



Pittsburgh Public Schools

FACILITIES UTILIZATION PLAN

UPDATE

MAY 2, 2025

WHAT'S NEW?

April Board Update: Planning with Purpose

At the April 23, 2025, Board Agenda Review Meeting, Superintendent Walters provided an important update on the District's Facilities Utilization Plan.

After postponing the vote on proposed school closures, the District began revising the Feasibility Report to ensure a more complete and transparent plan. The updated report will include:

- ✓ A Financial Impact Analysis
- ✓ Transportation considerations
- ✓ Capital investment needs
- ✓ Instructional alignment to support student success

Rethinking Boundaries

Following a recommendation by Education Resource Strategies (ERS), the District sought to hire a demographer through a Request for Proposals (RFP). Two firms responded: one bid was over \$200,000 and lacked local insight. The second was \$270,000+ and couldn't meet the full scope of work as outlined in the RFP.

Instead of moving forward with costly, limited options, PPS leadership chose to handle this work in-house. Using internal expertise, tools, and historical data, our team is now developing updated school attendance zones. This cost-effective, community-centered approach ensures solutions reflect the needs of our families.

WHAT'S NEXT?

A Clear Path Forward

In late May, the District will present the updated Feasibility Report, including final recommendations and a proposed phasing plan continuing a strong commitment to transparency, student success, and long-term sustainability.

"This process is about more than school closures, it's about building stronger schools, smarter systems, and a brighter future for every student."

— 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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