



## **Kettering City Schools Future-Ready Facilities Steering Committee**

### **Steering Committee Meeting Summary**

**January 8, 2025**

#### **Building Assessments**

Steering Committee members visited district buildings to conduct facility self-assessments. They evaluated building entrances, hallways, classrooms, and mechanical systems to determine if items needed to be replaced, repaired, or were satisfactory. Following these assessments, the committee reconvened at its monthly meeting in January and broke out into smaller groups to analyze feedback, identifying critical needs and positive aspects of the facilities.

#### **Critical Needs**

District-wide issues include outdated infrastructure (HVAC, plumbing, fire alarms), accessibility limitations, insufficient classroom size and storage, and safety concerns such as unclear visitor entry points and unsafe student transitions. Other concerns encompass restroom updates, outdoor drainage, worn-out flooring and fixtures, congested traffic flow, and limited parking and hallway space. Modernization needs to focus on collaborative learning spaces, updated furniture and technology, flexible learning environments, and improved natural lighting.

#### **Positive Aspects**

Despite challenges, the committee noted well-maintained buildings, dedicated staff, welcoming classrooms, and excellent school leadership. Students were observed to be well-behaved and polite, reflecting positively on the district's culture.

#### **Planning Considerations and Financial Overview**

Mike Ruetschle from Ruetschle Architects shared insights on enrollment projections, right-sizing facilities, and potential master planning scenarios, including renovation, demolition, and modernization options. A [timeline for the facilities project](#), including process, a proposed schedule and community engagement opportunities was also presented

The Treasurer [provided financial data](#), highlighting assessed property values, millage revenue estimates, and budget allocations for fiscal year 2024.

The Steering Committee continues to explore strategic steps for addressing facility needs while maintaining operational efficiency and fostering a conducive learning environment.

