

KEWASKUM SCHOOL BOARD
GUIDING PRINCIPLES MEETING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS

We believe that a culture for learning is nurtured and sustained by cooperation among students, parents, staff, faculty, taxpayers, and other stakeholders. We will enhance educational opportunities and maximize resources available to advance the outcomes for our students through educationally sound practices. We will provide a healthy, safe and secure school environment that provides the best opportunity for learning. We will strive to create and maintain school environments that adapt to current teaching methods and meet long-term student and community needs. These guiding principles can be broken down into four groups:

Long Range School facility decisions and plans must:

Enhance educational opportunities and maximize resources to advance outcomes through educationally sound practices

Use sound teaching methods

- Encourage collaboration and connectedness
- Provide flexibility and adaptability for ever-changing career futures
- Prepare career and world-ready students
- Maximize technology resources and effectiveness
- Focus on personal and interpersonal effectiveness

Provide for a healthy, safe and secure school environment to facilitate the best opportunity for learning:

- Safety conscious (entrances, natural disasters, playgrounds, etc.)
- Environmentally responsible, energy efficient
- Appropriate work environment for Staff and Students
- Accessible for all students
- Safe traffic flow in and around school properties
- Curb appeal

Ensure buildings align with community needs:

- Flexible spaces
- Multi-function use for both Instructional as well as Community Use
- Appropriate design for Today and future instructional and community needs

Consider long-term needs of the district:

- School attendance & boundaries
- Student population changes
- Cost-effectiveness and financial responsibility

We believe decision-making should consider:

- Population assumptions and demographic changes
- Economic development and residential growth
- Transportation routes and costs
- Condition/limitations of current facilities (age, adequacy, space)
- Financial impact on community
- State regulations affecting referenda calendar and issuance of debt
- Impact of decisions on local municipalities and development
- Importance of communication with stakeholders and community members