

Capital Plan Memo 5



May 15, 2018

To: Burlington School District Community
From: Superintendent Obeng
Subject: An Update on the District's Capital Plan

Hello, BSD community, and thank you for your continued involvement and engagement in the Capital Plan. At the May 8th School Board meeting, we presented a [History of Pre-k Project Development](#) which is now on our website. If you have not had a chance to, please take a look at the presentation, as it contains the answers to many questions about our capital plan and why we need to start the plan by addressing the District's space constraints needs, including pre-k. [You can also view the board meeting online.](#)

Over the past week we attended a number of community input sessions, gave many presentations, opened up our Central Office space to the community, and presented preliminary plans for the South End Early Education Center with access coming from Shelburne Road to the Conservation Board. We also presented Edmunds renovation plans (also without the driveway) to the Design Advisory Board who approved the plans, and we plan to present those same Edmunds plans to Burlington's Development Review Board this week.

We continued to meet with NPAs and PTOs, including a combined Edmunds Middle and Elementary School PTO meeting. Parents and community members came to the meeting with questions and critiques, but also with suggestions for solutions to the issues around drop-off and ADA accessibility. Another suggestion from parents was that we use the problems to support curriculum opportunities for our children, where we involve them in school-based input and problem-solving opportunities. Teachers have taken this suggestion and run with it, having already identified ways to use this project to support curriculum. Suggestions like these are always appreciated and help us to create community-driven solutions; thank you to everyone who has taken the time to suggest alternative options or ideas. We may not always be able to implement the ideas we hear, but the feedback does help ensure that we consider and think through other options for these plans.

As we move forward with the plan for North End and South End preschools and other Capital Plan projects, we ask that the community remain engaged. Keep asking and questions and offering suggestions. We're doing our best to respond to the questions at community events, and through our continually updated FAQ document and these weekly memos. Please visit <http://www.bsdvt.org/district/budget/capital-planning/> to find the most up-to-date information regarding the Capital Plan, including presentations, slideshows, our continually updated FAQ document, and an online question/feedback form.

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