



NORWALK PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

125 East Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut

MEMORANDUM

June 2, 2022

TO: Planning & Zoning Commission – Louis Schulman, Chairman

FROM: Bryan Baker, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: [#2022-20 8-24 Referral – City of Norwalk Board of Education/Building Management – Acquisition of property in South Norwalk for Sono Neighborhood School](#)

The Norwalk Board of Education and Office of Building Management is requesting that the Planning & Zoning Commission review and provide a report for the 8-24 referral for the city to acquire a property located at 1 Meadow Street Extension for the purpose of constructing a new South Norwalk Neighborhood School.

This item is being referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission per [Connecticut General Statute Sec. 8-24](#) which states that, “No municipal agency shall...locate, relocate, substantially improve, **acquire land** for, abandon, sell or lease any airport, park, playground, school or other municipally owned property or public building...until the proposal to take such action has been referred to the [Planning & Zoning] commission for a report.”


The Planning & Zoning Commission’s role is to determine whether the requested 8-24 referral is consistent with the goals, policies and actions listed in the [Plan of Conservation and Development](#).

The following resolution is offered:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Norwalk Planning & Zoning Commission that application #2022-20 8-24 Referral – City of Norwalk Board of Education/Building Management – Acquisition of property in South Norwalk for Sono Neighborhood School **APPROVED**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reasons for this action are to implement the following Plan of Conservation and Development goals, policies and actions:

1. That “*The Norwalk Public School system is the most successful city school system in Connecticut...*” (Chapter 5: A Community Committed to Life-Long Education); and
2. That “*The Modern Schools for a Growing City plan provides new and renovated schools to alleviate overcrowding and better serve students.*” (Chapter 5: A Community Committed to Life-Long Education); and
 - a. That phase I of the plan specifically lists “*A new school including magnet programs with new and renovated buildings in South Norwalk, where the need is greatest.*”
3. To “*Continue to update, modernize and maintain Norwalk’s infrastructure and city facilities*” (Chapter



4. 11: Public Facilities, Infrastructure and Services).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action be forwarded to the Common Council.