

Committee of the Whole

September 26, 2023



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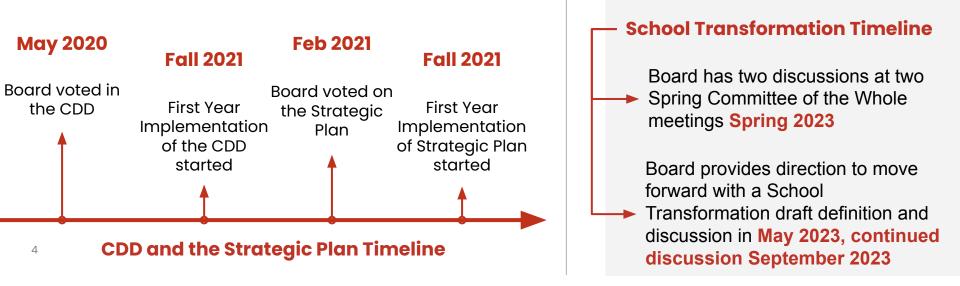
Historical Timeline



Timeline: School Year 2020 to School Year 2023

The Comprehensive District Design (CDD) attempted to set the conditions for school transformation. The CDD changed the landscape of school enrollment, instituting community schools and magnet programming

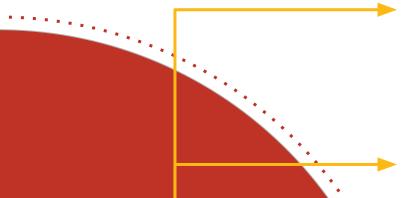
The CDD led to the Strategic Plan



Draft School Transformation Definition



Draft Transformation Definition



Transformation within Minneapolis Public Schools is the realization of our mission and vision through the successful implementation of the strategic plan.

Mission:

We exist to provide a high quality, anti-racist culturally responsive education for every Minneapolis student.

Vision:

All students, regardless of their background, zip code, and personal needs, will receive an anti-racist, holistic education that builds essential knowledge to prepare students for future success.



Strategic Plan Values

Our Values of...

Equity, Representation, and Anti-Racism Physical and Emotional Safety and Wellbeing Relationships, Trust, and Communication ...must be lived out and shared, will provide the guidance and inspiration for transformation for each and every student, staff and caregiver.

Shared Decision Making and Voice

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Transparency and Accountability

Evidenced-Based Strategies



Strategic Plan/Board Transformation **Conversation Notes** Crosswalk



The following slides show the alignment between notes taken during the Minneapolis Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting on School Transformation and the Minneapolis Public Schools Strategic Plan values and strategies

> The **bolded** strategies are those the Minneapolis Board of Education identified as **priorities for the 2023-24 school year, pending board action**



MPS Strategic Plan Goals



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Goal 4

School and **Building Climate**



MPS is known by our community as welcoming, responsive, and connected.





Goal 1: Academic Achievement- Strategic Plan/Board Transformation Notes Crosswalk

Strategic Plan Strategies	Board Transformation Notes
Provide standards-based core instruction with a focus on literacy and mathematics.	 Literacy and math scores improve
Ensure all curriculum and instructional practices are anti-racist and sustain the cultures, languages, and experiences of our students.	 Value of anti-racism lives in our actions Flexible seating Spaces for calming and collaboration Minneapolis Studies as a course, if we truly want to integrate we need to teach our students about our city.
Ensure all community schools provide access to STEM, music, art, language, and for high schools, ethnic studies and college credit courses	Equitably distribute resources



Goal 2: Student Well Being- Strategic Plan/Board Transformation Notes Crosswalk

Strategic Plan Strategies	Board Transformation Notes
Provide physically safe and welcoming school environments through strategic shortening of walk zones, building cleanliness, building improvements, landcare and strong emergency management practices	 Student safety and well-being a priority Student wellbeing and students feeling safe- if students aren't feeling safe in schools, they aren't learning, if teachers aren't feeling safe- they aren't able to teach well Safety- safe and supportive learning environment Physical safety: need to ensure we have this in place- could be more robust, know that it's not that we are just saying it, that we mean it Schools are safe and welcoming Buildings: Clean, equipped to protect and provide safe environment for children Everyone experiences safety No body is criminalized Secure



Goal 3: Effective Staff- Strategic Plan/Board Transformation Notes Crosswalk

Strategic Plan Strategies	Board Transformation Notes
Strengthen pathways and reduce barriers for talented and diverse MPS employees and potential employees to become teachers.	
Maintain Teacher Equity plan focused on staffing needs of MPS' 15 highest need schools	
Deepen strategic recruitment of high quality, diverse teachers and staff	• We can attract and retain good teachers.

