

## **Report on the progress of the Reorganization Team**

First, following the public forums we met to review the input. The major themes that emerged were:

- Questions with regard to balance (socio-economic)
- Questions with regard to the location of the IB and Two-Way Schools
- Questions with regard to neighborhood schools in particular Brophy
- Questions with regard to the k-2/3-5 model
- Questions regarding the pairings

As a result we are reconsidering both the placements of the IB School and the Two-Way School. We are also reconsidering the pairings. We are considering the placement of the IB School or the Two-Way at Woodrow Wilson which would change the pairing with McCarthy to either Barbieri or Brophy. We want to emphasize that we have been listening throughout this process and will present the plan we believe is in the best interest of education in Framingham for the foreseeable future. This includes presenting a plan that is fiscally sound.

Our work at this point is to focus on the detail of each possibility at a level that will allow us to answer specific questions for the School Committee, parents, staff and public. This includes but is not limited to staffing at each school, program placement in each school, what school students attend, transportation, ELT, and before/after school programming. Coordinating paired schools to facilitate pick-up and drop-off as well is part of the task. We will also be examining the best way to ensure smooth transitions between the pairs.

While we understand the urgency people feel, it is important for us to consider concerns people have raised and to make adjustment to our plan prior to the presentation to the School Committee and public. We are targeting the first March meeting for that presentation which will be made by the Reorganization Team. Following that meeting we will hold further opportunities for feedback. Additionally, we are looking at the feasibility of what can be accomplished for next September. It is important for all of us that whatever we ultimately implement, is well thought out and planned. At the March meeting, we will also recommend a potential implementation timeline.

The reorganization team has already spent countless hours in seriously reconsidering all aspects of the plan in addition to their regular jobs.