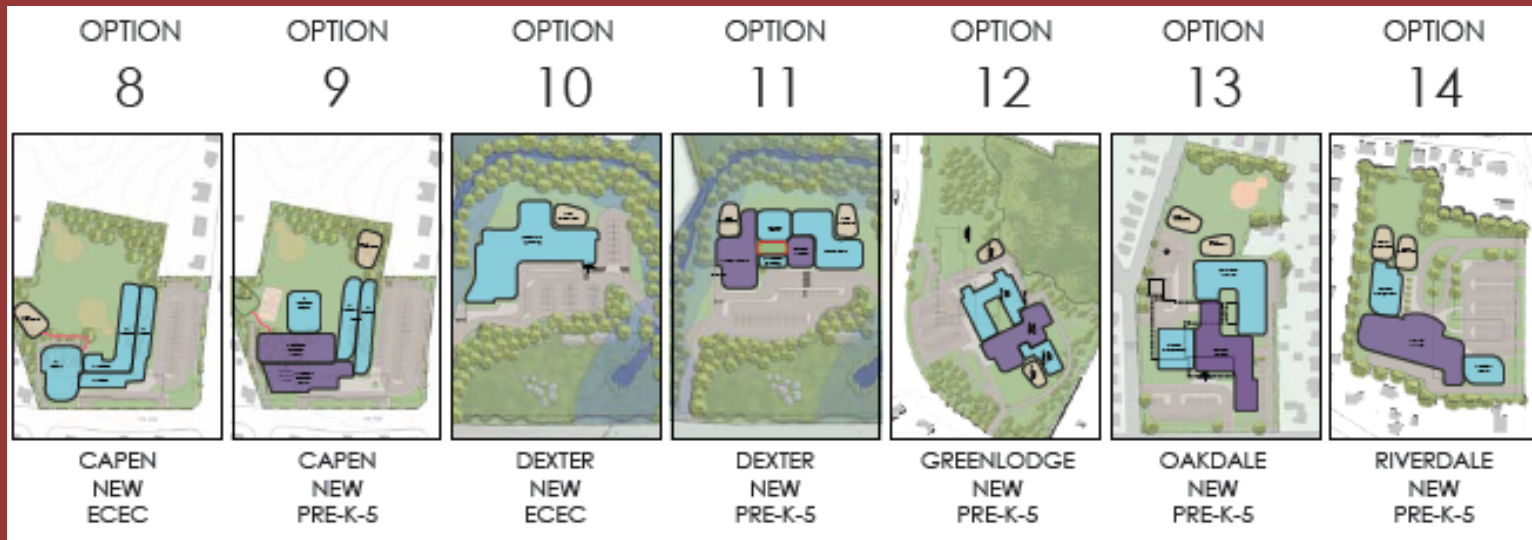
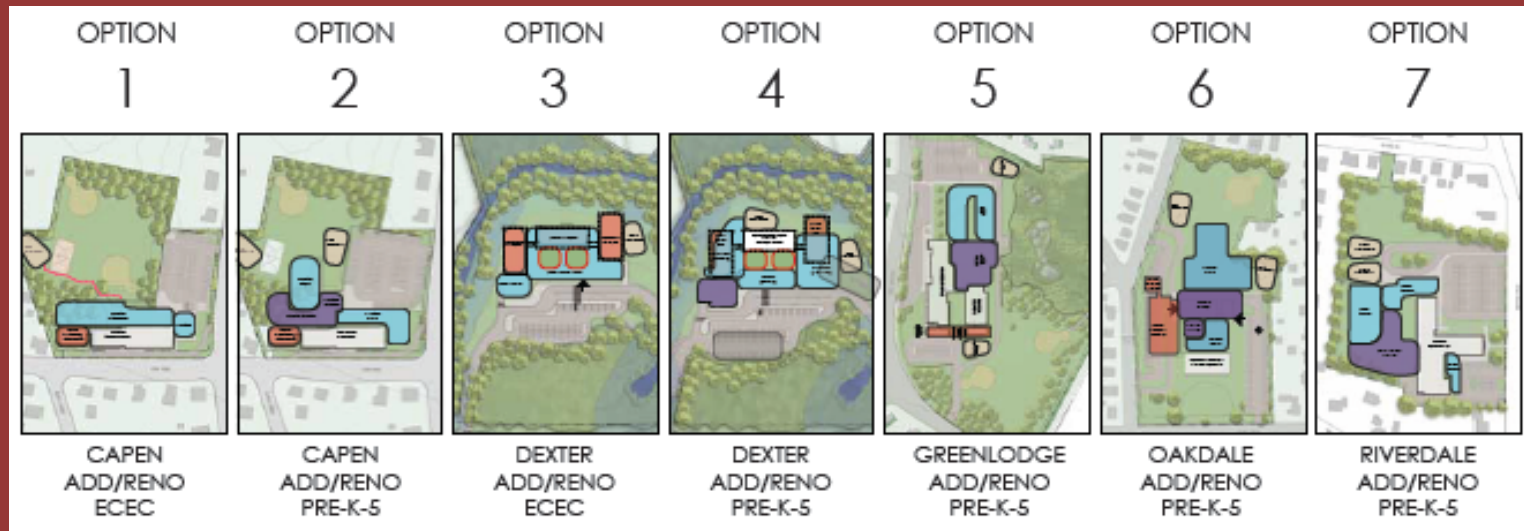
July 2015

