

Closing Schools

The Board believes that district facilities should be utilized in a way that promotes sound educational practice and fiscal responsibility. The Board subscribes to the concept of neighborhood schools.

Whenever expenditures in operating a school significantly increase due to decreased enrollment or other factors, the Board may consider whether closing the school is justified. The Superintendent shall provide the Board with information and any recommendation for school closure based upon a review of operating costs, including staffing (teachers, secretaries, educational assistants, custodians and administration needed to deliver the educational program), utility costs, the costs of maintenance, the condition of the school, and options for providing adequate, alternative educational capacity for students in the event of possible closure.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing the process and procedures used in assessing, modifying, altering or closing facilities and shall be responsible for reporting those recommendations to the Board. The Superintendent shall have the option of appointing an advisory steering committee of community stakeholders to assist the Superintendent with gathering information and developing any recommendations to the Board for school closure.

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