

TO: School Committee

FROM: Tim Piwowar, Superintendent

DATE: November 14, 2025

RE: Deerfield Re-Use Advisory Committee Recommendation

The Deerfield Re-Use Advisory Committee was established to examine any potential educational uses for the Deerfield School within the jurisdiction of the School Department, and to issue a recommendation to the full School Committee about the future of the Deerfield building. On November 6, 2025, the Committee met, and unanimously voted to approve the following motion:

The Deerfield Re-Use Committee recommends that the Westwood School District shall transfer the care, custody, and control of the Deerfield School, located at 72 Deerfield Avenue, to the Town of Westwood, such transfer to be effective as of July 1, 2026.

If the full School Committee chooses to act favorably on this recommendation, the following language is the suggested motion for the upcoming meeting on November 20:

I move that the School Committee recommend to the Westwood Select Board that the Select Board include in the May 2026 Annual Town Meeting warrant an article providing that the School District shall transfer the care, custody, and control of the Deerfield School, located at 72 Deerfield Avenue, to the Town of Westwood, such transfer to be effective as of July 1, 2026. Further, I move that the School Committee take any other steps necessary to accomplish said transfer.

In addition, as the November 6 meeting was the final meeting of the Deerfield Re-Use Advisory Committee, the minutes of the final meeting can be approved by the parent body that formed the Committee; in this case, the full School Committee. These minutes are included as an action item for the November 20 meeting.