

Minutes  
Farmington High School Building Committee  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017

**Present:**

William Wadsworth  
Hilary Donald  
Johnny Carrier  
Jean Baron  
Dan Kleinman  
Justin Bernier

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager  
Kathy Greider, Superintendent  
Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works  
Bill Silva, High School Principal  
Tim Harris, Dir. Of School Facilities  
Vincent La Fontan, School Business Manager  
Meredith Trimble, Town Council Liaison  
Kathryn Howroyd, Clerk of the Committee  
Marc Sklenka, Colliers International  
Chuck Boos, Kaestle Boos Associates  
Paul Dominov, Kaestle Boos Associates  
Firdos Khericha, Kaestle Boos Associates  
Enrico Chiarillo, Kaestle Boos Associates  
Luke McCoy, Kaestle Boos Associates  
Brian Holmes, O&G Industries, Inc.

**Absent (Excused):**

Mecheal Hamilton

**A. Call to Order.**

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

**B. Public Comment.**

Pam Fisher, 5 Jules Court, Unionville, informed the committee that looking at the big picture is the right decision. She spoke in opposition to "Option A" and does not believe it addresses all the facility issues. She spoke in favor of "Option D" as it addresses the issues more efficiently and provides a 50 year solution.

Beth Kintner, 24 Farmstead Lane, expressed that she believes the changes made to Options "A" and "D" are less than desirable for a long term solution. She believes the original "Option D" had the potential to benefit the community as a whole; however reductions/eliminations including the black box theater, size of gym, culinary program and the 4<sup>th</sup> field lead her to believe the committee is moving away from the best solution. She suggested that the committee keep the original "Option D" on the table and provide tax implications for each of the options so that the committee and the public all have the opportunity to thoroughly review each of the options. She understands that a long term comprehensive solution is expensive, but believes that a less than ideal design may cause a lack of support for the project as a whole.

Vince Cunningham, 63 Oakridge Drive, expressed the need for a long term solution. He would like the committee to "do it once and do it right." He is in opposition to "Option A" and if this option was presented to him at referendum, he would not vote for it.

Emily Kaliney, 30 High Street, has been following the building committee's process and is disappointed with the new options. She urged the building committee to trust the community and emphasized the importance of providing a better choice than a "scaled back" option "A" and "D."

Olivia Germano, 25 Firenzi Lane, expressed that the committee needs to spend the money for the best option. She suggested the committee survey the community to get feedback on which option they prefer.

Chelle Grande, 6 Ashford Court, informed the committee that she would not vote for "Option A." She urged the committee to consider the importance of athletic facilities and drama/music productions during construction, as home games/productions produce revenue for booster clubs. She believes that a reduction of field/gym space is not beneficial or acceptable. She urged the committee to spend the money to produce a facility that will last a long time.

**C. Minutes.**

**1) To approve the attached January 25, 2017 minutes.**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Kleinman/Donald) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the January 25, 2017 minutes.

**D. Various Communications and Written Appeals**

The committee received comments and opinions via email and through the project website. Additional correspondence was added, as it had been received after agendas were distributed on February 3, 2017. A copy of the correspondence is recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item D.

**E. Reports/Updates.**

Chairman Wadsworth informed the committee that the subcommittee update would be given prior to the architect's report.

**1) Subcommittee Update on Options "A" and "D"**

The subcommittee met on January 27, 2017 and February 3, 2017. The subcommittee was charged with reducing the size and cost of Options A and D. Kaestle Boos and school administration met in addition to the subcommittee meetings to determine where changes could be made. The revised options, as a result of the subcommittee meeting, will be presented by Kaestle Boos.

**2) Architect Report (Dominov)**

Paul Dominov, Kaestle Boos Associates, presented the two conceptual options to the committee. A copy of the presentation is recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item E-2.

Highlights of revised "Option A":

- 236,339 sq. ft. (school only) + 9,626 sq. ft. (BOE)
- Expand cafeteria
- Move kitchen to the back of the building
- Demolish the 500,600 and 700 wings
- Move Board of Education to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the 2003 building
- Small addition by auditorium for woodshop/auto classrooms

Highlights of revised "Option D":

- 239,046 sq. ft. (school only) + 9,626 sq. ft. (BOE)
- Eliminate Square Footage- Alternative High School, Culinary, Black Box Theater, Amphitheater in Learning Commons, Café in Learning Commons, Collaborative space in clusters
- Reduced Square Footage- Large Gymnasium, most spaces throughout the building by approximately 5%, storage spaces
- Other Items: Three fields on the hill, not four, Wood and Auto Classroom eliminated with Larger Lab spaces for both
- Two Scenarios- BOE in school building (3<sup>rd</sup> floor above guidance) or in 1928 Building

The committee had general discussion on the changes made to Options "A" and "D" as summarized below:

- Options for 1928 building if Board of Education is located in the school
- Disappointed that there is no culinary program
- Removal of black box theater- Paul Dominov informed the committee that he spoke with the auditorium consultant and the black box theater would only be used for drama and the auditorium for music. If the black box theater is removed, the auditorium would be designed to accommodate both.
- Extra space for students to have "quiet study time"
- It was recommended to evaluate the feasibility "flipping the design" and moving it over on the parking lot- the main entrance would be on the side the auditorium is now.

Chairman Wadsworth stated that the subcommittee feels that they met their charge of reducing the size of the building.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Kleinman/Baron) it was VOTED: to provide cost estimates for the revised "Option A" (renovation) and "Option D" (new building). In addition, evaluate the various options for where to place the Board of Education to provide a standalone price for central office, evaluate the feasibility of a 4th field, mothball 1928 building, and provide pricing for the addition of a culinary program.

The original pricing from the original "A" and "D" will be provided to compare the options.

**3) Owner's Representative Report (Sklenka)**

Marc Sklenka, Colliers International, provided the committee with an Owner's Project Manager Report and reviewed the contents of the report. A copy of this report is recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item E-3.

**4) Construction Manager Report (Biega)**

No Report

**5) Financial Report (Eagen)**

Town Manager Kathy Eagen provided the committee with a financial update and reported that the expenses to date are \$77,766.56. A copy of the financial report is recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item E-5.

**F. To approve the attached invoice from GNCB Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$4,900.**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Carrier/Baron) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the invoice from GNCB Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$4,900.

This invoice is for 50% of the work to date.

**G. To approve the attached invoice from Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$7,430.36.**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Kleinman/Carrier) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the invoice from Kaestle Boos Associates in the amount of \$7,430.36.

This invoice is for 58.33% of the work to date.

**H. Other Business.**

**1) Review updated schedule.**

Town Manager Kathy Eagen reviewed the updated schedule with the committee. This schedule is recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item H. The committee decided to cancel the February 22, 2017 meeting and add a special committee meeting on March 1, 2017. At this meeting, the committee will be presented with price ranges for each of the options as well as preliminary phasing plans and the tax impact.

**I. Adjournment.**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Donald/Carrier) the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathryn Howroyd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathryn" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Howroyd".

