

# Cape Elizabeth School Building History

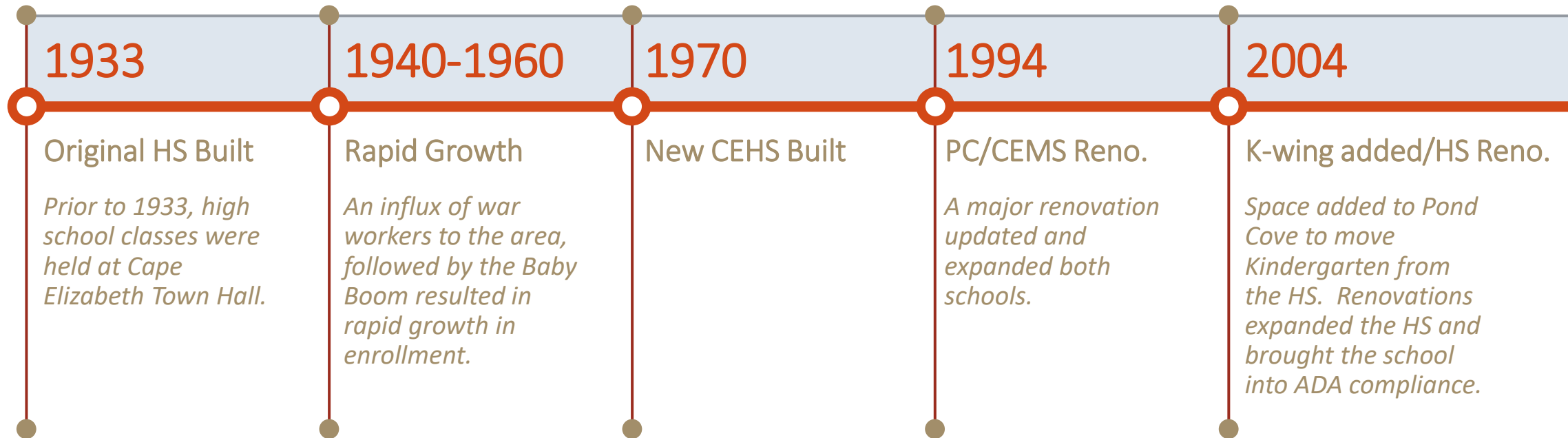
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# School Building History

1933-2004



# Prior to 1930

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- There has been a Pond Cove School in Cape Elizabeth since 1790.
- The first Pond Cove School on Scott Dyer Road was built in 1830.
- That building was replaced by a larger building in 1859.
- The 1859 building was moved back from the road and expanded in 1912.
- A portion of the 1912 structure remains today as part of the Thomas Memorial Library.
- Cape Elizabeth separated from South Portland in 1895. In 1902 Cape Elizabeth established its own high school in Town Hall, the same Town Hall building we have today.



Pond Cove School 1912

# 1933: Cape Elizabeth High School

- A new high school was built on Scott Dyer Road in 1933.
- The initial enrollment was 133 students in grades 9 through 12.
- This building remains today as part of Cape Elizabeth Middle School.





# 1940-60s: Expanding the Elementary School

- A new elementary school was built in 1949. This building was named Pond Cove Elementary School and the older 1912 building was renamed the Pond Cove Annex.
- In 1952, an addition was built to Pond Cove Elementary School to double its capacity.
- In 1960, eight additional classrooms were added.
- In 1962, an additional elementary school was built, named the Robert B. Lunt School.