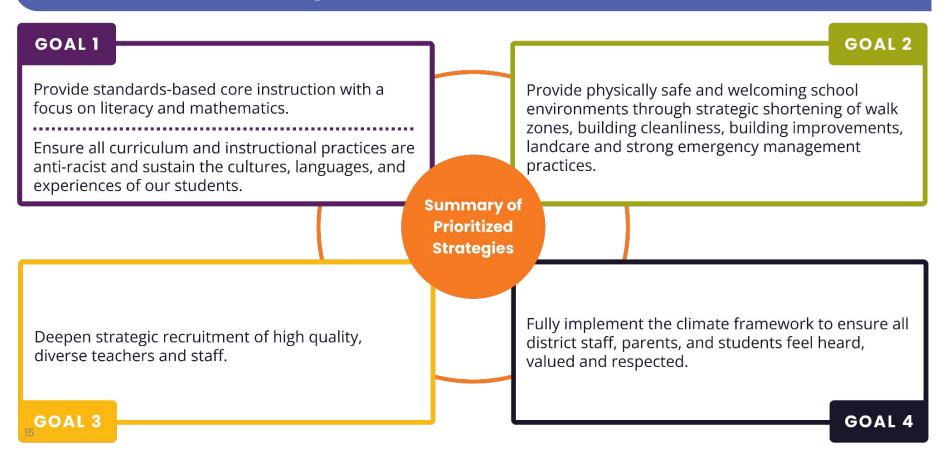


Goal 4: School and District Climate- Strategic Plan/Board Transformation Notes Crosswalk

Strategic Plan Strategies	Board Transformation Notes		
Fully implement the climate framework to ensure all district staff, parents, and students feel heard, valued and respected.	 Inclusion of all voices Ensure principal voice is included and responded to as a part of the process Schools are safe and welcoming All communities feel welcome. Feel that they have a voice in the district All voices must be taken seriously Be mindful to intentionally engage with families who don't speak English Meet needs of various community groups More spaces where the board is engaging with community members Create as many spaces as possible to gather feedback Parents are experts of their own children Be in partnership with families A place where staff, students and families are heard and valued If we are doing what we need to do, the community will let us know Meet people where they are Attend meetings that already exist 		



Prioritized Strategies for the 2023-2024 School Year



Intended Transformative Impact of the Strategic Plan

Goal 1 Strategy 1	 Provide standards-based core instruction with a focus on literacy and mathematics. Each core content area has a content-rich, district approved curriculum that has been carefully vetted to align to the latest version of MN State Standards, includes Indian Education for All and content is vertically aligned, intentionally building throughout PK-12. Staff have regular access to job-embedded professional development to support content knowledge and pedagogy There is a clear district philosophy of assessment. Structures are in place to create consistent and equitable grading practices
Goal 1 Strategy 2	 Ensure all curriculum and instructional practices are anti-racist and sustain the cultures, languages, and experiences of our students All curricula are vetted by a curriculum steering committee, made up of various MPS district and community stakeholders. All programs and initiatives attend specifically to culture and language, and embed processes to require reflection on criticality A system is in place to require and track teachers' annual participation in professional learning on anti-racist and culturally sustaining instructional practices
Goal 2 Strategy 4	 Provide physically safe and welcoming school environments through strategic shortening of walk zones, building cleanliness, building improvements, landcare and strong emergency management practices Students, staff, and caregivers will take pride in their schools based on clean and well-cared for spaces Report feelings of wellbeing by indicating they feel safe and supported at school and while moving to and from school
Goal 3 Strategy 3	 Deepen strategic recruitment of high quality, diverse teachers and staff MPS will create a diverse teacher workforce through recruitment of external educators, strategic recruitment of student teachers and teacher interns placed with MPS, and continued implementation of MPS' internal Grow Your Own programs Maintain previous trends of increasing the percentage of licensed teachers identifying as BIPOC for the 2024-25 school year
Goal 4 Strategy 1	 Fully implement the climate framework to ensure all district staff, parents, and students feel heard, valued and respected. Intentional inclusive school and community engagement opportunities to ensure all families feel welcomed, valued, and belong in MPS. All MPS Schools establish a sustainable equity and school climate team that will continuously collaborate to meet the climate needs of students, staff and caregivers.



