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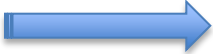


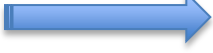
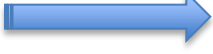
To: School Committee
From: Jean M. Fitzgerald
Date: June 5, 2016
RE: Renovation of the Phillips School First Floor

Based on the overwhelming feedback from the public meetings on Wednesday, June 1st and further meetings with the administration and Early Steps Integrated Preschool faculty, I would like to offer an alternate proposal to the original plan that would have moved all Early Steps Integrated Preschool classrooms to the Phillips, the Cunniff kindergarten classes and Lowell PreK to the Hosmer Campus.

This alternate proposal relies on moving forward with school committee approval of the complete summer renovation project at the Phillips.

To be clear, we need at least one additional Early Steps Integrated Preschool classroom to support the additional incoming students and we do not have the space at the Hosmer Campus.

Description of Alternate Proposal:

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| NEW Early Steps Integrated Preschool Classroom |  | Renovated classroom at the Phillips |
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| Cunniff PreK |  | Renovated classroom at the Phillips |
| Hosmer PreK |  | Renovated classroom at the Phillips |
| Lowell PreK |  | Renovated classroom at the Phillips |

These moves would provide the ability for each school to add an additional class to reduce class size.

The data indicates that our preschool population has grown beyond the capacity of the current Early Steps Integrated Preschool facility. By renovating the Phillips first floor this summer, we can accomplish two goals: 1. Provide short-term space relief to all three elementary schools for at least the 2016-2017 school year. 2. Have a facility that is ready to accommodate additional preschool/classrooms in the future.

This proposal has the added benefit of not requiring cross-town movement of students from the Cunniff to the Hosmer.