

# **Site Selection Committee**

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## **Background & History**

**April 20, 2005**

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## Long Term Planning Options

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- **Options explored:**

- (3) PK-1 configurations
- (4) PK-2 configurations
- (3) PK-3 configurations
- (1) PK-4 configuration
- (1) PK-5 configuration
- (1) PK-6 configuration
  
- (5) 5-8 configurations
- (6) 6-8 configurations
- (1) 7-8 configuration
- (1) 7-12 configuration
  
- (1) Four School Option
- (9) Five School Options
- (3) Six School Options

- **Options included:**

- New Buildings
- Renovations
- Additions
- Decommissioning Schools

- **Options all met:**

- Enrollment Projections
- Educational Specifications

- **Pros and Cons were evaluated :**

- Educational Program Needs
- Financial Costs.
- Political Realities.

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## **Long Range Option G.2**

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## Study Recommendations

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- **Implement Option G.2 to address long term needs**
  - Early Childhood Center (PK-1)
  - Frolio and Woodsdale Elementary Schools (2-4)
  - New Middle School (5-8)
  - Additions and Renovations at Abington High School (9-12)
- **Form a Site Selection Committee for a new Middle School Site**
  - 25 Acres Minimum
  - Reimbursement from SBA (School Building Assistance)
  - Budget for wetlands survey, civil engineering, legal
- **Address your short term needs**
  - Phase I – Immediate Needs
  - Phase II – Intermediate Needs

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**What is the Status of the School  
Building Assistance  
Reimbursement Program?**

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## SBA Program Comments

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### **The Problem :**

- **Over \$5.5 billion in existing commitments for old projects**
- **425 Projects on the current waiting list**
- **Half of the communities have already issued short-term notes to begin construction**
- **Until this point, SBA has been treated as an entitlement program**
- **Expected wait for subsidy was over 10 years**

### **The Solution:**

- **Dedicate one penny of the sales tax – phased in over 7 years to SBA**
- **\$1.0 billion in bonds (\$500 million in FY 05, \$500 million in FY 06)**
- **\$150 million in cash from FY 04 surplus or reserves**
- **Pay off the existing School Building Assistance Obligations**
- **Fund all projects on the waiting list in 3.5 years without a cut in subsidy**
- **Accommodate new demand in future years**

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## Charge/Mission

As directed by the Abington School Committee, with the support of the Abington Board of Selectmen and as recommended by the Long Range Master Plan for School Facilities of August 2004, a Grade 5-8 Middle School Site Selection Committee should be established to determine a budget allocation for the selection process and to propose a suitable twenty to twenty-five acre site for the construction of a new middle school.

# Proposed Site Selection Criteria

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**Acreage (24 acres +/-) geographic location**  
**Ownership/cost to purchase (if privately held)**  
**Possible bussing issues**  
**Legal restrictions/easements**  
**Space for drop-off/pick-up**  
**Water supply protection districts**  
**Neighborhood traffic issues**  
**Capacity of streets & intersections**  
**Safety of streets & intersections**  
**Space for parking (staff, visitors, events)**  
**Space for athletic fields**  
**Conceptual site plans/building layout**  
**Cost to correct foreseeable problems**  
**Possibility of hazardous materials**

**Soil analysis**  
**Adjacency to main arteries**  
**Open space**  
**Conservation land**  
**Park land**  
**Access to utilities/sewage**  
**Topography**  
**Permitting issues**  
**Wetlands analysis**  
**Ground water**  
**Analysis for Ledge**  
**Site development costs**  
**Unexpected issues**