Implementation Plan for the Strategic Plan

Complete

Year 2 Implementation plan for each strategy

• Progress on the five board prioritized strategies will be shared at four Committee of the Whole meetings throughout the school year

In Progress

Completed for prioritized strategies

• Ensure that our completion vision is truly transformative for our students, families, staff and community

Currently in the process of

• Clearly articulating the cost of Strategic Plan implementation

Ongoing Work

Complete Year 3 and 4 implementation plans for each strategy



Progress Monitoring: Goal 1 Academic Achievement

Strategy	Cabinet Lead	Year 1 Summary	Year 2	Transformation Intended Impact and Fiscal Implications
Provide standards-based core instruction with a focus on literacy and mathematics.	Aimee Fearing	Year 1 Summary	<u>Year 2 Plan</u>	Intended Impact
Ensure all curriculum and instructional practices are anti-racist and sustain the cultures, languages, and experiences of our students.	Aimee Fearing	<u>Year 1 Summary</u>	<u>Year 2 Plan</u>	Intended Impact
Ensure all community schools provide access to STEM, music, art, language, and for high schools, ethnic studies and college credit courses	Aimee Fearing	<u>Year 1 Summary</u>	<u>Year 2 Plan</u>	Intended Impact
Implement Professional Learning Communities to ensure all students' needs are met through a system of academic support and intervention.	Sarah Hunter	<u>Year 1 Summary</u>	<u>Year 2 Plan</u>	Intended Impact
Provide magnet school pathways that offer innovative thematic instruction and integrated learning opportunities	Aimee Fearing	<u>Year 1 Summary</u>	<u>Year 2 Plan</u>	Intended Impact



Goal 1: Strategy 1.1 Example

Year 5 Intended Impacts

(shared at the COW 8.22.23)

Each core content area has a **content-rich**, **district approved curriculum** that has been carefully vetted to align to the latest version of MN State Standards, includes Indian Education for All and content is vertically aligned, intentionally building throughout PK-12

There is a **clear district philosophy of assessment**. Structures are in place to create **consistent and equitable grading practices**

Cohesion exists between standards aligned core and strong systems for interventions in each site, knowing that core is not enough to meet the needs of all learners

Overall **improvement in the quality of instruction** resulting from consistency in what is taught, the academic expectations held through assessment, and effective professional development



Goal 1: Strategy 1.1 Example- Fiscal Impact Year 5 Intended Impact will include start up and recurring cost. Two Key Examples Year 1: 2,339,299 Curriculum Year 2: 3,257,576 Adoption(s) Year 3: 12,000,000 Year 4: 6,000,000 Cost: Year 5: 2,000,000 **Salary Cost** K-5 TOSA: **\$ 2,664,375** • (SY 23-24)*: .5 Library Media: \$ 3,919,467 *amount may increase o <.6 Advanced Learner: \$ 1,321,530 • decrease depending on contractual agreements Apr MINNEAPOLIS 20

Spring Conversations Regarding Programming



CDD/Strategic Plan Alignment

CDD Related Decisions:

- Magnet pathways through
 high school
- Additional Spanish Dual Language programming
- Montessori pathway through sixth grade
- Heritage Language pathways (Hmong, Somali and Dakota Heritage Language programming)

Strategic Plan Goal 2: Student Well Being

 Does our Capital Plan align with school programming decisions?