Kathryn Howroyd, Clerk of the Committee

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 1:04 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** FW: New message via your website, from kurt.krauland@yahoo.com

Kathleen Eagen  
Town Manager  
Town of Farmington  
860-675-2350

**From:** no-reply@parastorage.com [mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** greiderk@fpsct.org  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from kurt.krauland@yahoo.com

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Kurt Krauland
  - **Subject** FHS Building Project
  - **Message** Hello I toured the high school recently and I was quite shocked at what I saw. In my opinion, a brand new facility would be the best long term investment. I really don't see how keeping most of the existing buildings makes any sense. The maintenance costs should eliminate those options. Just my opinion. Thank you.
  - **Email** [kurt.krauland@yahoo.com](mailto:kurt.krauland@yahoo.com)
- **Sent on:** 27 January, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from moker23@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** January 26, 2017 at 10:24:10 AM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [moker23@yahoo.com](mailto:moker23@yahoo.com)  
**Reply-To:** Richard Mok <[moker23@yahoo.com](mailto:moker23@yahoo.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Richard Mok
  - **Subject** Questions/ Comments from Jan 25 meeting
  - **Message** FHS Building Committee: Thank you all for your continued commitment to the future of Farmington. I have 2 questions and 1 comment to share that I hope you will consider. Questions (and apologies ahead of time if these were already addressed, as I had to leave last night's meeting at ~6pm): 1. At yesterday's meeting (Jan 25, 2017), the Town Manager stated her tax increase estimates was based on a total project price-tag of \$162M, "the biggest number I saw." ...My first reaction is that this does not consider reimbursement from the State, where the largest possible number that Farmington would be responsible for is in the \$137M range (if my notes are accurate). Is this a valid discrepancy to note, and if so would using the lower number make a material difference to lowering the tax increase estimates? 2. Also at yesterday's meeting it was noted several times (after the disheartening tax estimates) that the numbers were too big to swallow. So to me the natural question that follows is: what numbers would be more palatable? What are the limits where "that's acceptable" becomes "that's too much"? ...And those limits become the place from which to move forward. There is no need to respond to me on any of this; I just believe these are important considerations to move the committee forward. And for whatever my \$0.02 is worth: with Ms. Greider and her team in place to lead the way, the estimated tax increases for Option D would be worth every penny in my humble opinion. (But I also agree that chances of such a budget passing Town Council/ referendum would probably be slim at best). Lastly, a comment on what should probably be an afterthought to all of this (again, appreciate your consideration and no need to respond): The architects have asserted that there is room for 4 athletic fields on the top level, rather than the current 3. In such a case it is imperative to include a netting system around the perimeter of those fields as part of the budget. Currently

as is, boys and girls FHS lacrosse teams and Farmington Youth Lacrosse teams combined likely lose hundreds (thousands?) of dollars worth of balls in the woods surrounding the fields each year. Pushing the fields out to the edge to add a 4th field would only increase the annual loss unless there were a netting system. Moreover, as a safety factor it's not hard to imagine that flying lacrosse balls, footballs and soccer balls would all pose a danger to those down the hill. A high netting system akin to those found at golf ranges would be nice currently, but imperative if the architects' plans were put in place. And as an example of what happens when these kinds of seemingly frivolous items are not considered: with the new artificial turf field installed at FHS without a netting system, the track is currently unsafe and UNUSABLE while lacrosse practices are underway on the field, and vice versa, causing scheduling mayhem in the Spring and the general inability to use the space efficiently. Thank you again for your resolve in providing a better future for Farmington. Sincerely Yours, Rich Mok

- **Email [moker23@yahoo.com](mailto:moker23@yahoo.com)**
- **Sent on:** 26 January, 2017
- Thank you!



## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:33 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from anyabeaupre@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 8, 2017 at 9:04:54 AM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [anyabeaupre@yahoo.com](mailto:anyabeaupre@yahoo.com)  
**Reply-To:** Anya Beaupre <[anyabeaupre@yahoo.com](mailto:anyabeaupre@yahoo.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Anya Beaupre
  - **Subject** High school building project
  - **Message** Hello, I have two young children, currently in elementary school and we love Farmington schools. However I did recently take a tour of FHS and learned about the building and renovation proposals. It is SO CLEAR to me that the best option for our students was to do a complete rebuild / new construction. I am very disappointed and surprised that option has been taken out of consideration. Please, I beg you, to keep Option D on the table -- which as much of its original design as possible. The classroom clusters and collaborative workspaces, the special classrooms for shop and culinary and music and other vital programs need to remain. For Farmington to remain a great city with a great reputation and a strong upper middle class constituency, we need excellent schools. Right now, that building is a disaster for teachers and students -- it has been cobbled together over the years with good intentions but no thought to future growth and change. Please reconsider as much of a new build option as possible. As a parent here, I absolutely will be happy to pay whatever taxes are necessary to get it done. Because our kids are worth it!!! Thank you, ANYA BEAUPRE 3 Anglers Bend Unionville, CT 06085 [Anyabeaupre@yahoo.com](mailto:Anyabeaupre@yahoo.com) (724) 946-7327
  - **Email** [anyabeaupre@yahoo.com](mailto:anyabeaupre@yahoo.com)
- **Sent on:** 8 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 6:34 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from Damaz2006@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 7, 2017 at 6:09:04 PM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [Damaz2006@yahoo.com](mailto:Damaz2006@yahoo.com)  
**Reply-To:** Amy Roy <[Damaz2006@yahoo.com](mailto:Damaz2006@yahoo.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Amy Roy
  - **Subject** Alyssa Roy's monument/tree located in the front of the high school
  - **Message** Hi my name is Amy Roy , and my daughter Alyssa Roy was killed August 23, 2007. Alyssa was just four days shy of entering her senior year at the high school when she was tragically killed in a car accident with three of her friends. We have a beautiful tree and a beautiful Monument at the high school In memory of our beautiful daughter Alyssa. I would like to be kept in the loop please to what will happen if anything regarding the renovations at the high school. My husband and I are all for all the renovations that will be done at the high school. Alyssa would've graduated in 2008. My son Zak graduated in 2013. And my son Mason is a freshman this year . Please keep me posted thank you. Amy Roy
  - **Email** [Damaz2006@yahoo.com](mailto:Damaz2006@yahoo.com)
- **Sent on:** 7 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 7:40 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from [stephen\\_kay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephen_kay@sbcglobal.net)

