

MSBA Update

January 8, 2024

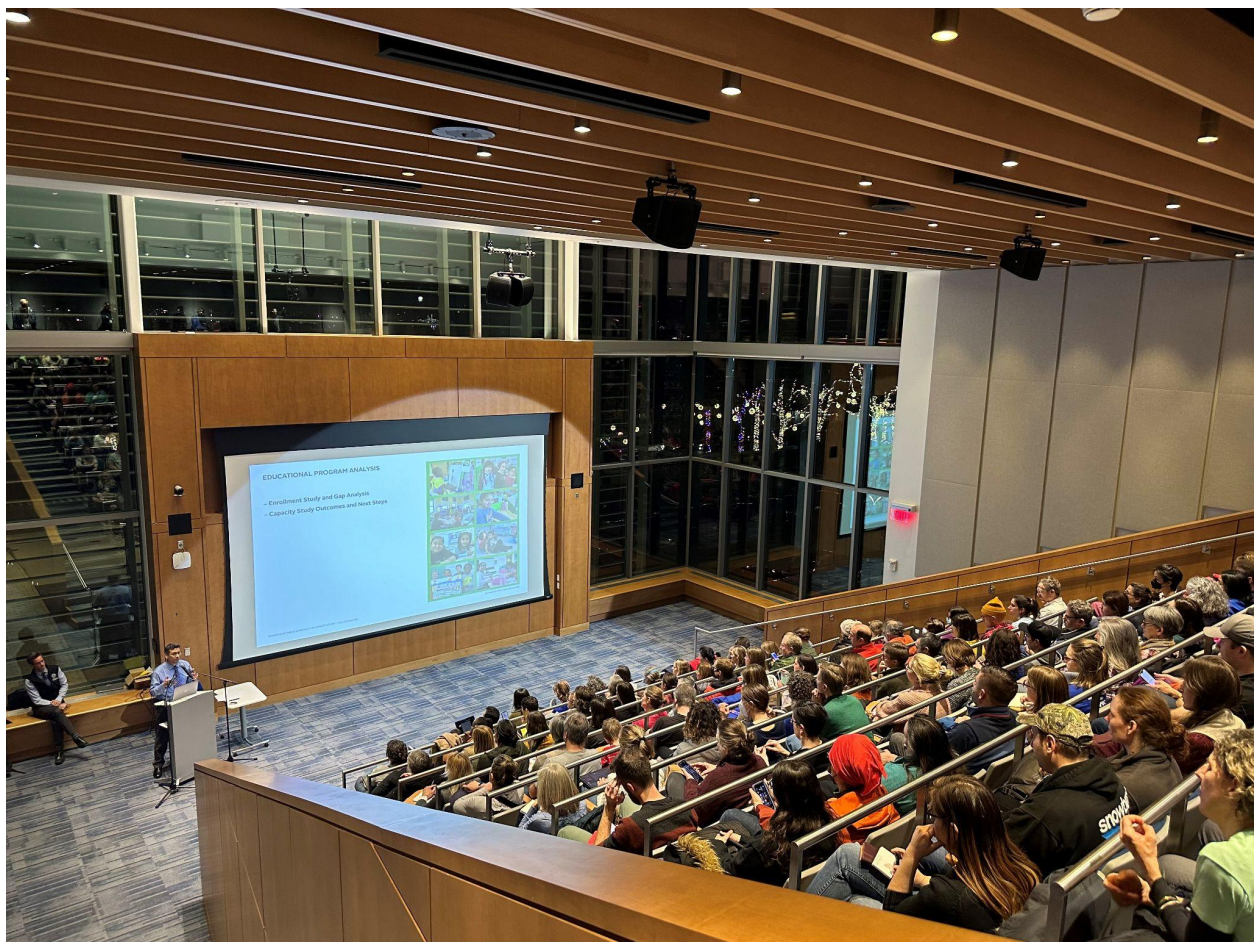
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K-8 Capacity Study Meeting Recap