Indian Education MOA:

 American Indian best practice sites and physical space



Data Conversations



Data Dashboard

- Operational Costs per School
 - I0-year Capital Improvement History
 - • Long Term Facility Maintenance Projections
 - S-year Maintenance Costs
 - Operations Costs [Maintenance, Custodial, Transportation, etc.]
 - Energy Costs
 - Vaste Costs
 - Transportation Costs
 - A Other Programmatic/School-based Costs
- Human Resources per School [including budgeted open positions]
 - **Licensed Staff**
 - **Administration**
 - Non-Licensed Staff
- School Demographics
 - A Building Capacity
 - Enrollment and Enrollment Trends
 - • Racial and Socioeconomic Integration
 - Market Share
 - School Choice
 - Percentage of students who attend from out of boundary
- School Performance

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- Academic Performance Metrics
 - MCA Proficiency
 - Graduation
 - i 🚽 ACT
 - 🔹 🔺 Attendance
 - Disciplinary Metrics
- Other Building Information
 - Air Conditioning
 - Kitchens
 - Building leases

- Data ready for Tableau
- Data integrated
- ▲ Data analyzed, ready for integration
- ▲ Data received, not ready for integration
- Data requested



Draft Data Dashboard

School Level Overview

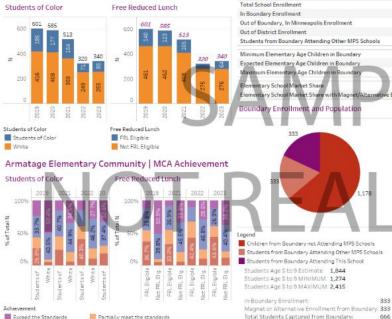
Select a school below

Meet the standards

Armatage Elementary Community .

Armatage Elementary Community | Demographics

Does not meet the standards



373 322 47 4 22 272 337 401 Capital Investments 2006-2019 Capital Investments per SQFT 95.6% 102.19 Itemative Enrollment Total Work Orders, 2019 Total Cost, 2019 Total Cost per SQFT Work Orders Breakdown Staffing Licensed Staff

333

666

1,178

Students in Boundary not Captured:

Enrollment and Market Share at Armatage

Building Statistics

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School Type	Community
Location Type	Low Density Residential
Grade Configuration	K-5
Year Built	1952
Building Age	70 years 🔳
Building Capacity	598 students
Building Size	86,488 sqft 🔳

Capital Improvement

and Long Term Maintenance \$15,144,751 \$125 / soft 🔳 Long Term Facility Maintenance \$14,190,000 Long Term Facility Maintenance per SQFT \$164 / sch

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Short Term Maintenance

\$785,492 \$9.08 per soft E



Licensed Staff	25 🗖
Students per Licensed Staff	13.3 students 🔳
Licensed Staff Cost	\$2,009,287
Unlicensed Staff	14 🖬
Unlicensed Staff Cost	\$1,002,240
Operations Staff	7 🗖
Operations Staff Cost	\$525,000
Students per All Staff	7.2 students 🗖
Better than District Me	dian

