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Important Dates

Tuesday, September 25th(6:30, HPES Library)—Community Forum

Thursday, October 4th(6:30, HPES Library)—Special Board Meeting

A third community forum will be held at 6:30 on September 25th in the HPES library. The purpose of this forum, centered on the major question of whether we should renovate or build new, is two-fold. We plan to review the reasons we began the "Next 100" discussion, share what we know about the state of the school and the negative effects its current condition is having on student learning, and provide information about the scenarios currently under consideration. Those attending will have the opportunity to tour the school building to see firsthand some of the existing problems. We also very much wish to hear from community members regarding their preference to renovate or build new.

We have already collected a great deal of feedback from community members in response to this question. Some of you have filled out a survey asking if you prefer that we renovate our existing site or build new outside the village. The survey was initially limited to those two choices as there was no large parcel identified as for sale within the village. In recent weeks, we have learned that there may be a suitable [parcel of land available within the village, north of Rte. 15 on Centerville Rd.](#) Our survey has since been revised to reflect this possible third choice. If you are interested in learning more about or discussing this newest option, or any of the other options currently under consideration, please attend the next forum, visit www.hpes.org, review one of the Next 100 Resource Guides available at the town and school libraries, or call any board member.

Our community is strong, vibrant and engaged, as is made evident by attendance at forums and discussions amongst neighbors. The Hyde Park Elementary School Board wishes to thank the many residents who have asked thoughtful questions, voiced concerns, offered suggestions, and expressed support. We are committed to responsible, evidence-driven decision-making, and heartily urge you to contact us with any ideas you may wish to share. We plan to conclude this first phase of the Next 100 discussion at a Special Board Meeting to be held at 6:30 on Thursday, October 4th in the HPES Library. At that meeting, we will hear any additional community input, carefully review the evidence collected, and then vote to move forward with a plan to renovate or build new. We urge any interested resident to attend this important meeting.