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 7, 2017 at 7:36:47 PM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [stephen\\_kay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephen_kay@sbcglobal.net)  
**Reply-To:** Stephen Kay <[stephen\\_kay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephen_kay@sbcglobal.net)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Stephen Kay
  - **Subject** FHS
  - **Message** I want to begin by thanking you for all the time and consideration you are putting into deciding which design best meets the needs of our students. I am incredibly saddened that the firm was so off in what they thought they could accomplish for the money we were hoping to spend, but that doesn't change my view of what we should do for our students. I am left with two messages that I hope you consider: 1.) PLEASE ensure that the plan you select will not impact the learning for those students enrolled during the construction phase. Students with learning disabilities are at the greatest risk for being distracted by the work, and I would imagine that Plan A will make it impossible for many to work in a least restrictive environment. 2.) While I am hoping you opt for plan D, I am incredibly dismayed by the cutbacks in scale and options. It seems to me that the savings we may have in the short run will be outweighed by the costs in the future as we play catch-up. PLEASE consider less cutbacks and let the voters decide if it's worth the cost. Speaking of voters. Count on Farmington to again show up as we have for years to vote in favor of our schools. For years we have shown that passing the budget is important to us as we vote in "yes" at the referendum. We are a town that cares about our services, our children and our future. Thank you for your consideration, Stephen Kay
  - **Email** [stephen\\_kay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephen_kay@sbcglobal.net)
- **Sent on:** 7 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:17 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from terry.czerwinski@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 7, 2017 at 1:40:26 PM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [terry.czerwinski@gmail.com](mailto:terry.czerwinski@gmail.com)  
**Reply-To:** Terry Czerwinski <[terry.czerwinski@gmail.com](mailto:terry.czerwinski@gmail.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Terry Czerwinski
  - **Subject** Concerns about Revised FHS plans
  - **Message** Good Afternoon, Thank you for all your time and effort that you have put into this very important project. My son will be attending the High School in a year and a half. Although he will probably not see the final renovations upon his graduation, it will certainly impact his time there in the school and for all the future classes of Farmington. After reviewing all of the plans previously we definitely liked the layout of Option D best. I see from my recent email that this has been modified quite a bit due to the cost factor. It is certainly understandable but we need to keep in mind the long term needs of the students and the future generations. I feel we would be short changing our children if we cut corners now during this process. Projecting lower enrollment is not a valid enough reason to make a school smaller. When West Woods Upper Elementary School was built, it had more than ample space in the school so it could accommodate a growth in the town. There will be ups and downs in enrollment over time which will be unforeseen and not easily predictable. My son is a musician as well as myself and we understand the importance of having the proper space to perform and practice. We feel that the auditorium should absolutely be kept as in the original plans (which I believe it is) but to not eliminate the practice rooms or the black box theater. I remember in one of the recent meetings two high school girls expressing their concern about this. It would be a very versatile room and is necessary for students to have this outlet of expression. I believe that keeping the collaboration space in each cluster makes more sense than just adding it to the learning commons. This would be utilized immensely and create a better and more relaxed and inviting learning environment for each grade. If the "cafe" area of the library is being eliminated will there be ample space for the students currently? Will the space be enlarged from the original space? Will the new cafeteria area be large enough to

accommodate the students in less lunch waves? Currently there are no multipurpose fields at the school and the addition of them would be extremely beneficial. Even if there were only two of them instead of 4. I do like how the parking is now amply surrounding the building in Option D as well. To recap, I believe that the music and arts areas should be kept as originally planned along with the cluster areas. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I look forward to hearing from you and hope that we can make the new FHS the best it can be for our children for years to come. Best, Terry Czerwinski

- **Email** [terry.czerwinski@gmail.com](mailto:terry.czerwinski@gmail.com)
- **Sent on:** 7 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 6:48 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from vcunning@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 8, 2017 at 6:40:56 AM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [vcunning@yahoo.com](mailto:vcunning@yahoo.com)  
**Reply-To:** Vince Cunningham <[vcunning@yahoo.com](mailto:vcunning@yahoo.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Vince Cunningham
  - **Subject** Proposed Plans
  - **Message** Thanks for all the effort you've put in. I know it's very complex and challenging. My senior in High School and I were at the "Visionary Meeting" back in the fall. Although I hope to get to today's meeting, I did want to express that I think we're "missing the boat" with the current versions (A & D) of the plans. I appreciate the considerations of debt, but also I think we should either "Do It Right or Don't Do It". This is a long term investment and the infrastructure of the school should come into the 21st century.
  - **Email** [vcunning@yahoo.com](mailto:vcunning@yahoo.com)
- **Sent on:** 8 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 8:10 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from [jwagsteach@gmail.com](mailto:jwagsteach@gmail.com)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 8, 2017 at 6:42:00 AM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [jwagsteach@gmail.com](mailto:jwagsteach@gmail.com)  
**Reply-To:** Jennifer WAgner <[jwagsteach@gmail.com](mailto:jwagsteach@gmail.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Jennifer WAgner
  - **Subject** scaling back of school project
  - **Message** I am truly concerned that as this project continues along in its planning the school seems to be getting smaller and important components are being cut. We moved to Farmington for the schools and have found in the past year and 1/2 that the resources are declining for students and the class size is rising. To not provide the best offer in these times of required rigorous learning is a disappointment. Please continue to consider your options that will give our students and faculty the most! Thank you.
  - **Email** [jwagsteach@gmail.com](mailto:jwagsteach@gmail.com)
- **Sent on:** 8 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** FW: New message via your website, from sarah\_ringuette@hotmail.com

Kathleen Eagen  
Town Manager  
Town of Farmington  
860-675-2350

**From:** no-reply@parastorage.com [mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 8:24 AM  
**To:** greiderk@fpsct.org  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from sarah\_ringuette@hotmail.com

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Sarah Ringuette
  - **Subject** Support of Option D
  - **Message** Dear committee, I cannot make the meeting this afternoon but want to express my deep support for ensuring the redesign is NOT a short term or medium term fix. I work in a new building in downtown New Haven that was built in 2016. It is an open collaborative work space that embodies the newest learning and collaboration environment. It fosters much more collaboration and discussion than the previous 1985-era work place I previously worked. I cannot support this kind of plan enough and appreciate the vast challenges ahead for transforming the high school learning environment. I have a Kindergartner and a 3rd grader at West District and am prepared to take on the additional taxes to ensure superior education in Farmington. This important investment will not only enhance home values for decades to come, but also fosters a community of learning that will give our students the environment and resources needed to educate our world's next generation of leaders, which we know will rely heavily on their ability to collaborate and bring out the best in others. Please consider Option D to ensure Farmington stays at the top of the education evolution by attracting the BEST teachers, enables the BEST learning curriculum and gives our students the BEST opportunity to make positive change in our world. Thank you, Sarah Ringuette 17 Whispering Rod Road Unionville, CT 06085
  - **Email** [sarah\\_ringuette@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah_ringuette@hotmail.com)
- **Sent on:** 8 February, 2017
- Thank you!



## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 4:30 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from Noora123@att.net

