

Re-Organization Option for Broad Rock Middle School

South Kingstown
School Committee Meeting
February 9, 2010

Current Configuration

- Broad Rock MS - Grade 6 only
- 4 Elementary Schools - Grades K-5
 - Matunuck
 - Peace Dale
 - Wakefield
 - West Kingston

[January 2010 Enrollments]

■ Broad Rock	311
■ Matunuck	328
■ Peace Dale	515
■ Wakefield	295
■ West Kingston	309

[Reasons to consider a 5-6 Instructional Model]

- Broad Rock is a 21st century school with a large gym, science labs and ample field space (currently only half populated)
- Students transition after 1 year ---changing the entire school culture (parent and student population) annually
- Opportunity for collaboration among grade 5 & 6 teachers
- Opportunity for common planning among all grade 5 district teachers
- Grade 5 students would have access to MS programs, intramurals and clubs

[Implications for Elementary Schools]

- Elementary “small space” programs are currently short on space (in each school)
- RTI full implementation in fall 2010 will require additional small space instruction areas (beyond current availability of space)
- Elimination of 4/5 splits
- Wakefield grade 5 student access to gym and field space

[Projected Enrollments]

■ Broad Rock	563
■ Matunuck	267
■ Peace Dale	426
■ Wakefield	243
■ West Kingston	259

[Transportation]

- Currently 2 tier system of busing
- Projecting a 3 tier system of busing
 - Cost \$63,000
 - Elimination of transfer for MS students
 - Eliminate need to transport grade 6-12 students on same bus
 - Seeking guidance from RIDE with regard to bus monitor requirement
 - Will change start times at elementary and middle schools

[Graduated Transition Steps]

- Grade 5 self-contained model will serve as a “Step 1” transition for students
- “Step 2” currently exists in grade 6 in a modified teaming structure
- “Step 3” currently exists in grade 7/8 within the full teaming model

[Budget Neutral Explanation]

■ Cost

- 3 tier transportation \$ 64,000
- Transfer Peace Dale Assistant Principal to Broad Rock \$ 0
- Add 0.5 FTE Dean of Students to Peace Dale Elementary \$ 65,000
- Total Cost \$129,000

[Savings]

■ Savings

- Eliminate Crossing Guard cost from MS transfer \$ 5,000
- 2.5 certified teachers (elimination of 4/5 split positions) \$183,070
- Total savings \$188,070

■ Potential Costs (Reserved)

- Clerk/TA support at Broad Rock
- Other transportation costs ----unknown at this time

Proposed Timeline (revised 2-22-10)

- February 9 Discuss Concept
- February 23 Public Comment
- February 12 Meeting with 5th grade teachers
- February 25 Community forum and tour
- March 4 Additional Community forum
- March 9 S/C Vote