

**Plan to address short-term issues at Stratfield School/Address long-term town wide space needs.**

**Short-term:** Remove a grade, (incoming 2nd grade or incoming 4th grade) for one year from Stratfield to McKinley 2009-2010.

**Open town wide redistricting to a date certain.** All schools, including feeder patterns to the three middle schools and two high schools to better balance the secondary schools.

**Establish a school space committee** to start Spring 2009 made up of parents from elementary, middle and high schools, along with elected officials to study projections, feeder patterns and present findings Fall 2009.

**Suggestion date to start: November 2009**, after October projections become available and possible new enrollment from private schools is calculated. Additional information that would be available in October 2009, space utilization of new annexes at Osborne Hill and Sherman Schools and future of Fairfield Woods expansion proposal. Board Review of findings from school space committee.

**Deadline April 1, 2010. Implementation - August 2010.**

**Belief:** Moving a grade level out of Stratfield school for one year allows for swing space for added incoming Kindergarten Section, and movement of music and art to designated classrooms. Additional space on site during out door construction, less outdoor areas available, less students, buses and parent driving will lessen congestion. A one year movement is less disruptive to students and doesn't preclude the town wide redistricting scheduled for implementation for the 2010-2011.

A town wide redistricting is afforded a thorough review and time to adjust movement in a thoughtful and fair process. This time line will also allow for healthy public comment. A plan should be based on research, professional data, public input and adjustments by the Board of Education.

**The board of education shall make decisions in cooperation with the community that supports the Fairfield School district's mission.**

*The board of education in partnership with the community.*