

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOKLINE



Brookline High School Expansion
Update
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2. 9th Grade using Old Lincoln School and Cohorted Travel

BHS Expansion Project Overview



Project Timeline



Skanska is currently developing the formal timeline for the project and will present this to the building committee in late February.

- Demolition of Roberts Wing and 111 Cypress expected to begin this summer.
- The Science Center should be ready for classes during the Spring Term of the 2020/2021 school year
- Expected occupancy of the new building at 111 Cypress is June 2021
- Tappan Gym and Kirrane Pool remain for bulk of project while improvement are being made
- The reconstruction of the 3rd floor science classrooms should be completed for the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year

9th Grade - Classes of 2022 and 2023



By being at both locations, the Classes of 2023 and 2024 will immediately be able to experience the full range of BHS's programs and become full members of our community rather than being cloistered at an off campus site that could only provide a diminished program.

- 9th grade students will continue to be exposed to the depth and breadth of our elective program as well as the full range of academic supports.
- Will continue have access to Career and Tech Education, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts
- Old Lincoln used primarily for academic subjects
- 115 Greenough used primarily for electives, wellness, and academic support
- 9th Graders will have full administrative and guidance team at OLS
- Before and after school academic support will be provided at both locations

Cohorted Travel



- 9th graders will be assigned to one of two “cohorts”
- One cohort starts the day at OLS and travels to 115 Greenough after their academic courses
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- Students will transition only once per day
- Administrators, security staff, and Brookline police will facilitate approximately 250-275 students traveling at one time.
- Almost all students will walk. Vans and/or a bus will be available for students with mobility issues
- Alternate schedules or travel plans can be made in the rare event that the Brookline Public Health Department declares that outside travel is unsafe



Getting OLS Ready for the Class of 2023



- Modifications to OLS include:
 - Using gymnasium as teaching space-- travelling wall in place so it can be used as two physics classrooms
 - Expansion of nurse/clinic space
 - Maximizing use of space for classrooms to avoid the need to portable classrooms
 - Schedule modifications and adjustments to make the small cafeteria work

Transition Events and Communication



- Tomorrow -- Detailed email and launch of website with specific page on 9th Grade and OLS
- Seven Different Events for 8th grade students and families
 - Monday 2/11, 7:00pm - Curriculum Night
 - Wednesday 2/27, 6:00pm - Electives Night
 - Tuesday 3/5, 7:00pm - Life at BHS
 - Monday 3/11, 7:00pm - Athletics at BHS
 - Tuesday, 3/19 at Pierce School - Update and Q&A with 7th and 8th Grade Families
 - Wednesday, 3/20 at Coolidge Corner School - Update and Q&A with 7th and 8th Grade Families
 - Thursday, 3/21 at Baker School - Update and Q&A with 7th and 8th Grade Families