



SOUTH WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ten-Year Elementary Facilities Plan Update PHASE TWO

February 2019

Message from the Superintendent of Schools

Despite the cold weather, we were fortunate to have blue skies and low winds for the Philip R. Smith Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony held on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The groundbreaking is the first in a series of milestone events for this project. Members of the Board of Education, Town Council and Public Building Commission were joined by enthusiastic parents and students as well as many town and school staff. State representatives Jeff Currey and Tom Delnicki were also present, as well as Bob Celmer from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

The event served as an opportunity for me to publicly thank our community and town leaders; the design professionals from Moser Pilon Nelson, Gilbane Building Company and Colliers International; and the Public Building Commission in particular for the countless hours they have dedicated to the project. Board of Education Chairman Craig Zimmerman, Mayor Saud Anwar, community representative Daria Plummer, and Philip R. Smith principal Michelle Dixon all shared their thoughts on the significance of this milestone.

After the ceremony everyone gathered outside for an aerial photo, courtesy of district staff member Larry Cox who overlooked the site from South Windsor Fire Department's bucket truck. Students and dignitaries took turns posing with ceremonial shovels and hard hats.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to mark this momentous occasion. This was a truly inspiring event and a great kick-off for Phase Two construction. Please enjoy the photos on the following pages, as well as some other updates relating to the Ten-Year Plan. I hope to see everyone for the upcoming Eli Terry groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, March 23, 2019!

Sincerely,

KATE CARTER

Kate Carter, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



More than 250 people gathered outside the front of the former PRS school building for the ceremonial groundbreaking

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PLEASE JOIN US...

Eli Terry Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Please plan to join members of the Board of Education, Town Council and Public Building Commission, as well as teachers, administrators, students, families and residents as we celebrate this important milestone. The celebration will be held in the Eli Terry Elementary School Gymnasium at 569 Griffin Road, South Windsor. Refreshments and ceremonial remarks will take place at 2:00 p.m. followed by a traditional groundbreaking outside. (In the event of extreme weather, the snow date is March 30.)



Philip R. Smith Demolition

The abatement of hazardous materials began in mid-January. General demolition of the building is expected to start on or about March 10.

Eli Terry Traffic Pattern Adjustments

Following April vacation, parents and community members will experience a change in the traffic patterns on and around the Eli Terry campus (including Graham Road). Signs will be posted. Additional information regarding these changes will be provided to families by Mr. Federici and the Transportation Office.

Eli Terry Site Safety/Construction Activity

Construction vehicles have been instructed not to make any scheduled deliveries during school drop off and dismissal times. This should minimize any traffic disruptions to buses and families.

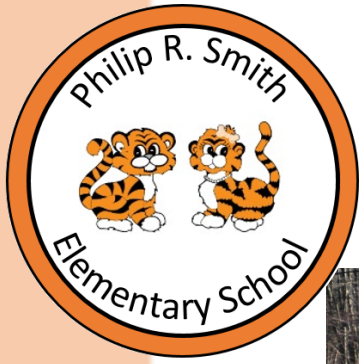
NEW! TEN-YEAR PLAN VIDEO SHOWCASES ORCHARD HILL

Interested in taking a look inside the new Orchard Hill school? With the assistance of high school journalism and media teacher Philip Rockey, we have created a video which showcases this beautiful new facility and explores how classroom and common spaces have been embraced by students and staff since the building opened in August 2017.

The video is viewable on the district website. Also available on the website are photos from the recent groundbreaking, renderings of both Phase Two schools, prior editions of our Elementary Facilities newsletters and other documents/information relating to the Ten-Year Plan.

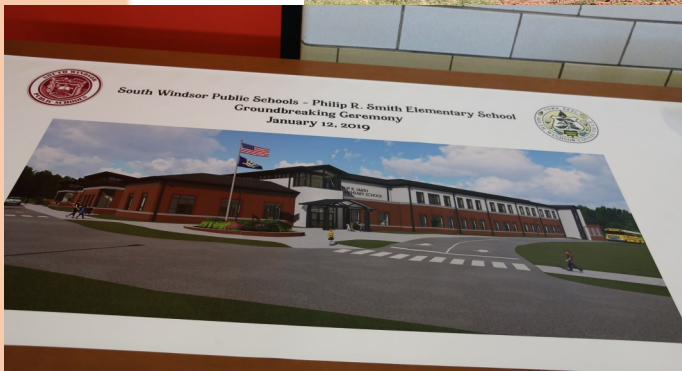


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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PHILIP R. SMITH GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 12, 2019



