



RICHMOND
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rezoning/Facilities Planning

Discussion Items for Richmond City School Board

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Discussion of Draft Goals

1. Develop new zones for RPS schools that **improve the student experience** by:
 - Alleviating overcrowding
 - Planning for future student population trends
 - Expediting student placement in modern facilities through potential consolidations and closures
 - Ensuring safe, equitable, and more timely transportation
 - Increasing student diversity within schools
 - Other goals?
2. Develop a plan for the **disposition of vacant and non-instructional (owned and rented) properties** in the RPS inventory 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
 - Other goals?
3. **Update the RPS Facilities Plan** that was passed in December of 2017 to take into consideration the outcome of the work from Goals 1 and 2.

Discussion of Draft Community Engagement Process

Once our demographic firm has gathered all the necessary data, it will begin to develop three different proposals aligned to our goals. Below is a draft process for engaging the community in the development of these proposals and the subsequent refinement of them into one final recommendation.

- **Phase 1**

- Establish a “JCT-like” group (Rezoning and Facilities Planning Team?) 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 Rezoning and Facilities Planning Team 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 Rezoning and Facilities Planning Team 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