
Redistricting Public Hearing

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Stamford Environmental Interdistrict Magnet School (EMS)

- The Environmental Interdistrict Magnet School will open grades PreK, Kindergarten and Grade 1 in 2009, and Grade 6 in 2010.
- Each grade can accommodate 60 students from Stamford and surrounding districts (for a total of 660 students).
- 70-75% of student population from Stamford / 25-30% of students from other towns in Southern Fairfield County
- If Toquam students in grades 2-5 are relocated, one of the principal's charges at the EMS will be to provide Toquam students with access to EMS facilities and activities to the fullest extent possible.

Environmental Magnet School

September 2009	Open Grades PreK, Kindergarten and Grade 1
September 2010	Open Grades 2 and Grade 6
September 2011	Open Grades 3 and Grade 7
September 2012	Open Grades 4 and Grade 8
September 2013	Open Grade 5

Environmental Interdistrict Magnet School Teaching Staff



- All Stamford Public Schools teachers who are interested may apply for Environmental Magnet School positions.
- Teaching positions at the EMS grade levels to be opened the following year will be posted several months in advance to provide time for specialized professional development.



Impact of Toquam Student Enrollment at the EMS



How many Toquam teachers will move to the EMS facility?

- The number of Toquam teachers who move to the new building is dependent on the number of students who continue at Toquam, once it is relocated to the Environmental Magnet School site.
 - Toquam parents may also choose to enroll their child at their district elementary school or enter the magnet lottery.
- Based on student enrollment, there may be 0, 1, 2 or more classrooms at a given grade level in the Toquam program while housed at the EMS.

Financial Forecast Assumptions



In assembling those scenarios, we assumed:

- Costs allocated over a six-year period (2008-2014).
- Cost factored for inflation at 4-5%.
- State magnet school revenue stays flat.
- Four classes of students move from Toquam to the Environmental Magnet School
- Calculations based on 70% in-district / 30% out-of-district students
- Bank Street Program includes a full level of Toquam staffing
- Class sizes of 20:1 for EMS. Current class configuration at Toquam.



Options	Major Cost Drivers	Cumulative Cost Over 5 Years
<p><u>Option 1</u> "Base Case" 12 Current Elementary Schools + EMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating 21 Schools with flat enrollment projections. 	<p>\$26 - 27 Million</p>
<p><u>Option 2</u> Open EMS and Close Toquam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2009/2010, cost reduction will be obtained by closing Toquam and redistributing students immediately in 2009. Fixed costs from Toquam are reinvested in the Environmental Magnet School. 	<p>\$0 to \$0.5 Million Cost Reduction</p>
<p><u>Option 3a</u> Open EMS and Move Toquam Students and Bank Street Program to the EMS Facility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialists, educational assistants and positions essential to preserving the Bank Street Program move to the EMS to serve the Toquam students. 	<p>\$7.5 - \$7.7 Million</p>
<p><u>Option 3b</u> Open EMS and Move Toquam Students with Only Existing Classroom Teachers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary cost is classroom teachers Specialists at EMS serve both EMS students and Toquam students. 	<p>\$4.4 - \$4.6 Million</p>
<p><u>Option 4</u> Open EMS and Move Toquam Students, but Offer the EMS Curriculum to Toquam Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toquam students will participate in the Environmental Magnet program and curriculum, so all teachers and specialists (48 individuals) must be trained in grades PreK – Grade 5 prior to September 2009. Science materials and other resources for students in Grades 2-5 must be purchased by September 2009 (instead of over time as school is phased-in). 	<p>\$4.3 - \$4.5 Million (\$200,000 additional needed before September 2009)</p>