Principal Michelle Dixon with PRS student ambassadors Riley and Corey



PRS staff Mimi Saidi, Michelle Dixon, Kathy LaRosa, Lauren Besthoff and Rosanna Testa



PHILIP R. SMITH GROUNDBREAKING



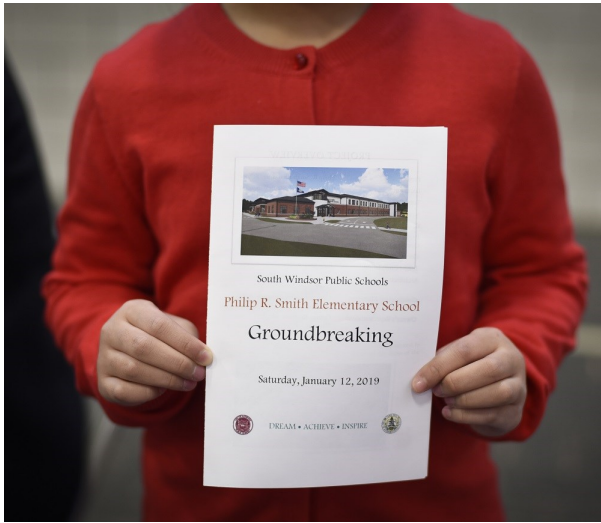
Mayor Anwar, elementary principals and associate principals with student ambassadors from each of the four elementary schools



Daria Plummer from Support South Windsor Schools enthusiastically champions the Ten-Year Plan



SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019



Board Chair Craig Zimmerman addresses the crowd

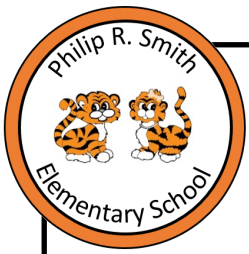


L-R: Dr. Kate Carter, South Windsor Board of Education members Craig Zimmerman, Michael Paré, Beth Esstman, Jessica Waterhouse, Erica Evans, David Joy, Art Adduci



Mayor Anwar presents proclamation to Principal Michelle Dixon





MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PHILIP R. SMITH GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION



Principal Michelle Dixon surrounded by students



Special thanks to the South Windsor Fire Department for the use of their bucket loader truck to take aerial photos



L-R: Dr. Kate Carter, Town Councilors Karen Lydecker, Lisa Maneeley, Jan Snyder, Jeff Currey (State Representative), Saud Anwar, Tom Delnicki (State Representative), Liz Pendleton, Matt Riley and Mary Justine Hockenberry



Dr. Kate Carter with SWPD Chief Scott Custer and Deputy Chief Kristian Lindstrom



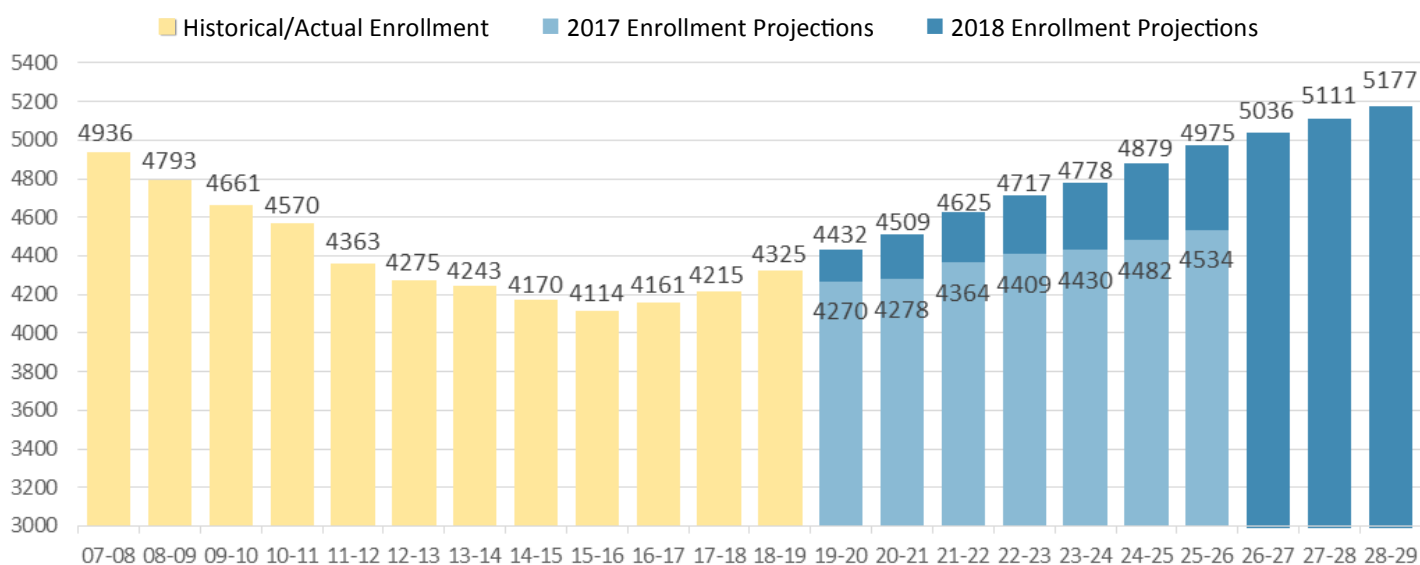
L-R: Representatives Tom Delnicki and Jeff Currey, Mayor Saud Anwar, and Town Manager Matt Galligan