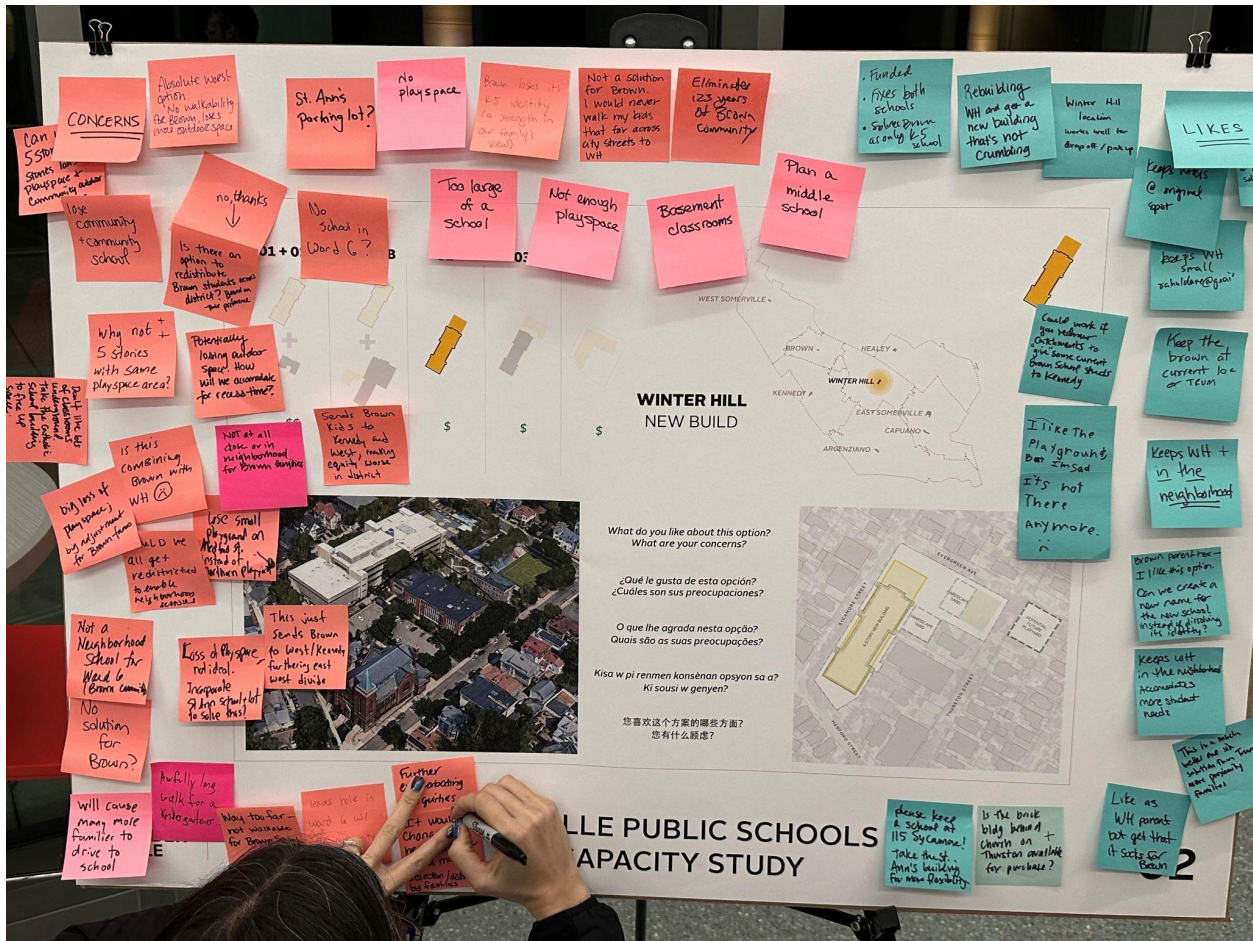
On December 19th, we had a very productive meeting coordinated by the City where we reviewed the findings of the K-8 Capacity Study.

- [View slide deck here](#)
- [View video recording here](#)

More than 150 people attended, including students. During the first hour of the meeting, City staff and consultants provided details and context around some of the possible options for renovating or rebuilding the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, including some options for addressing the needs of the Brown School.



Following the presentation, attendees were invited to view a series of project boards and provide their pros and cons for each of the potential options. I had the opportunity to speak with many attendees as well as to walk around and review some of the great feedback added to each project board.



Attendees had excellent and thoughtful opinions to share as part of this exercise, which will be very helpful as we continue to move forward in the MSBA and a community engagement process.

MSBA Timeline + Next Steps

As a reminder, there are specific timelines and requirements that we will need to adhere to as part of the MSBA process. Our 270 Eligibility Phase will officially begin on March 4th.

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Eligibility Period Schedule of Deliverables