SBRC votes to
approve new
construction
of Curran
Center at
Dexter site

December 2011

School Committee and B.O.S.
vote to submit a Statement of
Interest (SOI) to MSBA

14 Site And Building Options Studied By Architects





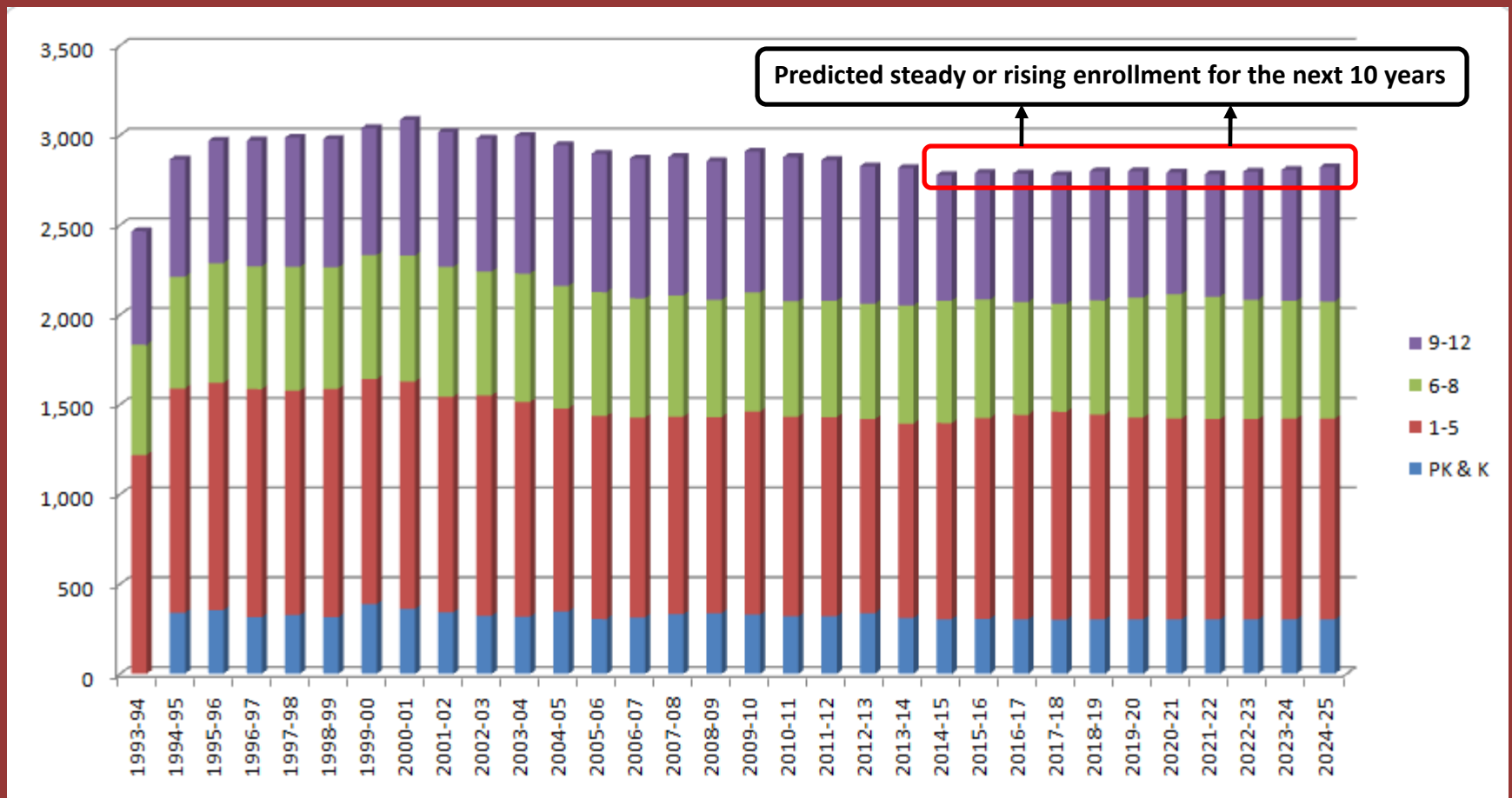
New Building Features:

- Modest, functional spaces
- Shared facilities for pre-K and K
- 10 standard Kindergarten classrooms
- 6 standard Pre-K classrooms
- 2 sub-separate special ed. classrooms
- ELL and special ed. pull-out rooms
- OT/PT space
- Art room and discovery center
- Cafeteria, music, and phys. ed spaces
- Full, separate K & pre-K playgrounds
- Fully equipped nurse's space
- Ample, safe on-site parking/egress



Enrollments Predicted To Remain Steady Or Increase

From D.E.S.E. October 1 Enrollment Reports (1993-2014) And
DeJong-Richter 2015 Recommended Projected Enrollment



Elementary Space Assessment

(From 2013 Dore & Whittier Master Plan Update – Executive Summary – Page B-1-3)

	Target	Current	MSBA	Difference	Difference
Building	Enrollment	G.S.F.	G.S.F.	G.S.F.	%
Avery	310	60,796	56,442	4,354	7.71%
Greenlodge	312	39,898	57,913	-18,015	-31.11%
Oakdale	313	53,524	57,936	-4,412	-7.62%
Riverdale	190	37,098	45,173	-8,075	-17.88%
ECEC	250	29,167	34,905	-5,738	-16.44%
Overall Total	1,375	220,483	252,369	-31,886	-12.63%

G.S.F. = Gross Square Footage

Existing Curran Center And Elementary Schools OVER CAPACITY

Back Then...(1975)...In Dedham...

- Mostly 2-parent families – moms home with kids
- Most kids walked to school; and walked home for lunch
- Pre-school education mostly by parents
- Virtually all families spoke English at home
- No Special Education services
- Few Early Intervention services
- No mandatory tests for graduation



Today...2016...In Dedham...



- Fewer 2-parent families; many working moms and single-parent families
- All Kindergarten students bused to school
- All full-day kids eat lunch at school
- Many kids enrolled in pre-school
- One-third of parents speak a language other than English at home

- Virtually all students with special needs included in classrooms
- Sky-rocketing student needs (Autism spectrum, medically compromised, severe allergies, mobility impaired)
- ALL 3-year olds with identified special needs enrolled in pre-school
- >260 districts in MA offer full-day, free Kindergarten; some with free pre-school
- D.P.S. = FAR more diverse student population. Many more “High Needs” kids:
 - 28% Free/Reduced Lunch
 - 16.3% First Language Not English
 - 19.3% Special Needs

The Future...2030...In Dedham...

- All students in full-day, free kindergarten
- High-needs students in full-day, free pre-school
- Many high-needs students in year-round school



- Increasing number and complexity of special education students served in public schools requiring specialized facilities and staff



- More intensive services provided by schools
- Increased graduation requirements
- D.P.S. = FAR more “High Needs” students

Total Project Costs

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Category	Estimated Budget	Ineligible Cost	Eligible Grant Funds
ADMINISTRATION & CONSULTANTS	\$3,661,020	\$438,391	\$3,222,629
LEGAL	\$30,000	\$30,000	---
OPM	\$1,011,220	\$108,746	\$902,474
ARCHITECT	\$2,619,800	\$299,645	\$2,320,155
CONSTRUCTION	\$23,213,553	\$7,144,043	\$16,069,510
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECT COST	\$190,000	\$80,000	\$110,000
UTILITIES	\$70,000	---	\$70,000
TESTING	\$40,000	---	\$40,000
OTHER (Moving & Mailing)	\$80,000	\$80,000	---
FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT	\$662,000	\$182,000	\$480,000
FURNISHINGS	\$372,000	\$132,000	\$240,000
EQUIPMENT	\$50,000	\$50,000	---
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$240,000	---	\$240,000
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY	\$1,160,678	\$928,542	\$232,136
OWNERS CONTINGENCY	\$276,151	---	\$276,151
TOTAL PROJECT COST WARRANT 2016	\$29,163,402	\$8,772,976	\$20,390,426
FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$600,000		
OVERALL TOTAL	\$29,763,402		
MSBA SHARE	\$10,774,386		
TOWN SHARE	\$18,989,016		

EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION CENTER

New Curran Center At Dexter Site...



- ✓ The right building
- ✓ The right site
- ✓ The right time
- ✓ The right financing (NO INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES)
- ✓ The right thing for the children of Dedham
- ✓ The right thing for the Dedham Community !