

School District of Philadelphia

Facilities Master Plan: Summary of Recommendations

For over a year, the School District of Philadelphia has been engaged in an intense process to develop a long-range Facilities Master Plan (FMP). The goal of the plan is simple: to create an efficient use of school facilities that allows programs and resources to be aligned in a way that most benefits the education of students. The FMP also allows the District to review its current real property portfolio to determine necessary rightsizing adjustments and assist in the prioritization of future capital improvements.

The Facilities Master Plan creates a framework to allow the District to achieve the following:

- ✓ Standardize grade configuration to improve K-12 academic pathways, provide equity in programmatic offerings, and create predictable and manageable transitions for students.
- ✓ Reduce excess capacity through building closures/consolidations, termination of leases, and closure of annexes.
- ✓ Develop a new Capital Improvement Program that addresses deferred maintenance and excess capacity.
- ✓ Develop a plan for surplus real estate and an opportunity for community engagement.
- ✓ Generate revenue from the sale of surplus properties to be applied to debt service or capital fund.

The process to reach an optimal District-wide utilization goal of 85% will take time. The District's excess capacity problem did not occur overnight and years of inaction and competing academic priorities has exacerbated-not repaired the problem. The proposals introduced are intended to be a starting point of action. It will be imperative moving forward, that the District continually review and update the data collected (at least every two years) to determine future rightsizing actions in order to achieve this goal.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2011, the District presented thirty-one (31) recommendations to the School Reform Commission proposed to be implemented over 2 years. The rightsizing actions are:

Changes Effective SY2012-2013

SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR SALE

- (1.)(old) Willard Elementary School (Emerald & Orleans Street, 19134): Program relocated to a newly constructed facility. Property closed in 2010.
Planning Area: North-Central

- (2.)Maisland Building (Amber & Willard Streets, 19134: Former annex for Jones Middle School. Annex closed in December 2010.

Planning Area: North-Central

(3.) Monroe Administrative Building (427 Monroe Avenue, 19147): School District Regional Administrative Office Building. Building closed in August 2011.

Planning Area: South-Central

(4.) (old) West Philadelphia High School (4800 Walnut Street, 19139): Program relocated to a newly constructed facility. Property closed in 2011.

Planning Area: Southwest

GRADE CHANGE

(1.) McClure Elementary School (600 W. Hunting Park Avenue, 19140): Currently a K-4 elementary school. Students will remain for grade 5. New grade configuration for McClure will be K-5 elementary school.

Planning Area: North-Central

(2.) Roberto Clemente Promise Academy (122 West Erie Avenue, 19140): Currently a 5-8 middle school. McClure is the only feeder school to Clemente at grade 5. Because McClure students will remain, new grade configuration for Clemente will be a 6-8 Middle School.

Planning Area: North-Central

RELOCATION

(1.) AMY Northwest to Levering (6611 Ardleigh Street, 19119): AMY Northwest is a 6-8 Middle School. The School District leases St. Therese to house the program. The District will terminate the lease and relocate the program to Levering, a District-owned facility

Planning Area: Northwest

SCHOOL CLOSURE

(1.) Levering Elementary School (6600 Ridge Avenue, 19128): Levering is a K-8 Elementary School. (This recommendations calls for closure of program only. Building is recommended to be reused.) Students will be offered the following reassignment options:

- a. Dobson Elementary School
- b. Cook-Wissahickon Elementary School
- c. AMY Northwest (*Note: middle grades only; pending approval of relocation*)
- d. Mifflin Elementary School

Planning Area: North-West

(2.) Harrison Elementary School (1012 West Thompson Street, 19122): Harrison is a K-8 Elementary School. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:

- a. Dunbar Promise Academy
- b. Ludlow Elementary School
- c. Spring Garden Elementary School

Planning Area: North-Central

(3.) Sheppard Elementary School (120 West Cambria Street, 19133): Sheppard is a K-4 Elementary School. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:

- a. Julia deBurgos Elementary School (*Note: students from Sheppard currently attend deBurgos for grade 5*)
- b. Hunter Elementary School

Planning Area: North-Central

(4.) Drew Elementary School (3724 Warren Street, 19104): Drew is a K-8 Elementary School. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:

- a. Powel Elementary School
- b. Middle Years Academy (MYA) (*Note: middle grades only*)
- c. Locke Elementary school
- d. Martha Washington Elementary School

Planning Area: Southwest

(5.) E.M. Stanton Elementary School (1700 Christian Street, 19146): E.M. Stanton is a K-8 Elementary School. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:

- a. Arthur Elementary School
- b. Childs Elementary School

Planning Area: South-Central

(6.) Fitzsimons High School (2601 West Cumberland Street, 19132): Fitzsimons is a single-sex 7-12 high school. All students currently in grades 8-10 will transition to Strawberry Mansion High School for the 2012-2013 academic year. Fitzsimons will serve in grades 8 and 12 only during the 2012-2013 academic year. The whole school will close on June 2013. The new neighborhood middle school will be Rhodes.

