



# LONG-TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

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# Guiding Principles

## Right-size elementary schools key factors

- *625 students – minimum building capacity*
- *500 students – target rate of 80% utilization*
- *Depreciated value of the school building*

*Sustainability*

## Right-size justification factors

- *Reduction in class-sizing*
- *Grade-level collaboration at the school level*
- *Reduction of sharing of equipment*
- *Closer step to Art, Music, and PE teacher at one school*

# 0-5 Years – Priorities & Recommendations

Prioritize classrooms that meet state standards

Study the feasibility to build a regulation track at Northside

Close the Belle Point building

- *Rezone Orr Elementary students*
- *Transfer ALE services to the Orr campus*

Close the Parker, Rogers, and Peabody buildings

- *Relocate Adult Ed services*
- *Relocate administrative services*

Analyze opportunities to right-size other elementary schools

# 2024-2025 Efforts

Attendance area process 2024-2025 for Orr Elementary Students

- *Moving out K-2 students in 2025-2026*
- *Moving out 3-4 students in 2026-2027*

Parents and staff input led to accelerated timeline

- *Now all K-4 students moving out in 2025-2026*

Now, for 2025-2026, all Alternative Ed students moving into...

- **Raymond F. Orr Learning Academy**

Now Belle Point building is vacant for 2025-2026

# What Did We Learn from Trusty & Orr

Parents and staff prefer the accelerated timeline

Rezoning meetings for parents and community are meaningful

Not all rezoning decisions are unopposed, but they are purposeful

# Restated – What is our WHY?

## Right-sizing elementary schools

- *Meet state sustainability needs*
- *Meet state requirements for partnership funding*
- *Economies of scale benefits*

The goal is not to save money.

The goal is to spend money purposefully.

Target funds for teaching & learning, not an empty classroom

# Committee Conclusions

Therefore, the recommendation is to begin studying the rezoning of students currently at:

- Carnall Elementary
- Spradling Elementary

The Administration will begin evaluating, communicating, and exploring the rezoning of students currently at Carnall Elementary and Spradling Elementary to new school zones.