



## **FSD79 Educational Long-Range Facility Planning FAQs**

### **What is the timeline for the school district to develop its facilities plan?**

FSD79 began holding monthly meetings for its Steering Committee in January 2024. It is anticipated that the Steering Committee will have initial recommendations to bring forward to the community and the Board of Education in the fall of 2024, with a formal plan to be presented to the Board for approval in the winter. The proposed plan will have a 20-year lookout based on enrollment growth of 1,000 students.

### **What is the role of the Steering Committee?**

The Steering Committee is comprised of teachers, parents, community members, board members, and administrators. Members applied to be on the committee and were selected by the administrative team based on their diverse experience and roles. The Steering Committee works in collaboration with the architectural firm to make intermediate determinations based on data and community feedback to provide input to the architectural and engineering team. They are charged to do so while considering all perspectives and information presented with the best interest of the District and its vision in mind. They work closely with the Superintendent to form the recommendations for the Educational Long-Range Facility Plan for School Board consideration.

### **How are new facilities funded to manage growth?**

School districts have limited options to fund renovations, additions, and new buildings to manage growth. The options available to school districts include the use of reserve funds, developer impact fees attributable to the projected number of students that will be created by the development, developer donations, voter-approved referendums, and fundraising campaigns. Also, if available, school districts can pursue state or federal building grants to fund construction costs. Often these grants are awarded based on need.

### **What effect will the current and planned residential developments have on enrollment at FSD79?**

As part of the ELFP process, FSD79 enlisted Cropper GIS to perform an updated demographic study in spring 2024. Based on the study's 10-year projections, it is anticipated that the District's enrollment will increase by 13% by 2034.

When considering future developments, it is anticipated enrollment growth may reach up to 50+% in the next 20 years. The District's Steering Committee and its architect are tasked with developing a 20-year plan to account for the increased enrollment related to building capacity.

**Could the development of Ivanhoe Village result in redistricting of school districts?**

Regardless of the municipality in which a development resides, any residential developments that are within the FSD79 boundaries remain legally within our borders.