



Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Envision SPPS:

Align school facilities with well-rounded programs

Board of Education - Public Hearing

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Public Hearing: Agenda

- Public Notice of school closings
- Recap of Nov. 29 Board of Education Special Meeting: Board changes to recommendations
- Next steps

Public Notice of school closings

- At SPPS, we believe all students deserve the full range of educational opportunities and student support that a robust, well-rounded education affords.
- A well-rounded education is one that meets the Minnesota state's educational standards by providing students with learning opportunities that give them the skills to succeed in school, college and career.
- Barriers to providing all SPPS students with a well-rounded education at every school include declining birth rates and increased competition from schools outside of SPPS.
- This has resulted in an excess of 8,000 empty seats across Saint Paul Public Schools making many school programs unsustainable.
- As a result, the following school programs have been identified to be closed so that students can be relocated to programs that provide access to a well-rounded education: [see next slide]

Public Notice of school closings

- 1. Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary**
707 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104
- 2. Galtier Elementary School**
1317 Charles Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104
- 3. Highwood Hills Elementary**
2188 Londin Lane, Saint Paul, MN 55119
- 4. Jackson Preparatory Elementary School**
437 Edmund Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55103
- 5. John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary**
740 York Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106
- 6. LEAP High School**
631 N. Albert Street, Saint Paul, MN 55104
- 7. L’Etoile du Nord French Immersion Lower**
1305 Prosperity Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106
- 8. Parkway Montessori and Community Middle School**
1363 Bush Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106
- 9. Paul & Sheila Wellstone Elementary**
1041 Marion St., Saint Paul, MN 55117

Recap of Nov. 29 BOE Special Meeting discussion

Area A:

- LNFI lower merges with LNFI upper at upper campus for fall 2022
- Parkway closes June 2022; reopens as upper campus for Hmong Dual and Culture program

Area B:

- Highwood Hills remains open

Area C:

- J.A. Johnson closes and merges with Vento at Vento for fall of 2022

Area D:

- Riverview Spanish Dual and Community both remain open
- Cherokee Montessori remains open

Area E:

- Galtier closes in June 2022 and merges at Hamline
- LEAP remains open
- Wellstone dual Spanish Immersion and BioSmart remain open

Area F:

- Obama remains open
- Jackson Hmong Dual and Culture closes and merges at Phalen
- Jackson community closes and merges at Maxfield
- Capitol Hill pathways ends

Board of Education Directive

- These schools have been removed from the recommendation to close:
 - Highwood Hills
 - LEAP High School
 - Wellstone Biosmart and Dual Spanish Immersion
- The BOE has asked for additional data, information and impacts for the following schools and programs:
 - Cherokee Montessori
 - J J Hill Montessori
 - Obama
 - Riverview Dual Spanish Immersion & Riverview Community

Next Steps

- **Tuesday, November 30:** Public comments on Envision SPPS recommendations to the Board of Education (BOE)
- **Wednesday, December 1:**
 - BOE will review impact of modified recommendations put forth by the Board at the Nov. 29 BOE Special Session in areas of:
 - Enrollment
 - Program impact
 - Sustainability
 - **BOE will vote on recommendations**