Worse than District Median





Draft Data Dashboard

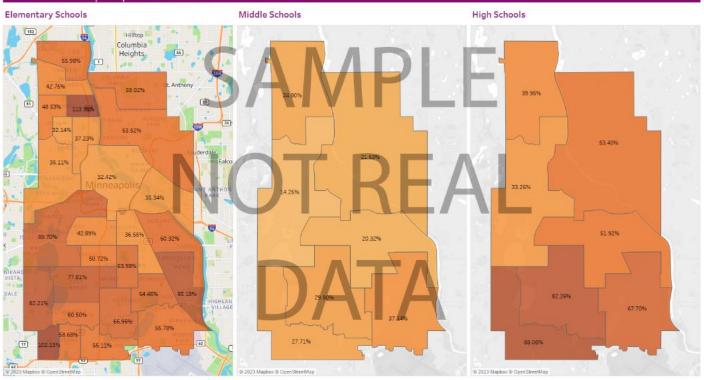




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Draft Data Dashboard

District Overview | Sample Data Selection





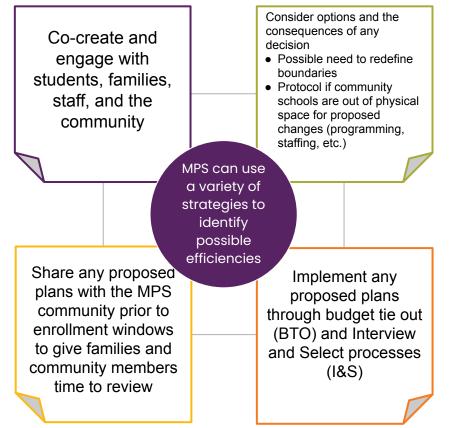
Engaging with our Community

Does the Board have **non-negotiables**? What student experiences do our community members want to ensure all students have access to both programmatically and in terms of physical space allocation? What would community engagement look like, sound like, and feel like? What academic supports are values? How many classrooms per grade level? What types of student support are needed? What physical space is needed?

Possible Strategic Plan Implementation Strategies for Discussion



In order to fully implement the strategic plan, there is a need to **create efficiencies and build capacity of services** in our system



Based on the findings from the strategies listed above (as well as others identified by MPS stakeholders), possible scenarios requiring further exploration may include school building capacity assessments, school consolidations, school reconfigurations, reduction of services (such as transportation, academic programming, support services).



Board Discussion



Discussion Topics for the Board

The Board of Directors have begun the conversation of school transformation. Tonight's discussion could include:

- Does that Draft Definition meet our needs to move the conversation forward?
- Discuss programming strategies on Slide 22
- Discuss the questions posed on Slide regarding community engagement on Slide 28
- Discuss possible efficiencies and ways to build capacities for services on Slide 30
- Discuss next steps for Interim Superintendent and team to discuss



Appendix



Strategic Plan Values	Board Transformation Notes
Equity, Representation & Anti-Racism	 Equitably distribute resources Value of anti-racism lives in our actions Transparent and accountable Anti-racist education in safe, supporting and welcoming environments Stay true to being anti-racist, culturally responsive, make needs based decisions Onus for inclusion and belonging must be on district, not on students (Not students' responsibility to create belonging) Non-negotiable: IDEA governs students who require SPED services be educated in least restrictive environment- teach in general education to the greatest extent possible Means we have interrogated all of our policies and practices to ensure we are not setting ourselves up to not be able to support students in the least restrictive environment Built on abolition We practice anti-ableism, and we have visibly disabled teachers All ways of learning are valued Resources must be equitably distributed Inclusive, Fair, Respect, Equity

Strategic Plan Values	Board Transformation Notes
Physical and Emotional Safety & Wellbeing	 Student safety and well-being a priority Student wellbeing and students feeling safe- if students aren't feeling safe in schools, they aren't learning, if teachers aren't feeling safe- they aren't able to teach well Safety- safe and supportive learning environment Physical safety: need to ensure we have this in place- could be more robust, know that it's not that we are just saying it, that we mean it Schools are safe and welcoming Buildings: Clean, equipped to protect and provide safe environment for children Everyone experiences safety No body is criminalized Access for community - so schools are community hubs Community should feel welcome in our schools Safe and secure



Strategic Plan Values	Board Transformation Notes		
Relationships, Trust & Communication	 Improved communication and transparency (overall and with principals specifically) What specifically will we do differently to communicate Hold Town Halls? District members and at large members attend listening sessions together? PAC engagement: ask that PACs connect with the board and share what they are hearing from their stakeholder groups Systemic problem that we don't get information out to all stakeholders 		
Shared Decision-Making & Voice	 Work with community, be accountable to community, be transparent with community Listen and be honest A place where staff, students and families are heard and valued 		



Strategic Plan Values	Board Transformation Notes		
Transparency & Accountability	 Improved communication and transparency Accountability systems for tracking implementation, as well as ensuring transparency- needs to be both actual and felt Have clear vision and act upon it Make sure intentions and goals can be seen in community (follow through) Follow up on what we say we are going to do Work with community, be accountable to community, be transparent with community Transparency x2 Systemic problem that we don't get information out to all stakeholders Listen and be honest 		
Evidence-Based Strategies	We should have both evidence based strategies and content knowledge		



