

As of May 18, 2019

Ad Hoc Strategic Advisory Committee on Growth and Capacity To Advise the Princeton Board of Education and Superintendent

The Ad Hoc Strategic Advisory Committee on Growth and Capacity is charged with advising the Board of Education and Superintendent on:

- i) school site utilization and planning to accommodate short (3-5 year) and longer-term (10-30 year) enrollment changes;
- ii) potential strategic alternatives involving collaboration with the municipality, public/private partnerships or other means of optimizing existing and/or potential school sites to support the educational goals of the Princeton Public Schools and the community;
- iii) the fiscal impact on the public schools of Princeton's land use planning, proposed zoning and other municipal development decisions; and
- iv) the retention of professional advisors, including planners and architects, as appropriate, to facilitate the development and execution the above.

The Board is requesting this advice at time when:

- enrollment is steadily increasing, across all schools, at all levels;
- municipal land-use decisions are resulting in significant enrollment increases across the District;
- all six District schools are currently at or over-capacity, and school facilities are more than 50 years old (with Princeton High School being over 90 years old);
- space for expansion on existing school sites is limited and/or presents complex planning challenges;
- school impact data would help inform District decision-making and municipal zoning and development decisions;
- the municipality is requesting District input to update the Master Plan;
- under the current State-mandated 2% school tax levy cap, school funding is not allowed to increase proportionately with growth in the local tax base; and
- the District is currently operating with a structural deficit.