

**South Portland High School  
Renovation & Addition Plan  
November 2, 2010 – Referendum Vote**

**Educational Benefits of New Plan**

*Buildings must be designed to facilitate what we know as “Best Practices” in education today and be flexible for changes that will inevitably come!*

- Flexible classroom grouping arrangements will be designed to meet the 21<sup>st</sup> century educational needs of our students.
- Area in new classrooms will meet (not exceed) the state standards.
- Physical flexibility in classrooms for clustering of groups of students will allow for collaboration, problem solving and project based learning.
- Technology will be integrated into each classroom.
- Science labs will be updated.
- A larger library will accommodate learning needs.
- Learning spaces will be configured to accommodate more up-to-date curricular offerings.
- Small learning communities with resources in close proximity – supports current teaching at 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades with core classes and common spaces centrally located.
- Gathering spaces to accommodate multiple groups will be added.
- Space will be allocated for project work.
- Areas will be designated for the display of student work.
- Flexible technology to allow for changes in the future.
- Allows each teacher to have their own teaching space which enhances instructional planning and preparation.
- Off site programs will be integrated back into the building.
- The plan accommodates for 1100 students as indicated by the December 2008 Planning Decisions enrollment projections. Currently in grades K-3, 1-4 and 2-5 there are between 1020 and 1065 students. These students, once they reach the high school match the projections of the Planning Decisions report.