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**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 6, 2017 at 4:23:05 PM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [Noora123@att.net](mailto:Noora123@att.net)  
**Reply-To:** Noora Brown <[Noora123@att.net](mailto:Noora123@att.net)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Noora Brown
  - **Subject** Bulding cuts
  - **Message** I am very concerned about what is being eliminated from the plans for the high school (Culinary program, Black Box Theater - a very versatile and useful feature, collaboration space in the classroom cluster wing, reduced gym size, reduced storage space for classrooms - including music practice rooms). But most of all, the use of a lower enrollment projection to justify reducing the overall square footage runs the risk of "under building". We don't fully know what kind of programming the Farmington school district will be delivering or what student population the district will be serving in 20, 30, 40 or 50 years. It seems that throughout the long life of any school building in town, the buildings have consistently become too small, not too big.
  - **Email** [Noora123@att.net](mailto:Noora123@att.net)
- **Sent on:** 6 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2017 4:20 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from girmann@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 4, 2017 at 10:18:54 PM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [girmann@gmail.com](mailto:girmann@gmail.com)  
**Reply-To:** Mark Hofmann <[girmann@gmail.com](mailto:girmann@gmail.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Mark Hofmann
  - **Subject** Cost of doing nothing
  - **Message** Do we know the long term costs of not building this building? What do the costs look like 5, 10, and 20 years from now? Thanks!
  - **Email** [girmann@gmail.com](mailto:girmann@gmail.com)
- **Sent on:** 4 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2017 4:21 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from emilykaliney@hotmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 3, 2017 at 1:00:58 PM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [emilykaliney@hotmail.com](mailto:emilykaliney@hotmail.com)  
**Reply-To:** Emily Kaliney <[emilykaliney@hotmail.com](mailto:emilykaliney@hotmail.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Emily Kaliney
  - **Subject** building committee
  - **Message** Hello, I am a concerned citizen and I think we are walking on thin ice. The proposals keep changing, the news is not getting out to the community and I fear the undue influence of a vocal minority is compromising the project. We know a new or nearly-new high school will be expensive. That's to be expected. And when the renovation costs and the nearly-new costs come out to be relatively close, that doesn't mean that we need to go back to the drawing board. That shows that there is value in getting a high school with as much of a new build as possible. So option D should be presented for a referendum. You don't need to scale it back so that we can be sitting here again in 15 years lamenting the short sightedness of the building committee. We have to do better than this. Have some courage to make the difficult choice. Tell Farmington why we need to spend the money and I truly believe that the people of this town will pass the referendum. But you have to at least try. Enough with the last minute changes and the delays. It's time for action. Thank you, Emily Kaliney 30 High St
  - **Email** [emilykaliney@hotmail.com](mailto:emilykaliney@hotmail.com)
- **Sent on:** 3 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2017 4:22 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from chellegrande@hotmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 3, 2017 at 9:43:16 AM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [chellegrande@hotmail.com](mailto:chellegrande@hotmail.com)  
**Reply-To:** Chelle Grande <[chellegrande@hotmail.com](mailto:chellegrande@hotmail.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Chelle Grande
  - **Subject** new building
  - **Message** I have several questions. Has there been a search for a different parcel of land in town to build a new high school? Why is the 1928 building going to be spared? I have spoken with MANY people who have no feelings for it all. It seems to be an enormous expense to repair and update, but will remain a functionally outdated building. It also appears that removing the 1928 building would create better space options for new building, fields, flow of traffic, and parking. And it is my understanding that it will actually not be a part of the high school, but offices. There is plenty of vacant space or other options for an education central office. I do not feel this is a valid expense for a central office. I also feel strongly that the redevelopment of the 1928 building SHOULD NOT be included in the budget or discussion for the new high school building as it is a separate project with a different end use. I, as would many, like to see a very detailed plan for the students during the three to four years of construction. Where will classrooms be? Cafeteria? Library? Will there be an auditorium during these years for performances from our award winning music department and theater? Will there be home fields and courts for our outstanding sports programs? Where will staff and student parking be? There are many safety questions with students so close to construction? Will plumbing be effected? Asbestos? Breathing in of any dust or debris? This is also very bad for the athletes outdoors as well. I am also worried about technology during these years. Not only could internet access be interrupted and effected daily by construction inhibiting education, office function, guidance, etc., but three to four years is a very long time to go without new technology. We are purchasing updated every year. I am afraid we will get far behind in learning all that is new and available and then at the end of construction have a huge bill to catch up on purchasing all that is new and needed. Why has so much weight been

put on the Highland residents so as to remove the option for a completely new school on the hill? This is only one opinion. All need to be looked at. A completely new school will have the least effect on the students during construction and the best and result. I would like to see that cost analysis as well to fully compare. Be strong and do the right thing for the entire town; not just one disgruntled neighborhood.

o **Email [chellegrande@hotmail.com](mailto:chellegrande@hotmail.com)**

- **Sent on:** 3 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2017 4:22 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** Fwd: New message via your website, from esalsedo@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[no-reply@parastorage.com](mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com)>  
**Date:** February 3, 2017 at 7:13:23 AM EST  
**To:** <[greiderk@fpsct.org](mailto:greiderk@fpsct.org)>  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from [esalsedo@yahoo.com](mailto:esalsedo@yahoo.com)  
**Reply-To:** Elizabeth Salsedo-Surovov <[esalsedo@yahoo.com](mailto:esalsedo@yahoo.com)>

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Elizabeth Salsedo-Surovov
  - **Subject** FHS building project
  - **Message** I am in favor of the building option that builds a new facility for the FHS.
  - **Email** [esalsedo@yahoo.com](mailto:esalsedo@yahoo.com)
- **Sent on:** 3 February, 2017
- Thank you!

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:43 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** FW: Farmington High School renovations

Kathleen Eagen  
Town Manager  
Town of Farmington  
860-675-2350

-----Original Message-----

From: Brie Quinby [mailto:briequinby@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:38 AM  
To: greiderk@fpsct.org; faganc@fpsct.org; Nancy Nickerson; Kathy Eagen  
Subject: Farmington High School renovations

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>  
> Dear Committee,  
>  
> I am writing to encourage you to consider NOT scaling back on the option D presented at your last meeting. Your charge is to prioritize the needs of high school students both today and tomorrow. Reading what's to come is hard, but, as the town website notes "the consideration of educational requirements, code requirements, ADA requirements, safety requirements, space needs, and phasing of the project" are multiple reasons for getting it right NOW. An unrevised plan D would allow for flexibility as Farmington students move into their futures.  
>  
> I am disappointed that space for the culinary program has been eliminated and that overall space has been diminished. I look forward to having a high school that can play an updated role in not only student's needs but the town's as well.  
>  
> I have lived in Farmington long enough to remember that East Farms School was once closed for lack of students! I can also recall school projects that were deemed "too lavish" and funding that was lost because project approvals exceeded deadlines.  
>  
> Clearly, Farmington is no longer battling low enrollment. And, clearly, the economics of a building project like renovations to the high school are vitally important to consider. We will ALL be paying for this. I would much rather be taxed for a school that meets the needs of all our students -- college bound or not -- today and tomorrow. Farmington has another chance to be a leader in what good education looks like; I hope you will grab it.  
>  
> Sincerely  
> Brie Quinby  
> [queenbee148@comcast.net](mailto:queenbee148@comcast.net)

## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 2:05 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** FW: New message via your website, from craig\_meeker@ajg.com

Kathleen Eagen  
Town Manager  
Town of Farmington  
860-675-2350

**From:** no-reply@parastorage.com [mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 1:58 PM  
**To:** greiderk@fpsct.org  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from craig\_meeker@ajg.com

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Craig Meeker
  - **Subject** FHS renovation - public comment
  - **Message** Do not take option D off of the table. As someone that works with contractors in the school construction market every day, I see what other towns around New England are doing with regard to their investment in school infrastructure. Anything less than option D puts Farmington way behind our peer towns and not competitive.
  - **Email** [craig\\_meeker@ajg.com](mailto:craig_meeker@ajg.com)
- **Sent on:** 8 February, 2017
- Thank you!



## Kathryn Howroyd

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**From:** Kathy Eagen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Howroyd  
**Subject:** FW: New message via your website, from Noora123@att.net

Kathleen Eagen  
Town Manager  
Town of Farmington  
860-675-2350

**From:** no-reply@parastorage.com [mailto:no-reply@parastorage.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** greiderk@fpsct.org  
**Subject:** New message via your website, from Noora123@att.net

- **You have a new message:**
- Via: <http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/>
- **Message Details:**
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  - **Name** Noora Brown
  - **Subject** High school building
  - **Message** I'm very concerned with all the cuts that have been made to the proposed high school building. We have added on piece meal with no continuous plan. Please don't make the same mistakes again, underbuild, and underfund, and then the town grows (as it has been doing, property values remain high) and we find ourselves with a short sighted solution. I'd rather do nothing then do the wrong thing that will cost taxpayers \$\$ but not necessarily solve the problem.
  - **Email** [Noora123@att.net](mailto:Noora123@att.net)
- **Sent on:** 8 February, 2017
- Thank you!

