



## [ Re-Organization Option for Broad Rock Middle School ]

South Kingstown  
School Committee Meeting  
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## [ 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 \$ 63,000
- 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 ]

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- 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 ]

- February 9      Discuss Concept
- February 23     Public Comment
- March 9         S/C Vote