City of Somerville Winter Hill Community School

MSBA Board of Director Meeting – December 13, 2023

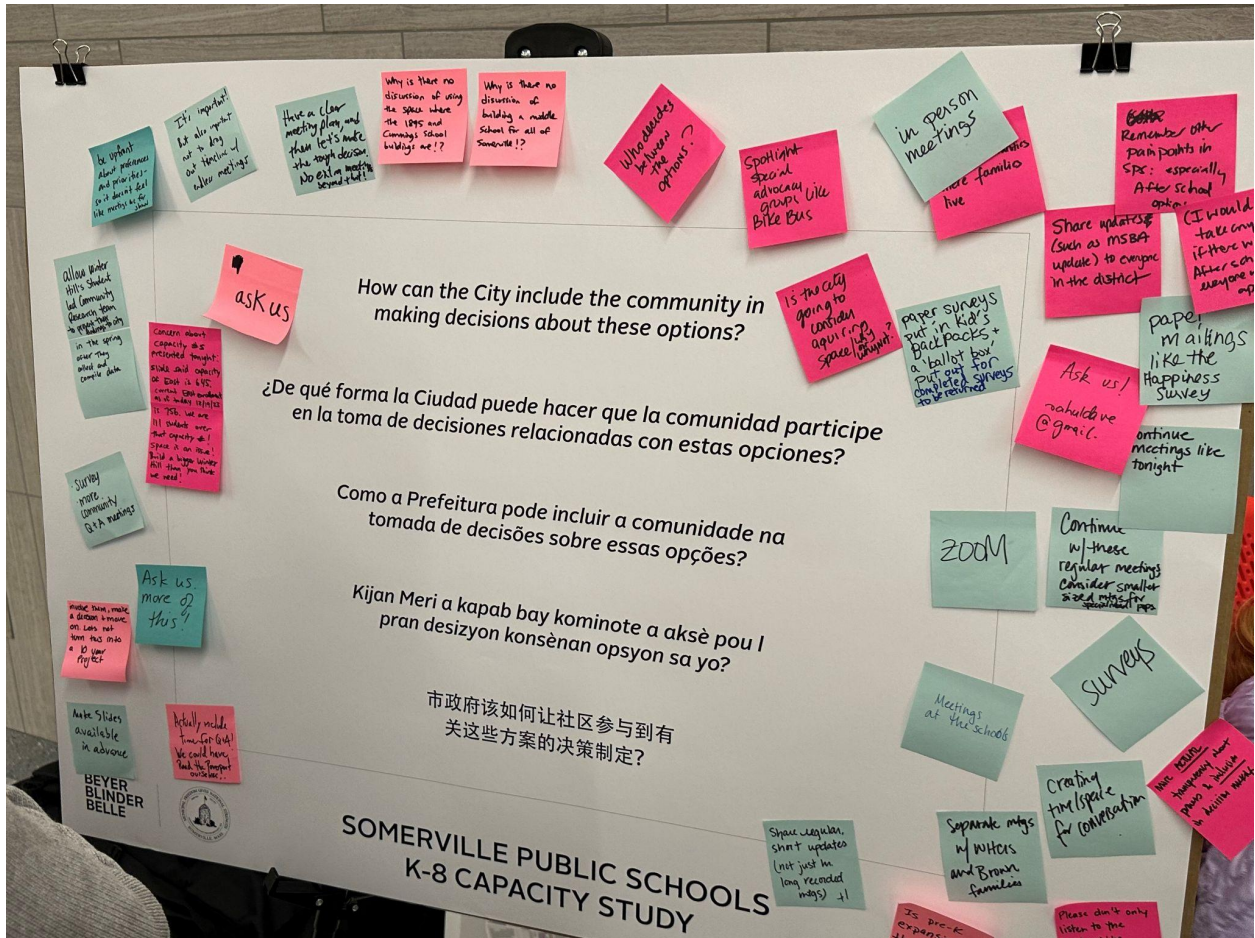
Eligibility Period Commences –March 4, 2024		
MODULE ONE - Eligibility Period		
Deliverable	Days	Due Date and Status
Initial Compliance Certification	30	April 4, 2024 Required
School Building Committee	60	May 3, 2024 Required
Educational Profile Questionnaire	90	June 3, 2024 Required
Online Enrollment Projection	90	June 3, 2024 Required
Enrollment Meeting Held	180	August 30, 2024 Required
Maintenance and Capital Planning Information	180	August 30, 2024 Required
Local Vote Authorization	270	November 29, 2024 Required
Feasibility Study Agreement	270	November 29, 2024 Required
Eligibility Period Concludes – November 29, 2024		

We expect to hear from our Project Coordinator at MSBA sometime in the next few weeks with more detailed information about these deliverables. We will of course continue to share with the School Committee and with the public.

Community Engagement + Decision Making

Of course, creating a School Building Committee is one of the first steps we will take. The membership of the Building Committee is somewhat dictated by the MSBA but will include representatives from both SPS and the City, as well as community and school stakeholders.

In addition to the Building Committee, you have already heard my commitment to hiring a firm that will be dedicated to leading a community engagement process around these critical decisions. While the Building Committee will help guide our final decisions, it's essential that all of our SPS stakeholders have a voice in this process in multiple ways. I am already working to bring a consultant on board as soon as possible.



In the very short term, my team and I have been working to schedule smaller meetings with the Brown and Winter Hill School communities. I believe we have tentatively set a date of January 24th with the Brown School, and are working to schedule a meeting with the Winter Hill. More information will be coming very shortly to confirm both of these meetings, where I want to connect directly with each school community about the potential options, and pros and cons of each scenario.