THE FUTURE OF SOUTH WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

When the Ten-Year Plan was created in 2013, South Windsor had been experiencing declining enrollment for more than a decade. We began to see a change in this trend in the 2016-2017 school year. Over the past two years we have experienced a significant departure from this trend in our elementary schools. As a result, our demographers, Milone & MacBroom, have set a new trajectory for student enrollment.

The chart below illustrates historical and projected district enrollment (grades PK-12), showing the difference in the projections provided in 2017 against projections calculated in November 2018. Milone & MacBroom is now calling for 441 more students in 2025 than they did just one year ago. With this in mind, the Board of Education recently approved revised Educational Specifications for both Phase Two schools. These revisions have allowed for the inclusion of two additional classrooms at Eli Terry and three additional classrooms at Philip R. Smith.

PK-12 Historical and Projected Enrollment



SOUTH WINDSOR PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

The South Windsor Public Building Commission (PBC) operates as the building committee for Phase Two of the Ten-Year Plan. The PBC is responsible for overseeing the planning and construction of public buildings as authorized by the Town Council. Members of the PBC volunteer countless hours of their time to work with a myriad of stakeholders, including the projects' architect, owner's representative, construction manager, board of education members, superintendent of schools, town manager, BOE director of facilities, and various town department leaders. The PBC also works as needed with town agencies such as the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission.

If you happen to see a member of the PBC in town, we encourage you to express your appreciation for his or her commitment and dedication to the students and staff of South Windsor Public Schools.



L-R: Public Building Commission members Phil Koboski, Edward O'Connell, Matthew Montana, Matthew Beaulieu, Carol Kelley and Craig Zimmerman (not pictured, Bernard Thomas)

PHASE TWO MILESTONES TO-DATE

Items listed below apply to both Phase Two projects, Eli Terry (ET) and Philip R. Smith (PRS), unless otherwise noted

6/2016	Development of Educational Specifications	1/2018	Schematic Design documents approved by PBC
6/2016	Commencement of Early Site Services	1/2018	Swing space transition meeting held with PRS families
6/2016	Development of Enrollment Analysis and Redistricting Plans	5/2018	SCG applications approved by the state
8/2016	Early Site Services completed	6/2018	Design Development documents approved by PBC
9/2016	Refreshed Elementary Facilities Ten-Year Timeline approved by the Board of Education (BOE)	7/2018	PRS faculty and staff relocated to swing space
10/2016	Educational Specifications approved by BOE	9/2018	Community information session held for neighbors and property abutters
10/2016	Phase Two Project Budgets approved by BOE	9/2018	Meeting held with Eli Terry parents
3/2017	Phase Two Referendum passed by SW residents	9/2018	Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission approvals
3/2017	Public Building Commission (PBC) appointed by Town Council	9/2018	Planning and Zoning Commission approvals
6/2017	Phase Two School Construction Grant (SCG) applications filed with state	11/2018	Revised Ed Specs approved by BOE
7/2017	Moser Pilon Nelson selected by PBC to serve as architect	12/2018	Third Party Code Reviewers appointed by PBC
7/2017	Colliers International selected by PBC to serve as Owner's Representative	1/2019	Final Plans, Specifications and Cost Estimates approved by PBC and BOE
8/2017	Education programming meetings held	1/2019	Philip R. Smith Groundbreaking
10/2017	Gilbane Building Company selected by PBC to serve as Construction Manager	2/2019	Final Plans approved by the state
11/2017	Commissioning Agent selected by PBC		
12/2017	Community public information session held for neighbors and property abutters		



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