

Series 7000 – Construction

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(3) Evaluating Existing Buildings

(a) Retirement of Buildings

Buildings owned by the school district may be retired from use when the Board of Education determines they are no longer educationally useful to the district and/or are unsuitable to current or projected school district needs.

The Suffield Board of Education will appoint a committee representing a cross-section of the educational community and including members from the community at large. The committee will be charged with making a recommendation to the Board of Education to retire the facility, or to continue its use as school district educational use, or possibilities for remodeling and refurbishing, or alternative uses and any other recommendations the committee may choose to make.

A school closing study shall follow these procedures before submission of a report to the Board of Education:

1. Parents and other school patrons will be involved early in discussions pertaining to possible school closings and program relocation.
2. An orderly procedure, including the provision of information to all who will be affected, will be used when closing a school. Parents will be informed in advance regarding recommendations and of possible Board action.
3. Attendance boundaries will be realigned when a school is to be closed, taking into account distances from other schools, traffic patterns, building capacities, enrollments, and programs.
4. Time will be provided for adequate preparation for closing and reassignment of students and staff members.
5. Alternate uses of the building or disposition of the property will be considered in the light of current and projected needs.
6. The closing committee may make use of outside consultants when considering school closings.
7. The full resources of the office of the Superintendent shall be available to the study committee throughout their deliberations.
8. Public hearings regarding the closing of a school will be held by the Board of Education prior to any vote by the Board to close a school.

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