

CLOSING SCHOOLS

As population matures or shifts within the school district, certain school buildings may no longer be needed for their original purpose and should be put to use to benefit the school district or public in other ways. In determining which facility is to be retired for regular school purposes, the Board shall be guided by this combination of factors:

1. Educational flexibility: Which school building is least adaptable for housing a modern and flexible educational program?
2. Neighborhood: Which school building is most isolated in terms of proximity to the residences of students?
3. Cost: Which school building represents the highest cost in terms of upkeep and maintenance?

The Board shall invite the viewpoints of parents and staff in making its decision.

If the Board determines to close a school, it shall first consider other uses that the school district might make of the building. Then it shall consider, in order, its sale to the municipality, to nonprofit educational and civic organizations, or to private entrepreneurs.

The historic value of any building also shall be considered by the Board. In such cases, it may take special action to provide for its preservation.

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