

# **Long Term Facilities Planning Recap and Update**

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# Facilities Recap

## ***Why this discussion now?***

- *Recent closed session on safety & security*
- *Recent work session to discuss use of open facilities sales proceeds*
  - *DEC Outlot sold on September 30, 2024*
  - *Metcalf Middle and Sioux Trail Elementary anticipated closing July 2025*
- *Presentation on November 7, 2024*

***Desire to take planful, comprehensive approach to addressing these & other facilities needs***

# Purpose and Commitment

## **Purpose:**

*One91 Facilities should address changing student needs and programming in a fashion that is welcoming, safe, and efficiently uses one-time capital expenses to reduce ongoing inefficient operational expenses (overhead).*

- Identify and prioritize district needs for today in a manner that provides flexibility for the future
- Leverage our resources to maximize the use and efficacy of One91 Facilities

# Purpose and Commitment

## **District 191 is Committed to:**

- Students, student learning, and offering the best possible learning environments and opportunities
- Creating welcoming and safe buildings and spaces
- Engaging our community in this process and hearing from many voices
- An open and transparent communication and decision making process
- A cost effective use of our facilities and resources
- Reducing inequities and racially or socioeconomically identifiable schools

# Safety and Facility Updates

## Initial list of identified safety and facility updates:

- Structural changes to several front entrances
- Structural improvements for open concept buildings
- Redesign parking, bus drop off, and parent pick up zones
- Dedicated instructional spaces and secure entrances for Early Childhood at 8 buildings
- Enterprise infrastructure



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- Structural changes to several front entrances
  - Welcoming: intuitive, traffic flow, regulated environment
  - Security: multiple layers, vision, communication
  - Efficiency: reduce need for multiple dedicated personnel



# Safety and Facility Updates

## Initial list of identified safety and facility updates:

- Structural improvements for open concept buildings
  - Evaluate open concept buildings for return on investment
  - Install floor-to-ceiling walls in buildings with  $\frac{3}{4}$  walls
  - Install classroom doors in buildings designed for open concept



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*Several sites' student pickup zones were never designed for the level of traffic they are experiencing.*

- Redesign parking, bus drop off, and parent pick up zones;
  - Welcoming: intuitive, traffic flow, convenient entrance access
  - Safety: separation of zones, improved vision, clear permanent markings and signage
  - Efficiency: reduce need for multiple dedicated personnel to direct traffic and set-up





# Safety and Facility Updates

## Initial list of identified safety and facility updates:

- Dedicated instructional spaces and secure entrances for Early Childhood at 8 buildings
  - Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten and Project Kids programs are available at all elementary buildings
  - Program hours do not align with K-5 programming (before / after school and half day)
  - Provide appropriate instructional spaces including primary age bathrooms for these programs with dedicated secure entrances

# Safety and Facility Updates

## Initial list of identified safety and facility updates:

- Address enterprise infrastructure
  - Resources dedicated to increasing capacity for security cameras, communication, and next generation flexibility

# Other Needs

**Some other unvetted possibilities that have been shared by staff, community, and students:**

- Mraz Center upgrades
- Athletic field upgrades
- Growing Pathway programming at BHS
- Future enrollment and instructional capacity
- Dated infrastructure and inefficiencies



# How do we do projects now?

- Majority of projects are planned up to ten years in advance through Long Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM)
- Some projects are unexpected:
  - Enrollment shifts
  - Special needs
  - Breakdowns and malfunctions
  - Changing programming pressures
- Some major projects are outside of the scope of LTFM, such as significant structural changes which take additional steps in development

# How do we do projects now?

## We pay for the different projects through:

- Long Term Facility and Maintenance
  - 10 year adjustable plan to replace and repair structural and some capital expenses
  - These items may include new roofs, boilers, flooring, etc
- Annual Operations Department Budget
- Safe Schools
- Special Education
- Reassigning Unassigned funds
- Bond Referendums

# Update for Next Steps

## **In the next three to four months we will:**

- Gather more information on potential facility needs that align with our purpose.
  - *One91 Facilities should address changing student needs and programming in a fashion that is welcoming, safe, and efficiently use one-time capital expenses to reduce ongoing inefficient operational expenses (overhead).*
- Based upon initial information, develop guiding change document to identify the essential questions and structure a decision making process to explore priorities, options, and desired outcomes.
- Board explores funding options.

***[ Thank you ]***