



RICHMOND
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rezoning/Facilities Planning

Updated Goals/Process for Richmond City School Board

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Key Updates

- RPS and Cropper have started the demographic study and enrollment projections work. All data has been submitted and we anticipate receiving a preliminary report after Spring Break.
- RPS and Cropper have completed site visits to determine current building capacity. We anticipate receiving a preliminary report after Spring Break.
- RPS has met with the City's Real Estate Strategies/Economic and Community Development Team to determine the status of our surplus properties.
- RPS has started an assessment of our current inventory of trailers.

Revised Goals Based on Board Feedback

1. Engage the community by:

- Providing multiple authentic opportunities for all stakeholders to share their ideas and provide feedback
- Creating an advisory body of community representatives to help guide the process
- Engaging local historians and other community leaders
- Reviewing and leveraging past rezoning efforts

2. Develop new zones for RPS schools that improve the student experience by:

- Alleviating overcrowding and minimizing, if not eliminating, the use of trailers
- Planning for future student population trends and future development
- Expediting student placement in modern facilities through a variety of measures, including potential consolidations and closures
- Ensuring safe, equitable, and more timely transportation; and leveraging natural boundaries when possible
- Increasing student diversity of all kinds within schools

3. Develop a plan for the disposition of vacant and non-instructional (owned/rented) properties in an effort to:

- Raise funds for new school construction
- Develop mutually beneficial partnerships with Richmond cultural institutions
- Focus more time, energy, and money on our core work: teaching and learning

4. Update the RPS Facilities Plan based on Goals 1, 2, and 3

Revised Draft Community Engagement Process

The only significant engagement question that remains is what type of advisory body we should establish to help guide this effort. As a refresher, below is the process we discussed at our last meeting.

- **Phase 1**

- Establish an advisory body (see next slide) to help guide the demographics firm in developing the proposals
- Present the proposals to the Board for initial feedback
- Present the proposals at 18 district meetings (2 in each district) for initial feedback
- Present the proposals on the RPS website for initial feedback

- **Phase 2**

- Have the advisory body sift through the feedback and work with the demographics firm to develop a draft final proposal
- Present the draft final proposal to the Board for feedback
- Present the draft final proposal at 9 district meetings (1 in each district) for feedback
- Present the draft final proposal on the RPS website for feedback

- **Phase 3**

- Have the advisory body sift through the second round of feedback and work with the demographics firm to develop a final proposal
- Present the final proposal to the Board for approval

Four Options for Advisory Body

Options	Overview
Board Subcommittee (3-4 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small group of members selected by the Board to serve as the primary driver for vetting data, proposals, and feedback
JCT-like Committee (roughly a dozen people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Somewhat larger group that would include Board members, the Administration, representatives from the City, and a small group of community stakeholders
Broader Advisory Committee (roughly 30 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A large body that includes multiple stakeholders from each district
No Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A process driven 100% by a large number of community meetings across the city and at all stages of the process