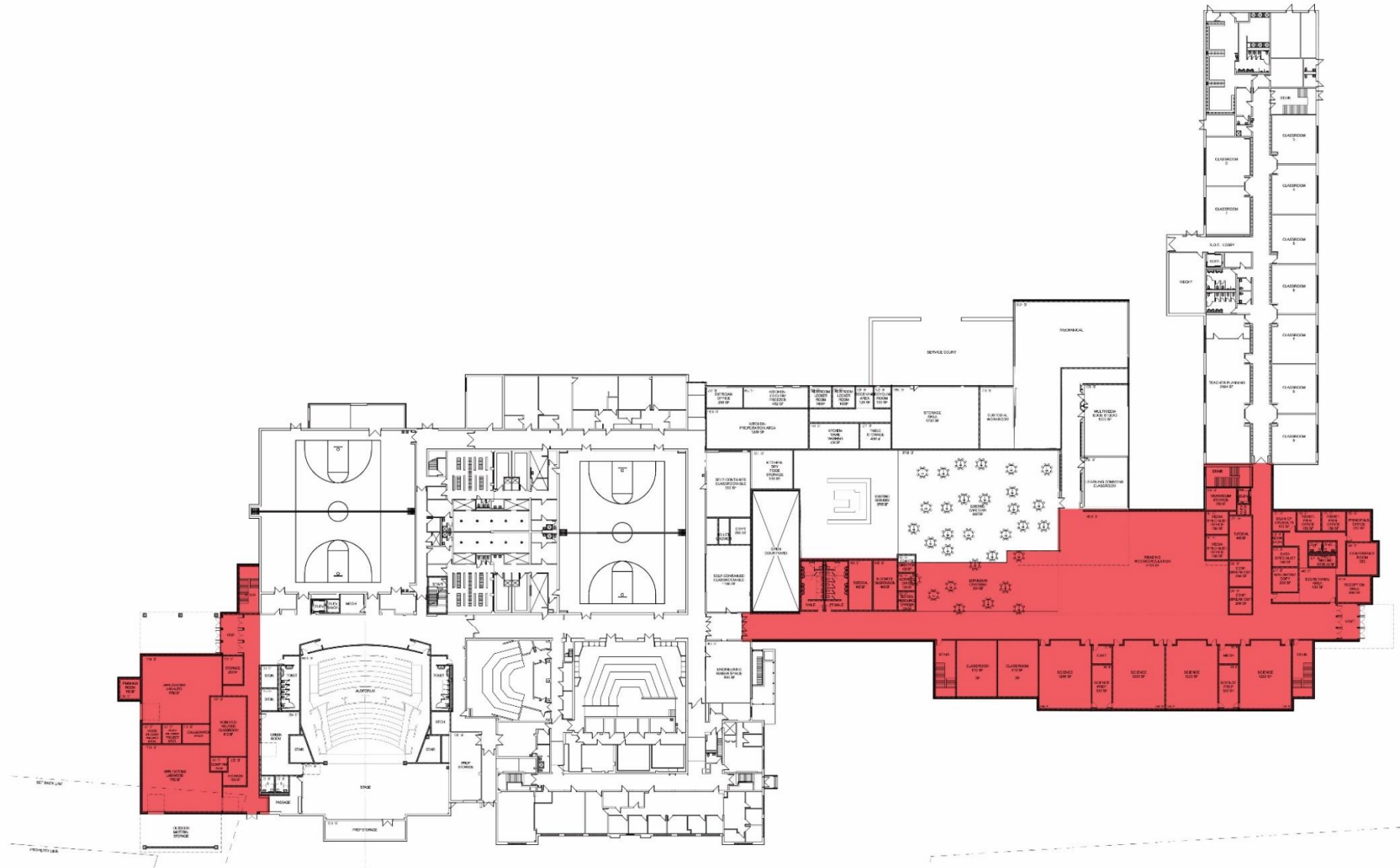
# Farmington High School Building Project



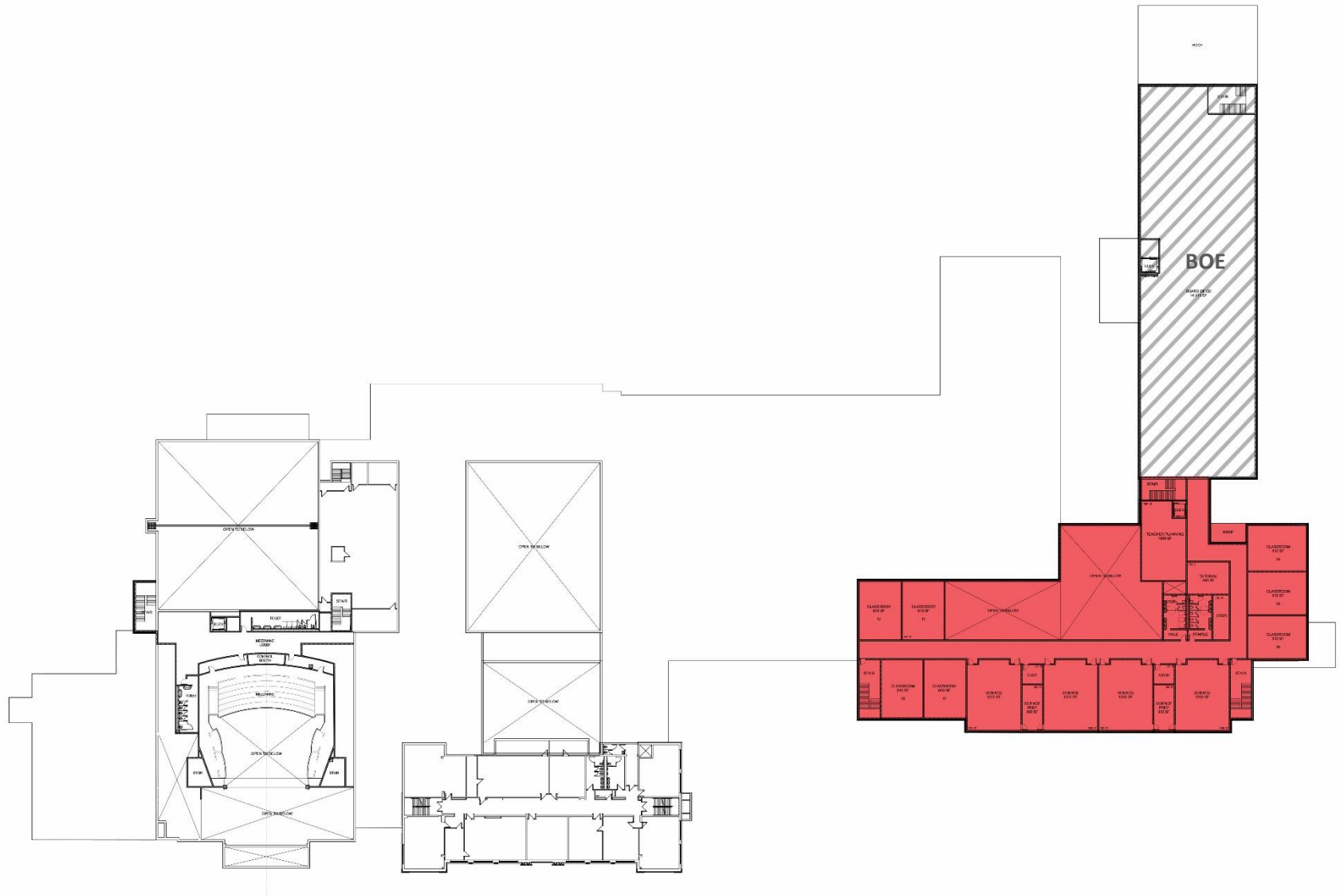
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February 7, 2017- **PROGRESS**

