



# **Wayland Public Schools Elementary School Reconfiguration Public Forum**

January 28, 2008



# Background Information

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- Reviewed October enrollment report and projections showing continued decline at elementary level
- Held Fall Forum in November
- Discussed pros and cons of possible elementary reconfiguration
- Analyzed multiple reconfiguration models
- Based on information at that time, such a move was feasible but not recommended for fall 2008

## Background Information (cont.)

- Superintendent presented recommended budget for FY09 in December
- School Committee realized reductions were necessary to meet the Finance Committee's guideline
- Superintendent presented proposed reductions in event of failed override and potential greater savings with the consolidation of the elementary schools
- With this new information, School Committee felt it was prudent to revisit the reconfiguration of the elementary schools

# What is enrollment projected to be at the elementary schools?

- Enrollment has been declining for many years and is projected to continue to do so
  - From FY01 to FY08, enrollment decline of 208 students district-wide
  - For FY09, projected decline of an additional of 31 students at the elementary level
  - For FY10-12, projected decline of another 130 students at the elementary level

# What does reconfiguration mean?

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- Currently, Wayland supports three K-5 neighborhood elementary schools
- A reconfiguration would mean the district would support one school for all kindergarten classes and two schools for grades 1-5

# How will a reconfiguration impact class sizes?

FY09	Class Size	Proj. Enr.	CLAYPIT HILL			HAPPY HOLLOW			LOKER		
			<u>Students</u>	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Avg. Size</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Avg. Size</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Avg. Size</u>
K	20	164							164	9	18.2
1	20	186	108	6	18.0	78	4	19.6			
2	23	212	123	6	20.5	89	4	22.3			
3	23	206	119	6	19.9	87	4	21.7			
4	25	188	109	5	21.8	79	4	19.8			
5	25	227	<u>132</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>21.9</u>	95	4	<u>23.9</u>			
			591	29	20.4	428	20	21.4	164	9	18.2

# What will the savings be?

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- The net savings will be approximately \$300,000,
  - \$400,000 from the consolidation of the elementary schools
  - less restoration of programs cut in order to meet the Finance Committee's guideline, including co-curriculars at the MS and HS, and additional staff related expenses

# Will there still be an override?

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- Originally, the Finance Committee asked for a second budget with reductions equal to 6.5% or \$1.867 million
- With the consolidation of the elementary schools, the reduction will be \$300,000 less or approximately \$1.567 million.



# What will those reductions be?

- Preliminary list of reductions include:
  - 5 Elementary teachers, in addition to reductions in the specialist and TA positions
  - At least 5 full time teaching positions at the Middle School, resulting in 2 grades changing from 3 to 2 clusters
  - All Middle School interscholastic sports and half of the clubs
  - Partial reductions of teaching positions across all subject areas at the High School
  - Several High School freshmen athletic teams and all but a few clubs

# What does a failed override mean?

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- Increased class sizes across the district
- Higher student/teacher ratios
- Fewer opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities
- Less professional development for teachers

*Thank You*

