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Dear Newton Resident,

As many of you are aware, this is an exciting time of elementary school facilities renovation and expansion in the Newton Public Schools. Because our new and renovated schools will have expanded capacity to address our enrollment growth, and we currently have elementary schools that are overcrowded, we have established a Student Assignment Working Group (SAWG) to review elementary school boundary lines.

The SAWG has examined multiple scenarios that ease overcrowding and take advantage of the expanded capacity when the new Angier, Zervas and Cabot are completed. We are at a critical juncture in the process, which has now advanced beyond the scenario development phase to a student assignment policy recommendation which was made to the School Committee on June 15, 2015.

A public hearing designed to receive feedback on the recommendations is scheduled for June 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a meeting of the School Committee. Both the meeting and the public hearing will be held at the Education Center in room 210 and are open to the public. They will also be televised on NewTV.

Input from all key stakeholders including parents, community members, transit and public safety experts, public officials and other community leaders continues to be critical. If you have not yet had an opportunity to learn about this process and would like specific information about the recommendations, please visit: <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/2315>.

The Newton School Committee, and NPS administration are committed to minimizing disruption for students and families and no students who are currently enrolled in our system will be moved. Ruth Goldman, School Committee representative from Ward 6 (ruth_goldman@newton.k12.ma.us) and Steve Siegel School Committee representative from Ward 5 (steve_siegel@newton.k12.ma.us) are members of the Student Assignment Working Group and welcome any questions that you may have. Sincerely,

David Fleishman
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