

WORK SESSION**LONG RANGE FACILITY PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS****SUMMARY**

Long-range facility planning recommendations are presented for board consideration and discussion. The superintendent's recommendations, which stem from the work of the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee, do not suggest changes for school locations, attendance boundaries or facility use, but provide guidance for future facility planning.

BACKGROUND

The Long-Range Facility Planning Committee, an advisory committee composed of community members from across the district, was reconvened and expanded in spring 2025, and since then has been meeting regularly to study the district's current circumstances and develop recommendations to support every student to have access to safe, well-maintained schools and high-quality, equitable learning environments.

The committee first created a set of guiding principles, called "North Stars," to shape its review. These principles focused on making sure our school facilities support the goals that students are known and supported, resources are used equitably and sustainably, schools foster belonging and students are prepared for future success.

The committee reviewed extensive data about enrollment forecasts, school boundaries, building conditions and utilization, and district finances; considered key challenges facing the district, including declining enrollment, aging facilities, uneven enrollment patterns and budget pressures; identified the impacts if no action is taken, such as growing inequities between schools and reduced resources for students; agreed on a shared problem statement; and considered planning implications to guide next steps.

The committee developed a set of recommendations to the superintendent intended to support data-informed decision-making and long-range planning aligned with projected enrollment and facility availability and needs. The superintendent and staff reviewed the committee's output and are bringing forward the recommendations (with some rewording for clarity) to the school board for consideration to guide future facility planning.

RECOMMENDATION

These recommendations for future facility planning will be presented as an item for future action in the board's business meeting later this evening and will be considered for approval in March.

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