



# Tacoma Public Schools

## **FACILITIES PLANNING**

**NEXT STEPS FOR IDEA  
FUTURE OF PARK AVENUE SITE**

# PLANS FOR PARK AVENUE

As part of Tacoma Public Schools' efforts to right-size and improve its facilities for students and the community, the school district plans to:

- Rebuild IDEA High School at the former Gault School site
- Sell Park Avenue location

## Benefits:

- **Avoids multiple relocations** during demolition and rebuild.
- Provides a more **central location** for IDEA students and families.
- Enhances access to **shared educational resources** (e.g., SOTA, SAMI, Maritime 253).
- Opportunities for **additional district programs and community partnerships** (e.g., Maritime 253, Oakland projects).
- Part of district effort to right-size facilities to **reduce** maintenance and custodial **costs**.





## **NEXT STEPS**

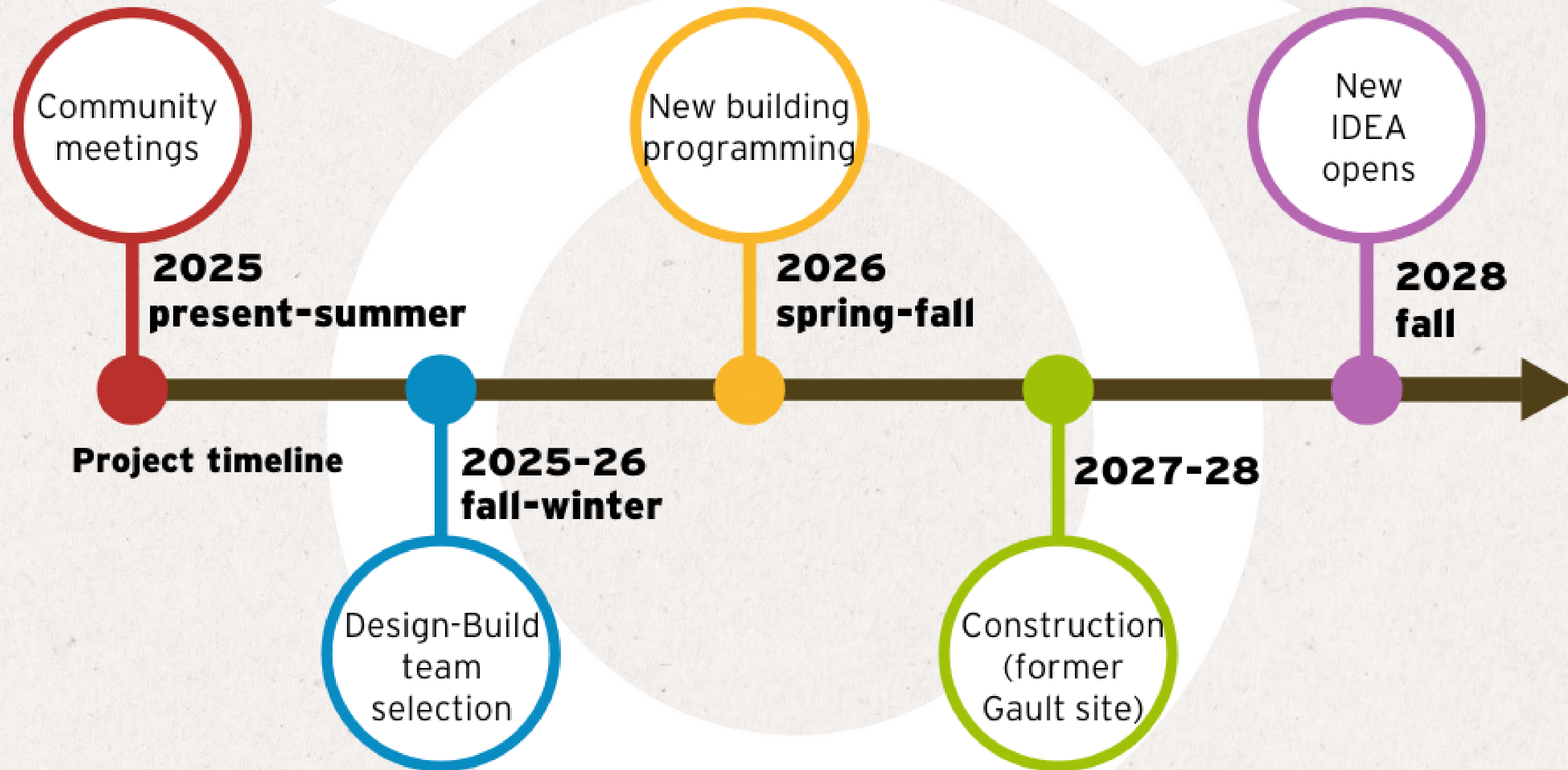
Begin surplus and sale process for Park Avenue site  
(Summer/Fall 2025)

### **What to expect:**

- Public hearing prior board consideration of surplus
- If approved, begin marketing site for sale
- City of Tacoma, Tacoma Housing Authority, Parks Tacoma and Tribe would be engaged prior to marketing to private interests
- Public hearing prior to authorization of sale

**Students stay at Park Avenue until Summer 2028.**

# PLAN FOR THE NEW IDEA SITE AT GAULT



Community meetings

**2025  
present-summer**

**Project timeline**

Design-Build team selection

**2025-26  
fall-winter**

New building programming

**2026  
spring-fall**

Construction (former Gault site)

**2027-28**

New IDEA opens

**2028  
fall**

# HOW TO STAY IN THE KNOW

## WEBSITES

- New IDEA High School being built at former Gault site:

[www.tacomashools.org/departments/pc/gault-project-copy](http://www.tacomashools.org/departments/pc/gault-project-copy)


- TPS Surplus Property site:

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