Strategic Plan Strategies	Board Transformation Notes
Implement Professional Learning Communities to ensure all students' needs are met through a system of academic support and intervention.	 Co-teaching and differentiation models are built and taught Strong MTSS system for all students Inclusive of all students Supports are offered in curriculum, tier 2, and intensive intervention All students have what they need in our buildings
Provide magnet school pathways that offer innovative thematic instruction and integrated learning opportunities	 Complete magnet pathways Specifically, ensure middles have pathways



Strategic Plan Strategies	Board Transformation Notes
Provide equitable student access to culturally responsive counseling and mental health services	 Address mental health crisis Student supports with no waiting lists Looks like having counselors and mental health specialists
Fully implement a restorative approach to student support	Transformative justice practices led by students
Integrate social and emotional practices into all classrooms and Out of School Time activities	
Support healthy child development through nutritious meals and promotion of physical activity	



Strategic Plan Strategies	Board Transformation Notes
Pursue negotiations strategies that address contractual barriers to the equitable distribution and the recruitment, hiring, and retention of high-quality, diverse teachers and staff	 Right staff in right places Fully staffed schools with shared decision making
Pursue authentic engagement with MPS parents around the design and implementation of equitable HR policies and practices	



Strategic Plan Strategies	Board Transformation Notes	
Utilize district equity competencies to inform district hiring and retention practices, professional development opportunities, and professional support systems.	 Everything must be through an equity lens-policies, procedures, curriculum, etc. Means when we look at materials we are looking at who is represented, when we look at practices- are we treating different groups of students differently, are we giving staff what they need 	
Provide consistent opportunities for youth, parents and community members to provide feedback on district policies and practices.	 Meet community members where they are, value their expertise and experiences Inclusion of all voices 	
Ensure student placement practices support integrated learning opportunities, and increased enrollment and retention		
Support community partnerships to enhance student experiences and learning opportunities.		



Goal 1: Strategy 1.1 Example

Year 1

(shared at Board meeting 8.8.23)

- Implemented or in the process of adopting new math and literacy curricula.
- Conducted professional development for teachers and principals.
- Started math intervention training.

Year 2

(shared at the COW 8.22.23)

- Steering Committee selected and pilot material selection process complete for K-5 Literacy, 6-8 ELA, 9-12 ELA by spring of '23
- Pilot completed and final curriculum selection process complete for the following contents: 6-12 Math, Earth Science, Health, K-5 Social Studies by spring of '23
- Fully implemented (60%-80% usage) curriculum in the following contents: K-5 Math, Sexual Health by spring of '23
- Begin articulated Pk-12 core content sequence and necessary partnership for math, science, social studies, and ELA
- District-wide consistent literacy and math Instructional practices are drafted and reinforced through ongoing professional development

Year 5 Intended Impacts

(shared at the COW 8.22.23)

- Each core content area has a content-rich, district approved curriculum that has been carefully vetted to align to the latest version of MN State Standards, includes Indian Education for All and content is vertically aligned, intentionally building throughout PK-12
- Each classroom has district approved curriculum materials and teachers are demonstrating anti-racist, culturally sustaining instructional practices that are content rich and standards-based
- Teachers, principals, instructional leaders, and SOEI observers have regular access to job-embedded professional development on content knowledge and pedagogy
- There is a clear district philosophy of assessment. Structures are in place to create consistent and equitable grading practices
- Cohesion exists between standards aligned core and strong systems for interventions in each site, knowing that core is not enough to meet the needs of all learners
- Established process exists for shared decision making among departments, content leaders, schools, etc in order to reflect, refine, and adjust central office supports. (e.g. SIP strategies that align with district academic priorities)
- Overall improvement in the quality of instruction resulting from consistency in what is taught, the academic expectations held through assessment, and effective professional development
- Trust is built with students, families and communities through creating high quality learning experiences. Therefore, producing academic achievement.