# OPTION A – MAIN LEVEL

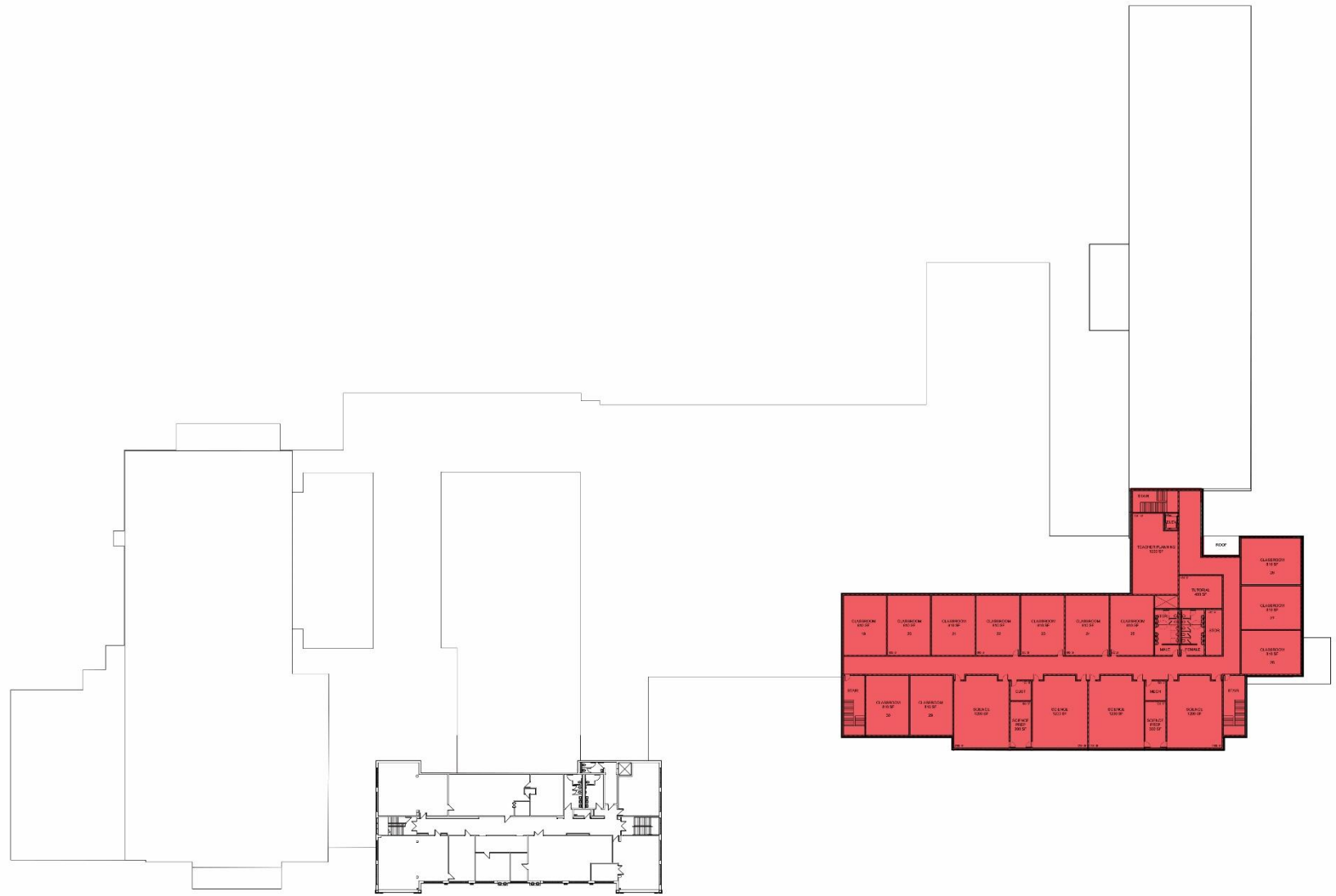


# OPTION A – SECOND LEVEL



Conceptual Plan 02/07/2017  
Adjustments and refinements are expected as public participation continues.

# OPTION A – THIRD LEVEL



Conceptual Plan 02/07/2017  
Adjustments and refinements are expected as public participation continues.



