



SASD Long-Range Facilities Planning: Guiding Principles

Purpose:

The Stoughton Area School District (SASD) will deliver educational opportunities which challenge all students to achieve excellence, maximize their talents and abilities, prepare them to face the demands of the future, and be literate, contributing members of society.

We are committed to improving our physical facilities to help support this purpose and the district's high achievement goals. Development of these educational environments is guided by the following principles:

- **Remain fiscally responsible.** SASD school facilities will represent a good value for district taxpayers. Taxpayers' ability to pay will be assessed by evaluating financial metrics and survey data. The district will consider return-on-investment, life-cycle cost and other financial measures to maximize the impact of available funds.
- **Operate within SASD's Equity Vision Statement.** SASD school facilities will remain consistent with the district's commitment to its proactive and positive culture of equity, respect, and inclusivity.
- **Plan for flexibility.** SASD school facilities will be flexible, adaptable and future-ready. SASD schools will be capable of serving a wide variety of needs, with spaces, furniture and technology able to easily adapt to new challenges. In addition, facilities will be able to easily and cost-effectively change over time as instructional needs evolve.
- **Ensure safety and security.** SASD school facilities will prioritize occupant safety and security while continuing to maintain school infrastructure.
- **Listen to community and staff input.** SASD school facilities will reflect the voice of our staff and the community. SASD will gather input from staff and community members prior to key decisions, ensuring all stakeholder input is a part of the district's decision-making process.
- **Construct community assets.** SASD school facilities are valued community assets. SASD recognizes our facilities are part of the fabric of the community and used widely by district partners. SASD values these relationships and will seek out opportunities to continue to serve the community through its facilities.
- **Implement sustainable practices.** SASD school facilities will be responsible to the environment in both design and in practice. SASD will prioritize facilities options that support student and staff wellness.