



Pittsburgh Public Schools

FACILITIES UTILIZATION PLAN

UPDATE

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Reimagining Our Schools for a Brighter Future

Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) is committed to ensuring all students, regardless of where they live, have access to the high-quality education they deserve. Last April, the District presented a draft Facilities Utilization Plan designed to address long-standing inequities and optimize the use of school buildings. The proposal included 12 key recommendations focused on enhancing educational opportunities and ensuring schools are modern, safe, and student-centered.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Transitioning grade structure to K–5, 6–8, and 9–12 schools to better support student development and prepare them for college, career, and life.
- Reviewing attendance zones to ensure continuity and equity.
- Creating modern and effective learning environments for all students.

THE FEASIBILITY REPORT

After six months of data analysis and community engagement, District consultant Education Resource Strategies (ERS) recommended the District consider opening three new schools, reconfiguring 12, and closing 14, which could lead to the closure of 10 buildings. At the request of the Board, Superintendent Wayne Walters, EdD., released a Feasibility Report last month evaluating the potential of these recommendations based on a review of building capacity, enrollment projections, and system readiness.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

Superintendent Postpones Request for Board Vote to Open Public Commentary Period

Dr. Walters delayed his request for a Board vote to start the state-required public comment period on school closures, allowing more time to update the Feasibility Report with financial, transportation, and facility information to guide final recommendations and planning.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- April: The updated feasibility report will be presented to the Board.
- A final recommendation will be made for a demographer to assess and design attendance zones and feeder patterns.

“Now is the time to take decisive action to ensure that every school is a place of opportunity, where every student has access to the resources, tools, and experiences they need to succeed.”

— Dr. Wayne N. Walters

STAY ENGAGED!

We encourage parents and community members to stay informed and engaged as we collaborate to create a stronger future for our students. For more information, visit pghschools.org/facilitiesuplan or contact us. 412-529-8280 | community@pghschools.org.



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