Planning Area: North-Central

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL BE PHASED-OUT. ALL CURRENT STUDENTS WILL REMAIN AND GRADUATE. NO NEW STUDENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED.

(7.)Sheridan West Academy (3701 Frankford Avenue, 19124): Sheridan West Academy is a 6-8 middle school. All current students will remain and the school will drop a grade each year. Closure will be effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 academic year. New neighborhood middle school for students at Webster will be Jones Middle School and Penn Treaty Middle School. (*Note: Webster is the only feeder school to Sheridan West*)
Planning Area: North-Central

(8.)Philadelphia High School for Business (540 North 13th Street, 19123): Philadelphia HS for Business currently serves grade 9 through 12. All current students will remain and the school will drop a grade each year. Closure will be effective at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 academic year.
Planning Area: South-Central

Changes Effective SY2013-2014

GRADE CHANGE

(1.)Gompers Elementary School (5701 Wynnfield Avenue, 19131): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Presently, students transition to Beeber Middle School at grade 7. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition at grade 6 to Beeber.
Planning Area: West

(2.)Cassidy Elementary School (6523 Lansdowne Ave., 19151): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Presently, students transition to Beeber Middle School at grade 7. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition at grade 6 to Beeber.
Planning Area: West

(3.)Harrington Elementary School (5300 Baltimore Avenue, 19143): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Presently, students transition to Shaw Middle School at grade 7. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition at grade 6 to Shaw Middle School.
Planning Area: Southwest

(4.) Comegys Elementary School (5100 Greenway Avenue, 19143): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Presently, students transition to Shaw Middle School at grade 7. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition at grade 6 to Shaw Middle School.

Planning Area: Southwest

(5.) Alexander Wilson Elementary School (1300 South 46th Street, 19143): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Presently, students transition to Shaw Middle School at grade 7. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition at grade 6 to Shaw Middle School.

Planning Area: Southwest

(6.) Shaw Middle School (5400 Warrington Avenue, 19143): Currently a 7-8 middle school. New configuration will be 6-8 middle school.

Planning Area: Southwest

(7.) Cramp Elementary School (3449 North Mascher Street, 19140): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Presently, students transition to ASPIRA-Stetson Middle School at grade 7. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition to ASPIRA-Stetson Renaissance Charter Middle School for grade 6.

Planning Area: North-Central

(8.) Stearne Elementary School (1655 Unity Street, 19124): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Presently, students transition to Harding Middle School at grade 7. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition to Harding Middle School for grade 6.

Planning Area: Northeast

(9.) Lawton Elementary School (6101 Jackson Street, 19135): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Presently, students transition to Harding Middle School at grade 7. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition to Harding Middle School for grade 6.

Planning Area: Northeast

(10.) Tilden Middle School (6601 Elmwood Avenue, 19142): Currently a 6-8 middle school. New configuration will be a 5-8 middle school. New elementary feeder schools will be Patterson, Morton, and Catherine.

Planning Area: Southwest

- (11.) E.W. Rhodes School (2900 Clearfield Street, 19132): Following completion of the phase out of the high school, new grade configuration will be 6-8 for boys and girls. All students currently in grades 8-10 will transition to Strawberry Mansion High School. Rhodes will serve students in grades 7-8 and 12 during the 2012-2013 academic year.
Planning Area: North-Central
- (12.) T.M. Peirce Elementary School (2300 West Cambria Street, 19132): Currently a K-6 elementary school. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition to E.W. Rhodes (Middle) School for grade 6.
Planning Area: North-Central
- (13.) Whittier Elementary School (3001 N. 27th Street, 19132): Currently a K-6 elementary school. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition to E.W. Rhodes (Middle) School for grade 6.
Planning Area: North-Central
- (14.) Pratt Elementary School (2200 North 22nd Street, 19132): Currently a K-6 elementary school. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition to E.W. Rhodes (Middle) School for grade 6.
Planning Area: North-Central
- (15.) Wright Elementary School (2700 West Dauphin Street, 19132): Currently a K-6 elementary school. New configuration will be K-5 elementary school. Students will transition to E.W. Rhodes (Middle) School for grade 6.
Planning Area: North-Central

SCHOOL CLOSURE

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL BE PHASED-OUT. ALL CURRENT STUDENTS WILL REMAIN AND GRADUATE. NO NEW STUDENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED.

- (1.) Pepper Middle School (2901 S. 84th St., 19153): Pepper Middle School is a 5-8 middle school. All current students will remain and the school will drop a grade each year. Closure will be effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 academic year.
Planning Area: Southwest

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