



Our **vision** is to provide high-quality educational opportunities that inspire a community of learners

WELLNESS • EQUITY • ENGAGEMENT

Our **mission** is to develop engaged, well-balanced learners through collaborative, caring relationships

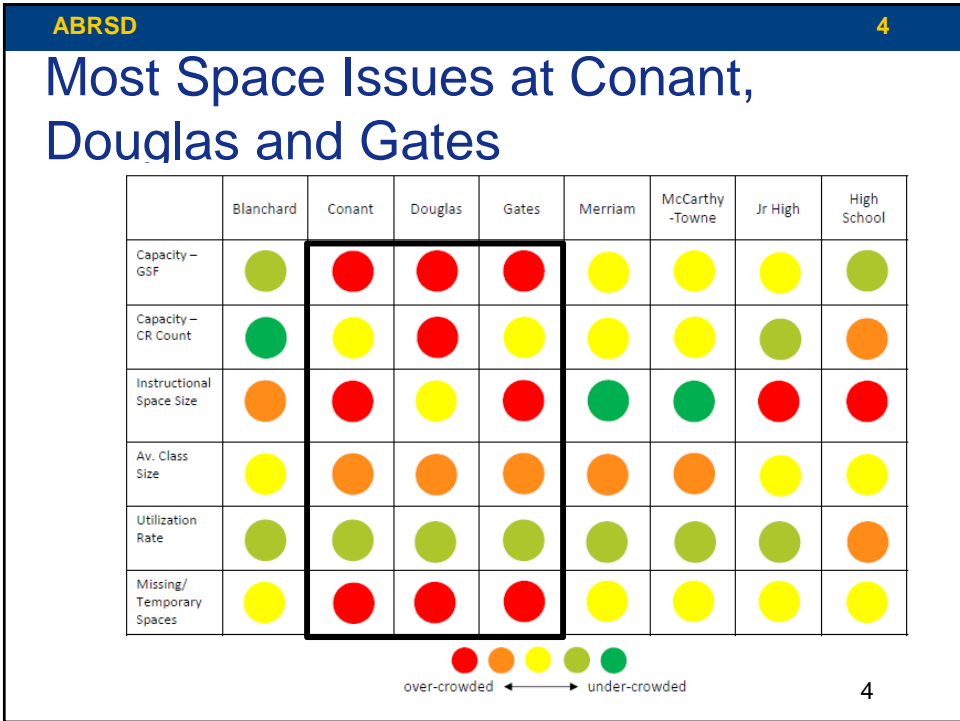
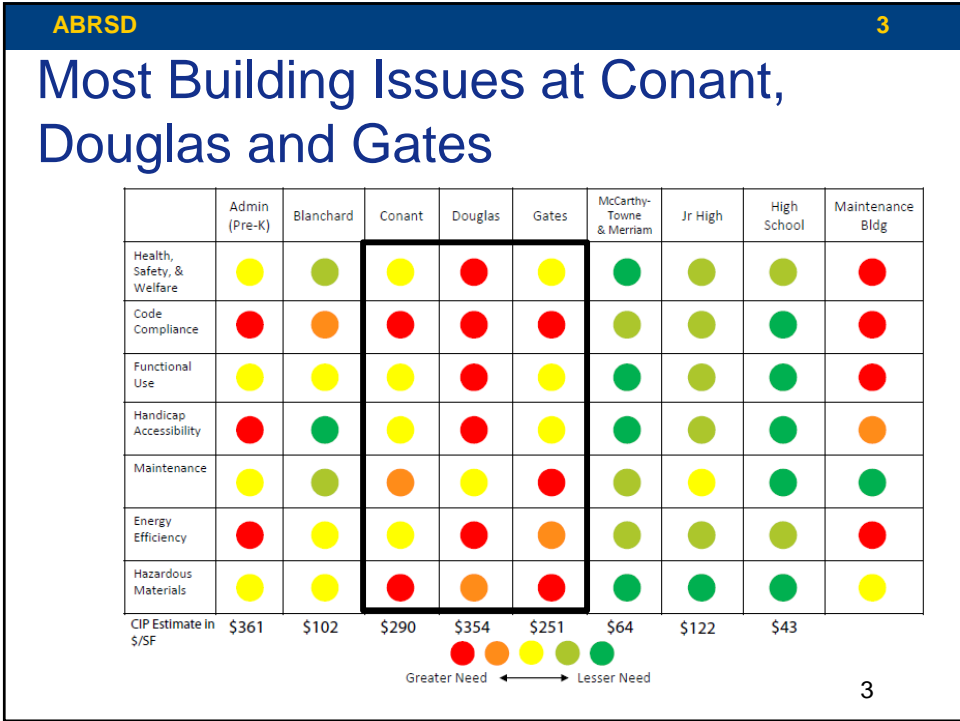
Building Committee Update