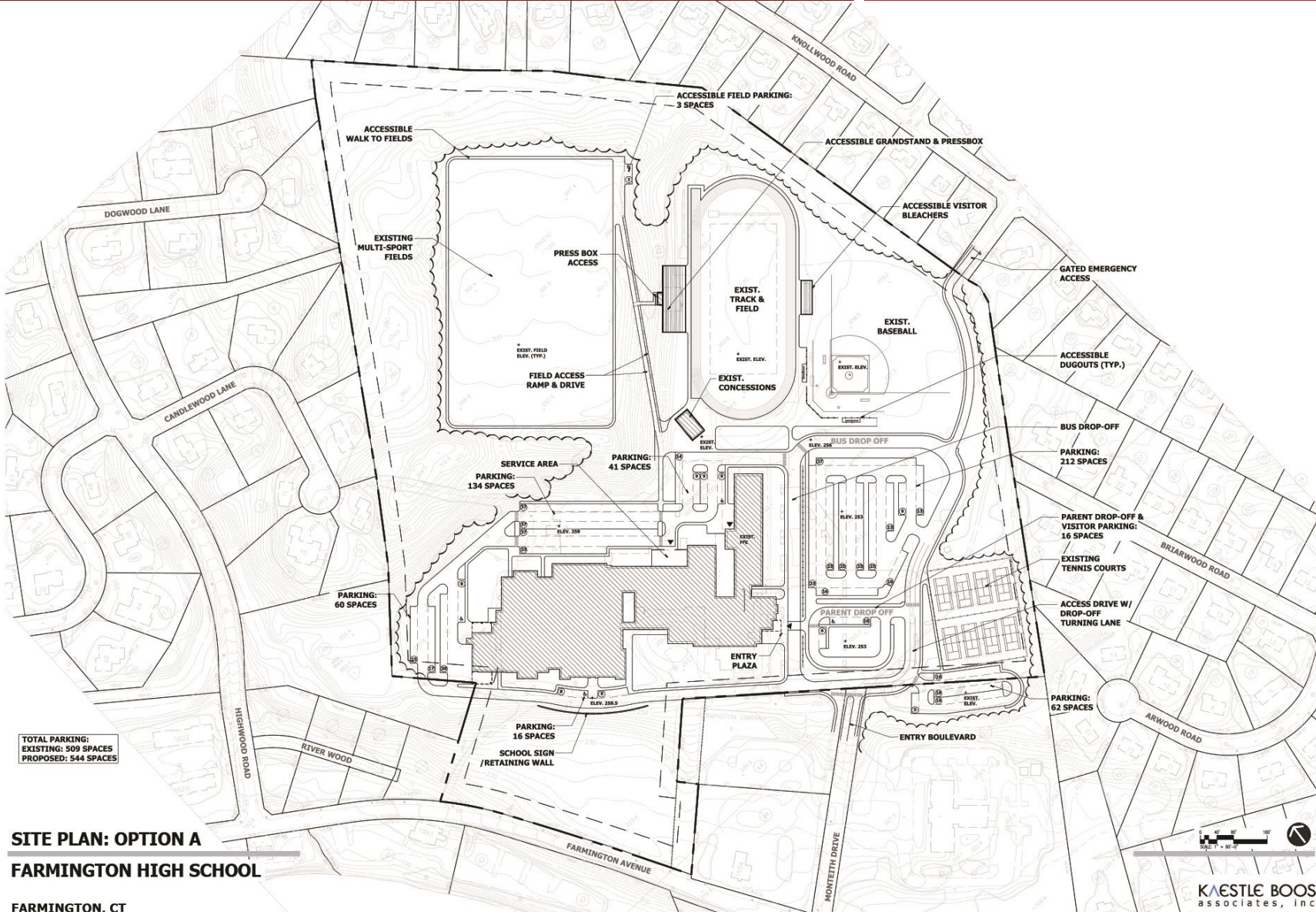
# OPTION A – AUDITORIUM CONCEPT



**Example Only-Not FHS Design**



# OPTION A – SITE



TOTAL PARKING:  
EXISTING: 509 SPACES  
PROPOSED: 544 SPACES

**SITE PLAN: OPTION A**  
**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
FARMINGTON, CT



# OPTION D – MAIN LEVEL



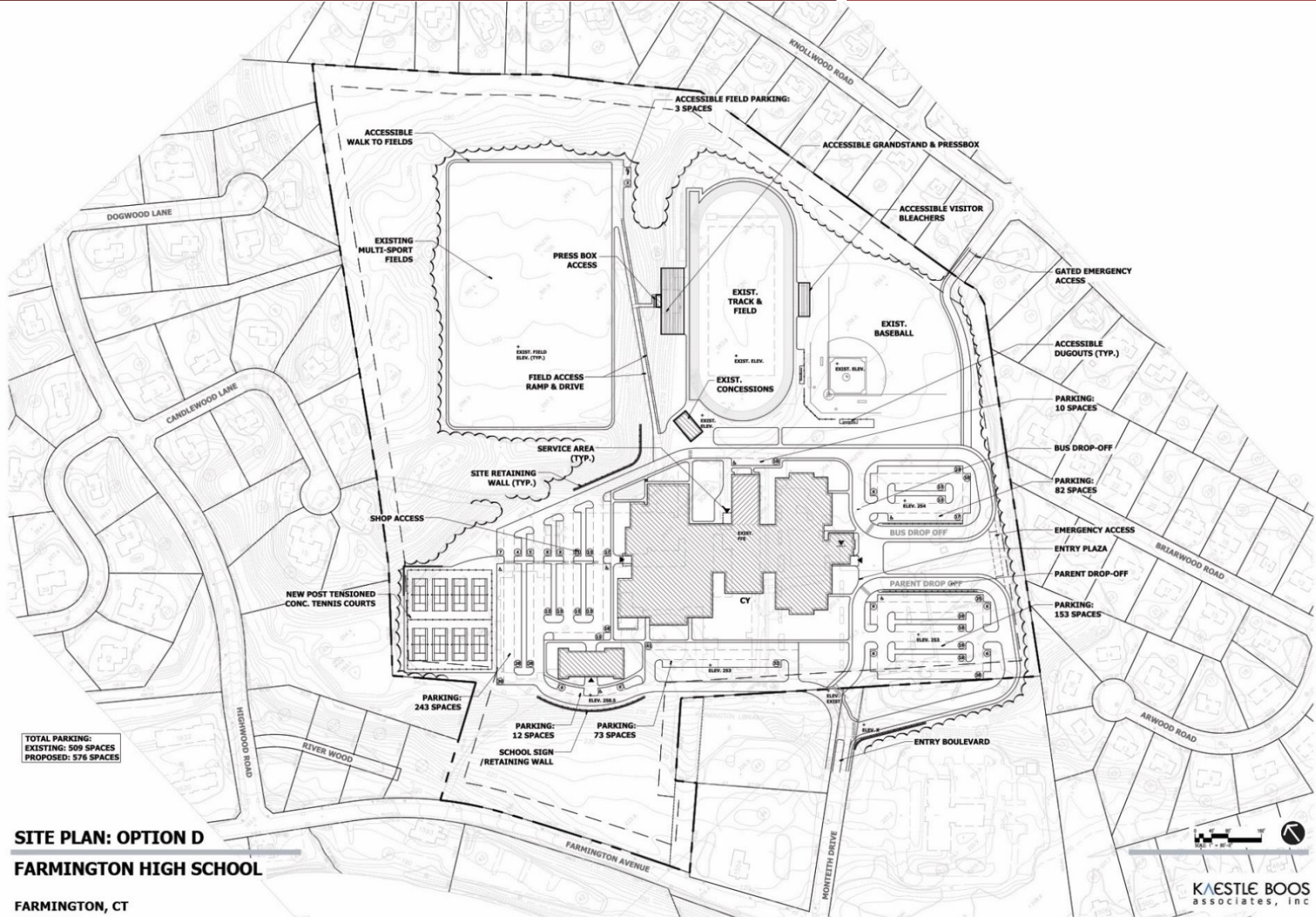
*Conceptual Plan 02/07/2017  
Adjustments and refinements are expected as public participation continues.*







