

LHS Options Review FAQs

Question:

What options were considered by The School Building Committee and shared with the Massachusetts School Building Authority as part of the public forums held in September 2009 and the Feasibility Study submission to the MSBA in October 2009?

Answer:

A total of eight options were reviewed and analyzed. They are as follows:

Option 1A – Systems Renovation and Code Compliance

- Does not address educational goals
- Does not address community goals
- Long construction duration
- Low building construction costs
- High cost for operations and ongoing maintenance
- High temporary building construction costs
- Low constructability costs

Option 1B – Renovation

- Addresses some community and educational goals
- Exceptionally long construction duration
- Average building construction costs
- Average cost for operations and ongoing maintenance
- High temporary building construction costs
- Low constructability costs
- Addresses most of the educational goals
- Addresses most of the community goals
- Average construction duration
- Lower cost for operations and ongoing maintenance
- Lower temporary building construction costs
- Higher constructability costs

Option 2A.1 – Renovation / Demolition / Addition (New Classroom Wing; Elimination of Two Courtyards)

- Addresses most of the community and educational goals
- Average construction duration
- Lower cost for operations and ongoing maintenance
- Lower temporary building construction costs
- Average constructability costs

Option 2A.2 – Renovation / Demolition / Addition (New Classroom Wing; Elimination of Two Courtyards, Media Center Located in Third Courtyard)

- Addresses most of the community and educational goals
- Average construction duration
- Lower cost for operations and ongoing maintenance
- Lower temporary building construction costs
- Higher constructability costs

Option 2B – Renovation / Demolition / Addition (Retain 1971 Building; New Addition with Classroom and Primary Core Spaces)

- Addresses the majority of the community and educational goals
- Shorter construction duration

- Lower cost for operations and ongoing maintenance
- Minimal temporary building construction costs
- Low constructability costs

Option 3A – New Construction (New Building Located Adjacent to Existing Building)

- Addresses some of the community and educational goals
- Shorter construction duration
- Lower cost for operations and ongoing maintenance
- Minimal temporary building construction costs
- Low constructability costs

Option 3B – Model School (Located Across Bliss Road)

- Addresses some of the community and educational goals
- Shorter construction duration
- Lower cost for operations and ongoing maintenance
- Minimal temporary building construction costs
- Low constructability costs

Option 4 - No Build

Question:

How were the options vetted and compared to one another?

Answer:

The options were rated against each other using a detailed decision matrix. The results are charted below and the detail may be found in the feasibility study at www.longmeadow.org/sbc

