



*South Washington County Schools
Cottage Grove, MN*

801.3 RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES

I. PURPOSE

If any school building becomes inadequate because of age, condition, size of site, lack of need, or other limitations, and cannot reasonably and economically be brought up to current educational standards, the building shall be considered for a comprehensive closing study. The Superintendent shall recommend to the School Board which facilities appear to need further analysis. A comprehensive closing study shall address ways in which the retired facility could best be recycled to maximize the benefit to the public, which originally acquired the property.

The School Board may close a school building only after a public hearing on the question of the necessity and practicability of the proposed closing. Published notice of the hearing shall be given for two weeks in the official newspaper of the district. The time and place of the meeting, the description and location of the school, and a statement of the reasons for the closing must be specified in the notice. Parties requesting to give testimony for or against the proposal shall be heard by the School Board before it makes a final decision to close or not to close the school.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Uses for School and Nonschool Purposes; Closings)

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