

Criteria:	Option 1: New School at Syacamore Street to rebuild WHCIS. Recommendation for Brown School: <del>XXXXX</del>	Option 2: New School at Sycamore site for WHCIS and Brown School	Option 3: New School at Trum Field for WHCIS and Brown School
Cost Implications			
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Walkshed impacts			
Neighborhood, Community, District Considerations			
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Timeline impacts			
Environmental /Public Health risks			

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**DRAFT Options and Criteria**  
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**Option 1: New School at Sycamore site to rebuild WHCIS.**

- **Component to Clarify: What about the Brown School?**
  - Plan to seek MSBA funding to cost-share replacement or renovation of Brown, once WHCIS is complete
  - Plan for additional debt exclusion for Somerville to pay for full cost of replacement or renovation of Brown
    - When (during or after WHCIS)
  - Other ideas?
- Other components to consider:
  - Building extra capacity to absorb Brown (or other school) students in case of facility failures? (would this be 100% Somerville cost?)

**Option 2: New School at Sycamore site for WHCIS and Brown School**

- Other components to consider:
  - Options for the current Brown building/site?
  - Redistricting of proximity schools?
  - Demolition process and implications?
  - Others?

**Option 3: New School at Trum Field for WHCIS and Brown School**

- Other components:
  - Replacement field space?
  - Future of Sycamore and Brown sites
  - Redistricting of proximity schools?
  - Others?

## Criteria for Evaluating Options:

- Cost Implications:
  - Cost of debt exclusion for capital costs
  - Operating/ongoing maintenance cost implications
  - Other ancillary costs?
- Stakeholder and Community Sentiment (*including but not limited to*)
  - Public at Large
    - Seniors / fixed income / low income, etc.
    - Voters, homeowners, renters, etc.
    - SPS Teachers and Staff
    - Current WHCIS community
    - Current Brown School community
    - Current all SPS community
    - Educational special needs categories: special needs, language access, neurodiverse, etc.
    - Business Community
    - Future WHCIS, and Brown, and full SPS School communities
  - Mayor
  - City Council
  - School Committee
- Walkshed Impacts
- Neighborhood, Community, District Considerations
  - Field locations
  - Constraints on space for extra afterschool, athletics/recreation, and community uses
  - Building/site reuse implications
- Educational Implications (define)
  - Environment for AIM students
  - Size
  - Facility features indoor and outdoor (including playgrounds)
- Disruption Impacts
  - Redistricting proximity schools
  - Short-term construction impacts
  - Field disruptions (if moving Trum)
  - Traffic impacts
  - Swing space impacts for students during construction (if rebuilding Brown before completion of new WH)
- Timeline Impacts
- Environmental/Public Health Risks
  - Contamination at sites
  - Rats