RSU 14
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDY MAJOR OPTIONS

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	Acres
1. **Option 1**: Phased replacement plan at existing Windham Middle School site	10.5

Advantages:

- *Allows for more economical master plan with phased construction spending.*
- *Allows original 1977 building to stay in operation while first phase classroom addition is being build.*
- *No loss of athletic fields.*
- *Final design combines students from both towns.*
- *Allows middle school students to walk over the high school for programs and facility resources.*
- *Allows middle school to use campus-wide athletic facilities.*

Disadvantages:

- *Field Allen would have to be demolished to allow for construction of classroom wing.*
- *Gymnasium and cafeteria wings would be approximately 40 years old at the end of Phase 1.*
- *The middle school building would remain tight to the property line bounded on two sides by parking and campus driveway.*
- *Small, tight site.*

2. **Option 2**: New middle school on baseball and softball field at existing Middle School	19

Advantages:

- *Larger, final site at 19 acres.*
- *Construction can occur without disruption to Field Allen or Windham Middle School.*
- *Final design combines students from both towns.*
- *Allows middle school students to walk over the high school for programs and facility resources.*
- *Allows middle school to use campus-wide athletic facilities.*

Disadvantages:

- *Probable loss of one baseball field, possibly two.*
- *Expensive solution for new school.*

3. **Option 3**: New middle school on former Strout property	10

Advantages:

- *Construction can occur without disruption to Field Allen or Windham Middle School.*
- *Final design combines students from both towns.*
- *Allows middle school students to walk over the high school for programs and facility resources.*
- *Allows middle school to use campus-wide athletic facilities.*

Disadvantages:

- *Probable loss of one practice field. Probable loss of one baseball field, possibly two.*
- *Unrealistic walk between middle school and high school for sharing of resources.*
- *More expensive project.*
- *Small site at 10 acres.*

4. **<u>OPTION 4</u>**: New middle school at Windham Public Works site 20

Advantages:

- *Larger, final site at 20 acres.*
- *Construction can occur without disruption to Field Allen or Windham Middle School.*
- *Final design combines students from both towns.*
- *Allows middle school to use campus-wide athletic facilities with bridge access.*

Disadvantages:

- *Public Works has to move.*
- *RSU doesn't own Public Works.*
- *Unrealistic walk between middle school and high school for sharing of resources.*
- *More expensive project.*
- *Possible stream and wetland restrictions.*
- *Possible contaminant problems.*

5. **<u>OPTION 5</u>:** Major additions to Windham High School creating combined middle and senior high school 12

Advantages:

- *Allows for sharing of infrastructure items such as maintenance and utilities.*
- *Easy sharing of high school resources for middle school students: theatre, music and STEM program resources.*
- *No disruption to Field Allen or the Windham Middle School.*

Disadvantages:

- *Creates very large building with 2,000 students.*
- *Building is tight against all roads and boundaries.*
- *Requires displacement of high school parking*
- *Unavoidable mixing of 6th graders with 12th graders.*
- *Exceptionally large student population in one building.*
- *Major disruption to parking during construction.*
- *Small site for school and parking at 12 acres.*

6. **<u>OPTION 6</u>:** New middle school at Manchester Elementary School location 23

Advantages:

- *Larger, final site at 23 acres.*
- *Construction can occur without disruption to Field Allen or Windham Middle School.*
- *Final design combines students from both towns.*

Disadvantages:

- *Probable loss of one baseball field, possibly two.*
- *No sharing of high school resources and facilities.*
- *Displacement of 5th and 6th graders.*
- *Build new elementary school.*
- *Very expensive solution: 2 school problem.*
- *Doesn't solve Windham Middle School problems.*

7. **OPTION 7:** New middle school at unknown, new site between Windham and Raymond 34

Advantages:

- *Larger, final site.*
- *Construction can occur without disruption to Field Allen or Windham Middle School.*
- *Final design combines students from both towns.*

Disadvantages:

- *Most find acceptable site.*
- *Expensive solution.*
- *No sharing of athletic fields.*

8. **OPTION 8:** Continue to run two middle schools at existing locations.

Advantages:

- *Lowest cost option.*
- *No disruption to students and staff.*

Disadvantages:

- *More expensive to operate and maintain.*
- *No opportunity to bring the two middle schools together.*
- *Separate athletic and afterschool programs.*
- *Doesn't solve 40 year old life cycle problem at Windham Middle School.*

9. **OPTION 9:** Continue to run two middle schools with different education paradigms, i.e.:

- Expeditionary learning middle school
- Traditional house cluster middle school

Advantages:

- *Low cost option.*
- *No disruption to students and staff.*

Disadvantages:

- *More expensive to operate and maintain.*
- *No opportunity to bring the two middle schools together.*
- *Separate athletic and afterschool programs.*
- *Doesn't solve 40 year old life cycle problem at Windham Middle School.*