# 1950s-60s: Expanding the High School

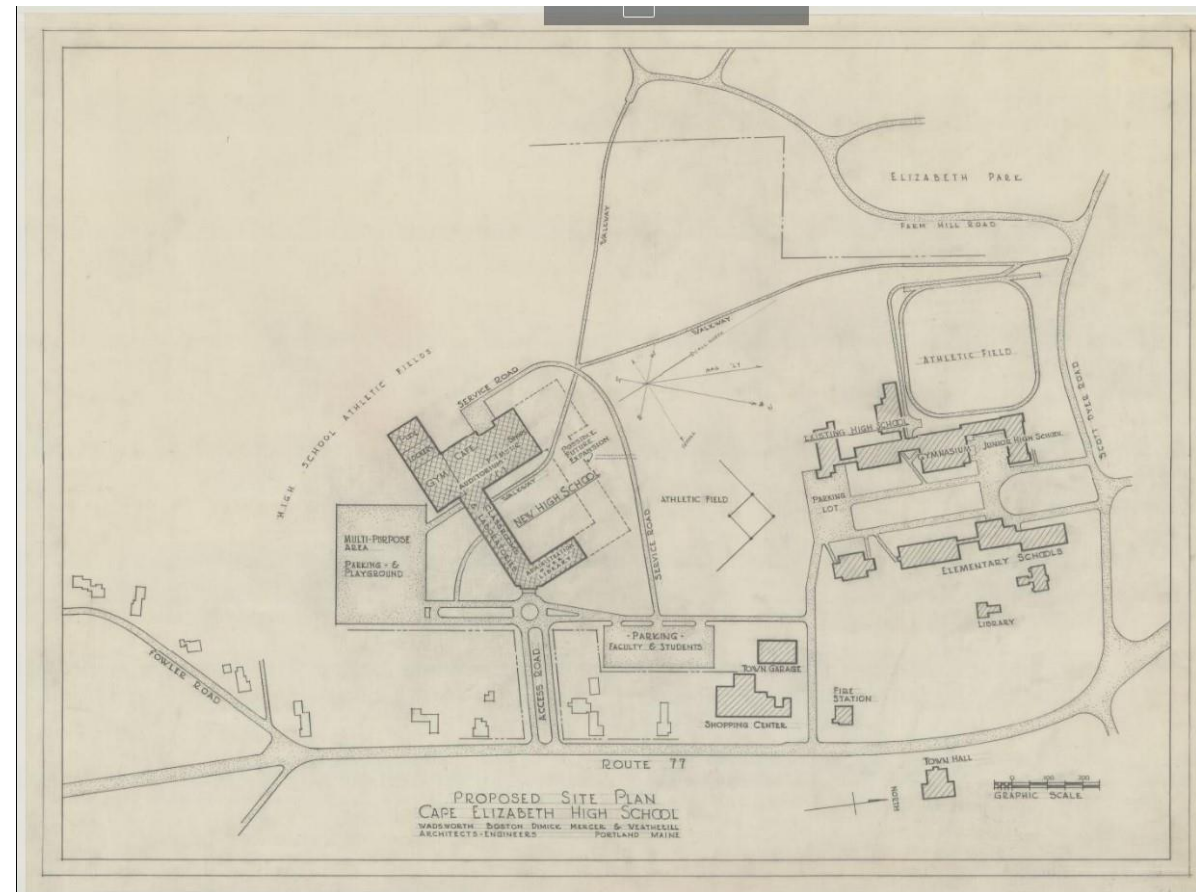
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- The high school enrollment doubled between 1933 and 1953.
- In 1955, the second floor gymnasium was converted into classrooms and a new gym and eight Junior High School classrooms were built to the south of the high school.
- In 1960, six additional rooms were added, connecting the buildings, and the junior and senior high classes exchanged places.
- More classrooms were added in 1961, and Town Hall provided additional classrooms.
- In this era, the concept of establishing a campus for all Cape schools was developed.



# 1970s: Cape Elizabeth High School

- Following the defeat of a proposal to build a new Middle School in 1966, the town voted in 1967 to build a new High School.
- Cape Elizabeth High School opened in January 1971.
- The Town Hall and Pond Cove Annex were no longer used for classes.
- In 1977, the only remaining neighborhood school, The Cottage Farms School closed and students were transported to the Pond Cove campus.





# 1994: Pond Cove/CEMS Renovations

- A major renovation to Pond Cove and Cape Elizabeth Middle School in 1994 was a combination of renovation and new construction.
- New classrooms were added, existing classrooms were renovated, and the schools were joined by a shared kitchen and Cafetorium.
- The renovation included electrical, mechanical and window updates, and upgrades to comply with the health and safety codes at that time.
- One of the options considered by the building committee at that time was demolition and rebuilding of the buildings, however the committee decided this approach was too costly.





# 2004: CEHS Renovation and PC Kindergarten

- In 2004, an addition to Pond Cove added a new wing to accommodate kindergarten classes.
- The High School underwent extensive renovations in 2004, including updates for ADA compliance, a new roof, asbestos removal, reconfiguration of administrative and guidance offices, and expansion of the cafeteria.

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## **Pond Cove addition: a permanent home for the kindergarten**

**POND COVE QUESTION:** Shall the Town expend up to \$1,520,000 for improvements and additions to and equipping of the Pond Cove Elementary School for the purpose of relocating the kindergarten from the high school to the elementary school and incur indebtedness by the issuance of bonds for such purpose in the amount of \$1,520,000 pursuant to the vote of the Town Council dated July 14, 2003?



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## **High School renovations: necessary for critical reasons**



**HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION:** Shall the Town expend up to \$7,930,000 for improvements and additions to and equipping of the Cape Elizabeth High School and incur indebtedness by the issuance of bonds for such purpose in the amount of \$7,930,000 pursuant to the vote of the Town Council dated July 14, 2003?

***Failure to comply  
with ADA a concern***

# 2016: Security Upgrades

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Security Upgrades completed in 2016 include:

- Repairs and updates to all exterior doors
- Secure vestibule entrance added to CEHS
- Camera entry system installed at Pond Cove and CEMS

# 2020-2022: HVAC and Other Upgrades

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Many of the highest priority items identified in the 2017 Needs Assessment have been addressed. Funding for these items has come from the school operating budget, School Revolving Renovation Funds (SRRF) and other funding, such as Covid relief funding, and, in some cases insurance. This is an ongoing effort. Work completed as of September 2022 included:

- HVAC upgrades for all three schools, including new ventilation units
- Life Safety items, emergency plumbing fixtures
- Security improvements
- New kitchen cooler at CEMS
- Elevator machine room repairs
- Water heater repairs
- New phone and intercom system



# Pond Cove and CEMS Today

- The buildings that comprise Pond Cove and CEMS today have been renovated several times over the past decades.
- This photo provides an approximation of the year each structure was originally built.

