



# Weston

## Facility Optimization Committee *Status Update*

As of October 20, 2021

# Weston FOC Process to Date

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- The initial FOC process was slowed to contemplate any covid impact to enrollment, and to capture and account for that. The plan will include the pending enrollment updates from BoE.
- The FOC process assumes no change to the current Weston town policies on student class size and the current Weston educational programming
- FOC process is by and large on track, just completing first phase of the project covering the school buildings, with balance of buildings to follow
- The process analyzed the schools for number and size of class rooms, number and size of all additional spaces (cafeterias, gyms, special ed rooms, etc.), for circulation, and for utilization of spaces
- The total area was then compared to the state standards per student, using the most recent forecast enrollment, which will be updated with the new enrollment forecasts once they are received
- As the process proceeds, all of the data will be used to help model options and comprehensive cost impacts for the town

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- Preliminary findings
  - Hurlbutt, WIS and the Middle School each have poor ratios of useable space (e.g. class rooms) relative to the total space (i.e. including hallways, infrastructure spaces and the like). This is the largest portion of any inefficiency in the campus and is primarily due to the existing building designs starting back in 1950 and the additions through time
  - The design of Hurlbutt and the Middle School each create challenges to efficiently delivering the programming
  - The existing mechanical infrastructure of Hurlbutt and the Middle School is of an age that any change to the building will likely generate systems replacement. Due to the age of existing systems, changes will be warranted in either case
  - Some programs are currently delivered in larger spaces than required, largely because those are the available spaces. Going forward, those programs remain and will still require space(s), though reconfiguring the physical space could reduce the total area required
  - Some of the core spaces (cafeterias, gyms, etc.) are duplicated without delivering the standard that would be desired
- The FOC will continue to work on preliminary findings in preparation for a town wide communication on the existing conditions