# OPTION D1 – SITE

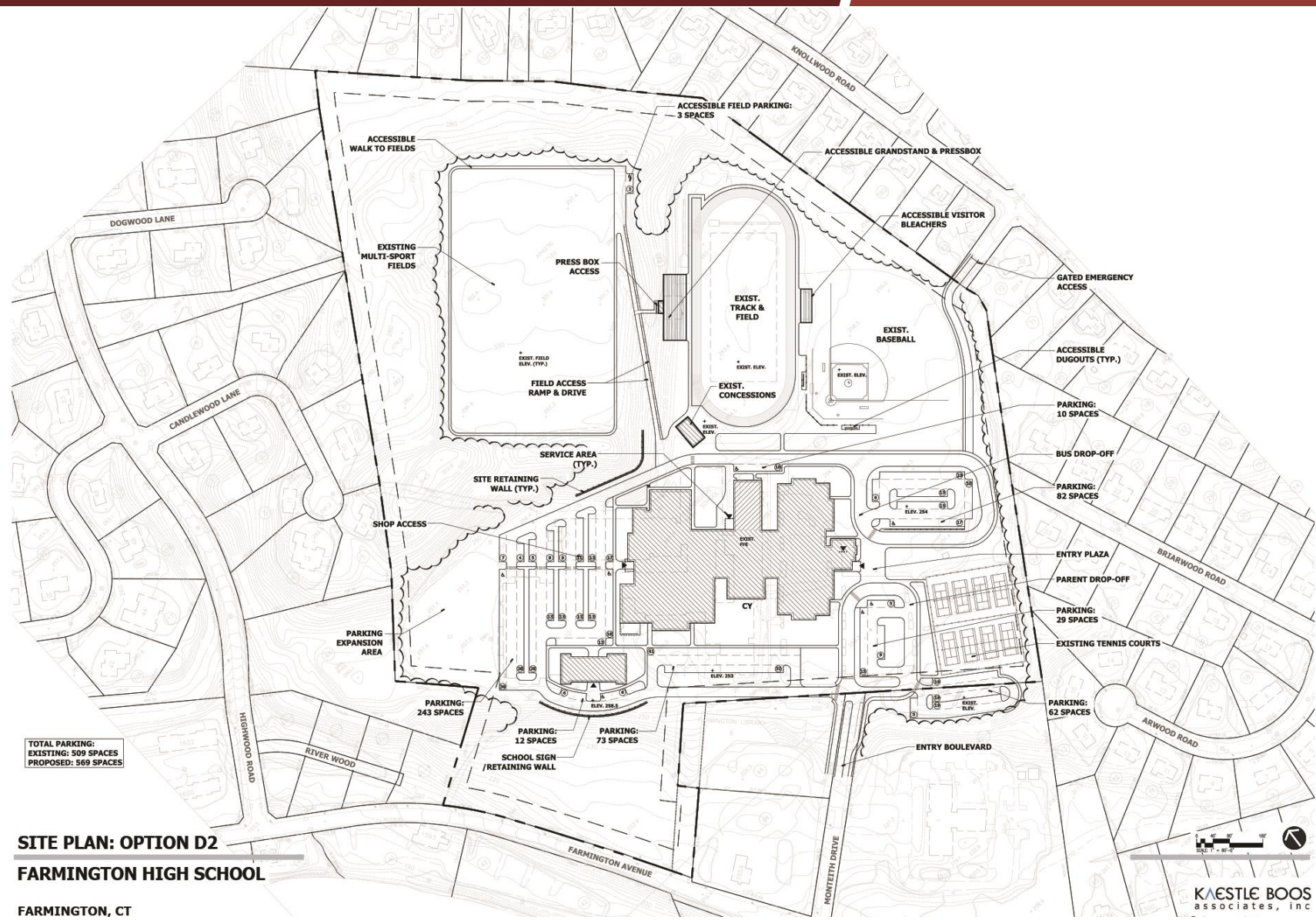


TOTAL PARKING:  
EXISTING: 509 SPACES  
PROPOSED: 576 SPACES

**SITE PLAN: OPTION D**  
**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
FARMINGTON, CT



# OPTION D2 – SITE



TOTAL PARKING:  
EXISTING: 509 SPACES  
PROPOSED: 569 SPACES

**SITE PLAN: OPTION D2**  
**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
FARMINGTON, CT



# Farmington High School Building Project

## Q & A





FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Farmington High School Building Project  
Building Committee Meeting  
Owner's Project Manager Report  
*February 8, 2017*

- I. Activities since January 25, 2017 (Last FHSBCM)**
  - a. Subcommittee met to discuss/review the approach to new Options
  - b. Established New Referendum Date and Schedule (see revised milestone schedule)
  - c. KBA completed the development of the new Options (08FEB17)
  
- II. Upcoming Activities – Prior to the next FHSBCM (22FEB17)**
  - a. Estimates Completed (20FEB17)
  - b. Estimate Review (21FEB17)
  - c. Start Development of Total Project Budget ranges for each Option (22-27FEB17)
  
- III. Key Upcoming Dates**
  - a. 2/9/17: High School Tour**
  - b. 3/1/17: FHBC Meeting; Selection of preferred Options**
  - c. 3/8/17: FHSBC Meeting, backup date to select option**
  
- IV. Questions?**



# Farmington High School Building Committee

Cost Category	Original Contract Amount	Approved Change Orders	Revised Contract Amount	Total Expenses
KBA Architects	\$89,250.00	-	\$89,250.00	\$44,817.38
Colliers	\$48,000.00	-	\$48,000.00	\$16,002.00
O & G	\$18,000.00	-	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$25,000.00	-	\$25,000.00	\$7,518.38
Current Expense	\$5,000.00	-	\$5,000.00	\$2,003.80
Ed Spec Consultant	\$10,000.00	-	\$10,000.00	\$7,425.00
Hazardous Materials	\$23,250.00	-	\$23,250.00	\$0.00
Geotechnical Engineering	\$11,500.00	-	\$11,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$230,000.00</b>		<b>\$230,000.00</b>	<b>\$77,766.56</b>
<b>Authorization</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>			
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$270,000.00</b>			
<b>Expenses to Date</b>	<b>\$77,766.56</b>			

# February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 KBA REVIEWS OPTIONS WITH SUBCOMMITTEE	4
5	6 7:00 BOE	7	8  <b>KBA COMPLETES DESIGNS</b>  4:30 PM FHSBC- SUBCOMMITTEE UDPATE ON NEW OPTIONS	9 <b>6:00 FHS tour</b>  <b>O&amp;G START COST ESTIMATING</b>	10	11
12	13 7:00 TPZ	14 7:00 TC	15	16	17	18
19	20 <b>ESTIMATES DUE</b>	21	22	23  <b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET DEVELOPED</b>	24	25
26	27 7:00 TPZ	28 7:00 TC <b>TOAL BUDGET DUE</b>				



# March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 4:30 FHSBC SPECIAL MEETING- PRESENT OPTIONS & COST ESTIMATES	2 KBA START SD	3	4
5	6 7:00 BOE	7	8 4:30 PM FHSBC – PRESET OPTIONS & COST ESTIMATES- IF NOT SELECTED AT 3/1	9	10	11
12	13 7:00 TPZ	14 7:00 TC	15 TC- BUDGET	16 TC- BUDGET	17	18 TC-BUDGET
19	20 7:00 BOE TC- BUDGET (if needed)	21 TC- BUDGET (if needed)	22 4:30 PM FHSBC	23	24	25
26	27 7:00 TPZ	28 7:00 TC	29	30 Tour/Community Meeting	31	

# April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 FHS Graduation Date Determined
2	3 7:00 TC (PUBLIC HEARNG-BUDGET)	4 7:00 BOE	5 4:30 PM FHSBC 6:00 FHS tour	6 SD COMPLETE	7 O&G START COST ESTIMATING	8
9	10 7:00 TPZ (INFOMAL)	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (on budget)	18	19 4:30 PM FHSBC	20	21 O&G ESTIMATES DUE	22
23	24 7:00 TPZ	25 7:00 TC	26	27 1 <sup>st</sup> Budget Referendum	28 TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET DUE	29
30						

# May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Town Meeting (IF NEEDED)	2	3  4:30 PM FHSBC – <b>RECOMMEND TO BOE/TC</b> 6:00 FHS tour	4	5	6
7	8  7:00 TPZ – <b>FINAL PRESENTATION</b> 7:00 BOE	9  7:00 TC	10	11  2 <sup>ND</sup> Budget Referendum (IF NEEDED)	12	13
14	15	16	17  4:30 PM FHSBC	18	19	20
21	22  7:00 TPZ 7:00 BOE- <b>APPROVAL</b>	23  7:00 TC- <b>APPROVE &amp; ISSUE RESOLUTION</b>	24  7:00 TC- <b>APPROVE &amp; ISSUE RESOLUTION</b>  <b>SUBMIT WARNING TO HARTFORD COURANT</b>	25	26  <b>WARNING PUBLISHED</b> (LAST DAY TO SUBMIT TO HARTFORD COURANT- IF NEEDED)	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30  (WARNING PUBLISHED- IF NEEDED)	4:30 PM FHSBC			

# June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 <b>Town Meeting</b> 7:00 BOE	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 7:00 TC	14 <b>Tentative Last Day of School</b>	15 <b>Referendum</b>	16	17
18	19 7:00 BOE	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 7:00 TC	28	29	30 <b>OSGCR GRANT DUE</b>	