



Groton School Facilities Initiative



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Introduction

- Clarification on BOE Vision Statement
 - Middle Schools?
 - Elementary Schools?

- Recap of Issues

- Middle School Discussion – SWOT Analysis

- Discussion – Middle School Sites



Board of Education Vision

➤ Recap of issues to Address:

- 3 Schools that are in the worst shape:
 - Claude Chester
 - SB Butler
 - Pleasant Valley
- Middle School
 - 1 school would have 1,000 students
 - Brings students together earlier
 - Integration strategy
 - Larger core facilities
 - Racial balance
 - Cost of operations
- Address Portable classrooms
- Community Centers in Schools? & Community use of facilities
- Double as emergency shelter?
- Inter or Intra District magnet
 - LEARN Marine Science Magnet
- Pre-K in separate facility. Possibly PreK/ K School at Claude Chester?



Middle School Options

2 Middle Schools or 1 Unified
Middle School?



2 Middle Schools

- **Strengths:** What characteristics make 2 Middle Schools the stronger option?
- **Weaknesses:** What characteristics make 2 Middle Schools the weaker option?
- **Opportunities:** What opportunities that do not exist, could be created by keeping 2 Middle Schools?
- **Threats:** What negative effects that do not already exist, could be created by keeping 2 Middle Schools?

20 minutes!



1 Middle School

- **Strengths:** What characteristics make 1 Middle School the stronger option?
- **Weaknesses:** What characteristics make 1 Middle School the weaker option?
- **Opportunities:** What opportunities that are not already enjoyed, could be created by consolidating to 1 Middle School?
- **Threats:** What negative effects that do not already exist, could be created by consolidating to 1 Middle School?

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Elementary Schools

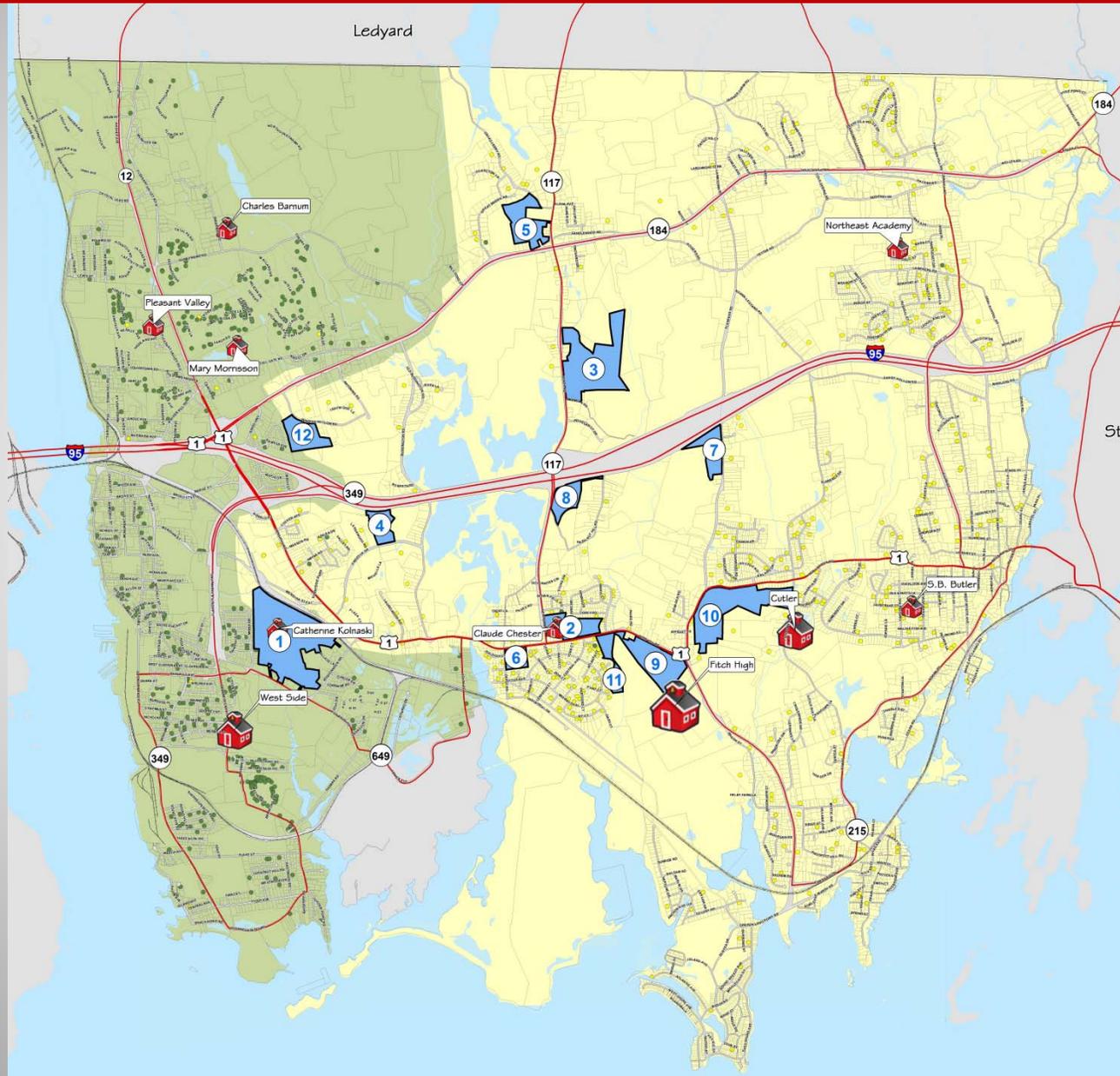
Changes to the Middle Schools as they relate to Elementary Schools

- **Opportunities:** What opportunities at the elementary schools that do not exist, could be created by changes to Middle Schools?
- **Threats:** What negative effects that do not already exist, could be created by changes to Middle Schools?



Potential Middle School Sites

Map Label	Site
1	Catherine Kolnaski
2	Claude Chester
3	Downes Patterson
4	Drozdyk
5	Farquhar
6	Fitch Middle
7	Flanders Road
8	Hazlenut Hill Road
9	Merritt Property
10	New London Road
11	Sutton Park
12	Winding Hollow





Potential Middle School Sites

<u>Map Label</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Current Use</u>
1	Catherine Kolnaski	GROTON TOWN OF	124.1	CB-15	School
2	Claude Chester	GROTON TOWN OF	11.6	R-12	School / Park
3	Downes Patterson	DOWNES PATTERSON CORP	86.3	IP-80A	Vacant Land
4	Drozdyk	GROTON MULTIFAMILY LLC	17.2	RMF-12	Vacant Land
5	Farquhar	L&L GROTON	34.5	CB-15	Commercial Retail (184 Frontage) / Vacant Land
6	Fitch Middle	GROTON TOWN OF	11.3	R-12	Former School
7	Flanders Road	GROTON TOWN OF	17.2	IP-80B	Vacant Land
8	Hazlenut Hill Road	GROTON CITY OF	20.3	IP-80C	Open Space
9	Merritt Property	GROTON TOWN OF	34.6	RS-20	Open Space / Park
10	New London Road	ON OPEN SPACE ASSOCIATIO	75.0	R-40	Open Space
11	Sutton Park	GROTON TOWN OF	17.8	R-12	Park
12	Winding Hollow	UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN	12.8	RU-20	Vacantl Land / Open Space