

Pittsburgh Public Schools FACILITIES UTILIZATION PLAN

UPDATE

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Understanding the Next Steps: PPS Facilities Utilization Plan

WHAT'S NEW?

Last month, Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters postponed the request for the Board of Directors to vote on opening the public commentary period regarding proposed school closures. Since that time, the District's Administration has been working diligently to prepare critical supporting materials—including a financial analysis, transportation impact analysis, and other relevant data—to inform the Board's next steps.

These materials will be delivered to the Board this month to ensure every member has a full understanding of the potential implications and can make an informed decision.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Board of Directors will vote on whether or not to open the public commentary period. This vote is not a vote to close schools—it is a vote to begin a process that gives our students, families, and community members the opportunity to share their thoughts and feedback about the proposed recommendations.

What This Vote Is:

- A decision by the Board to open the public commentary period.
- A formal invitation for community members to voice their input.
- ✓ A step toward deeper transparency and engagement about how we move forward.

What This Is Not:

- × A final decision about school closures.
- X A vote to close specific schools.
- × A move to end community dialogue.

"We remain committed to a process that centers student needs, values community voice, and ensures every school is a place of opportunity. We move forward—together—with care and purpose, putting our students first always, in all ways."

- 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.