AB Regional School Committee Meeting

August 24, 2017

Master Planning Process

- Phase I – Sept 2015 – Feb 2016
Facilities Review- Capital Improvement Plan
Assessed 9 school facilities for all capital needs
- Phase II – Feb 2016 – Dec 2016
Educational Visioning
80+ Teachers, parents, principals, community members and students. Three full day sessions plus school groups
Developed seven possible options
- MSBA – Voted to accept ABRSD and the Douglas School as a reimbursable project Feb 2017. Douglas was one of 17 projects accepted out of 87 proposals.
- District Master Planning Review Committee (DMPRC)
January – June 2017
Reviewed the seven options, held 12 forums/focus groups to discuss pros and cons and solicit feedback. Created video for additional outreach and feedback.
- Building Committee June 2017 through completion of the building project.



MSBA Process

- Feb 2017 – AB Accepted into program
- April 3, 2017 – Jan 3, 2018 Eligibility Period
Total 270 Days = 9 Months
- June 3, 2017 Building Committee Appointed
- July 3, 2017 – Submission of Educational Profile
Questionnaire and Enrollment Data
- October 3, 2017 Meet with MSBA to finalize enrollment for
project.
- December 4 – Two Town Meetings
Vote to Approve Project

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Project Description

- Twin School
MSBA will only reimburse for one project at a
time. This will allow two schools to be updated
in the first phase.
- Likely on the Gates property. Will confirm
during feasibility study. Will also review Conant
property.
- The twin school will also include space for
preschool classrooms.

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Project Options

- The DMPRC recommended two possible options to the SC in June.
- A twin school with a K-6 elementary school on each side plus classrooms for the preschool.
- A twin school with an Early Childhood Center (ECC) with all of the district PreK and K classrooms on one side and a 1-6 Elementary school on the other side.

Project Options

- The feedback about the ECC was mixed.
- The option with the ECC would mean that we would move from six elementary schools to five elementary schools with a sixth school that is the ECC.
- Moving from six schools to five would involve combining two school programs into one.

Building Committee Recommendation

- The Building Committee reviewed and further defined the details of the two options through meetings in June, July and August.
- The Building Committee voted at the August 9 meeting to recommend that the School Committee eliminate the ECC option and to move forward with a Twin School with two K-6 Elementary Schools.
- The Building Committee would like the SC to consider this option for a vote at the September 7 SC meeting.

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Project Description

- A twin school for two K-6 elementary schools
- The Gates property is the most likely site. We will continue to explore Conant or other possible sites.
- The Gates and Douglas property would be treated as a campus. The building would be built on the Gates side. Parking and playgrounds would be built on the Douglas site. A better walkable bridge would connect the two sites.
- Douglas would move into one side of the new school, and Gates would move into the second side.

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Project Description

- 21 classrooms would be built for Douglas and 21 classrooms would be built for Gates. They would each have room for a three section school.
- Eight (8) preschool classrooms would be built along with support services such as speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, etc.
- Preschool students would also have access to art, music, and phys ed in one of the elementary schools.
- Estimated Cost: \$123 million
MSBA reimbursement 40% - 45% \$49m - \$55m
Acton Cost: \$58m - \$63m Boxborough Cost: \$10m – 11m

December 4 Town Meetings

- To approve funds for the feasibility study and an owner's project manager (OPM)
- Estimated Cost = \$1.3M
- MSBA will reimburse 45.3% of these costs = \$590,000
- Acton-Boxborough is responsible for \$710,000
- Recommending use of E&D reserves to fund AB's share.
- If approved by both towns, move into module 2 feasibility study. If not approved, we need to start over with an MSBA statement of interest.

Timeline and Next Steps:

- Consider the project recommendation for a Sept 7 vote
- Feedback on use of E&D to fund feasibility & OPM
- Community Outreach
The district is creating a video of Douglas, Gates, Conant and the preschool
- Feasibility 12-18 months Jan 2018 – Spring 2019
- Town Meeting Vote and Capital Override Vote in both towns to fund construction Mid to late 2019
- If approved – construction 2019 – 2021 (estimated)

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Additional Capital Needs

- Renovation of Conant – possibly next MSBA request in 2021
- Remainder of Capital Improvement Plan needs
District has reviewed and prioritized \$14 million – \$20 million for HS, JH, Blanchard, Parker Damon, Admin.
Fund through bonded capital request.

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DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS
