



Strategic Deficit Reduction Plan (SDRP) Phase III Update

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes



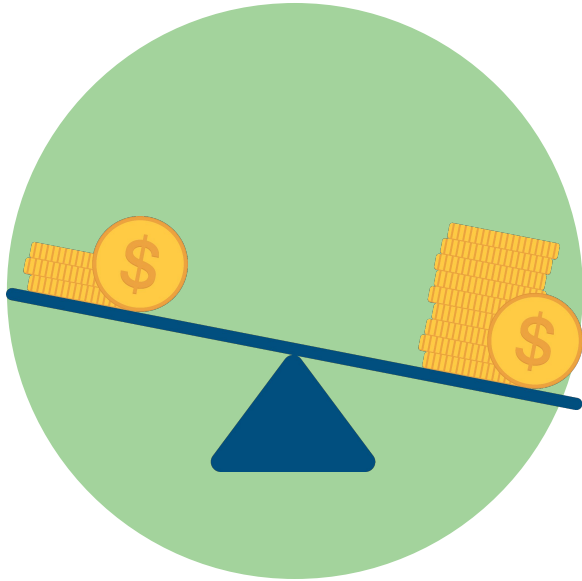
SDRP Phase III

Part 3

Tonight's Overview

- Review background on SDRP Phase III
- Review overall timeline for SDRP Phase III
- Review the oversight and engagement guidelines for the SDRP Phase III work
- Review SDRP Phase III: Part 3 Subcommittee work/timeline
- Review SDRP Phase III: Part 3 Board work/timeline

What is driving the need for SDRP Phase III?



**Ensuring long-term
Financial Stability**



**Buildings in Need of
Significant Repairs and
Improvements**



**Declining Student
Enrollment and
Underutilized Schools**

Why are we considering consolidation/closures for SDRP: Phase III?



\$189 Million
operating budget

\$20 Million
in operational reductions over
the past two years

\$8 -10 Million
in estimated additional
reductions necessary for FY27

2.3% Expense Growth
expenses outpace revenues on
an annual basis (*structural deficit*)



18 School Buildings
(+Foster) with 1.2M sq ft of
building space

8 Square Miles
D65 Attendance Boundaries

79 Years Old
(average building age)

\$188 Million
in recommended facility
repairs/improvements

Poor or Very Poor
building conditions



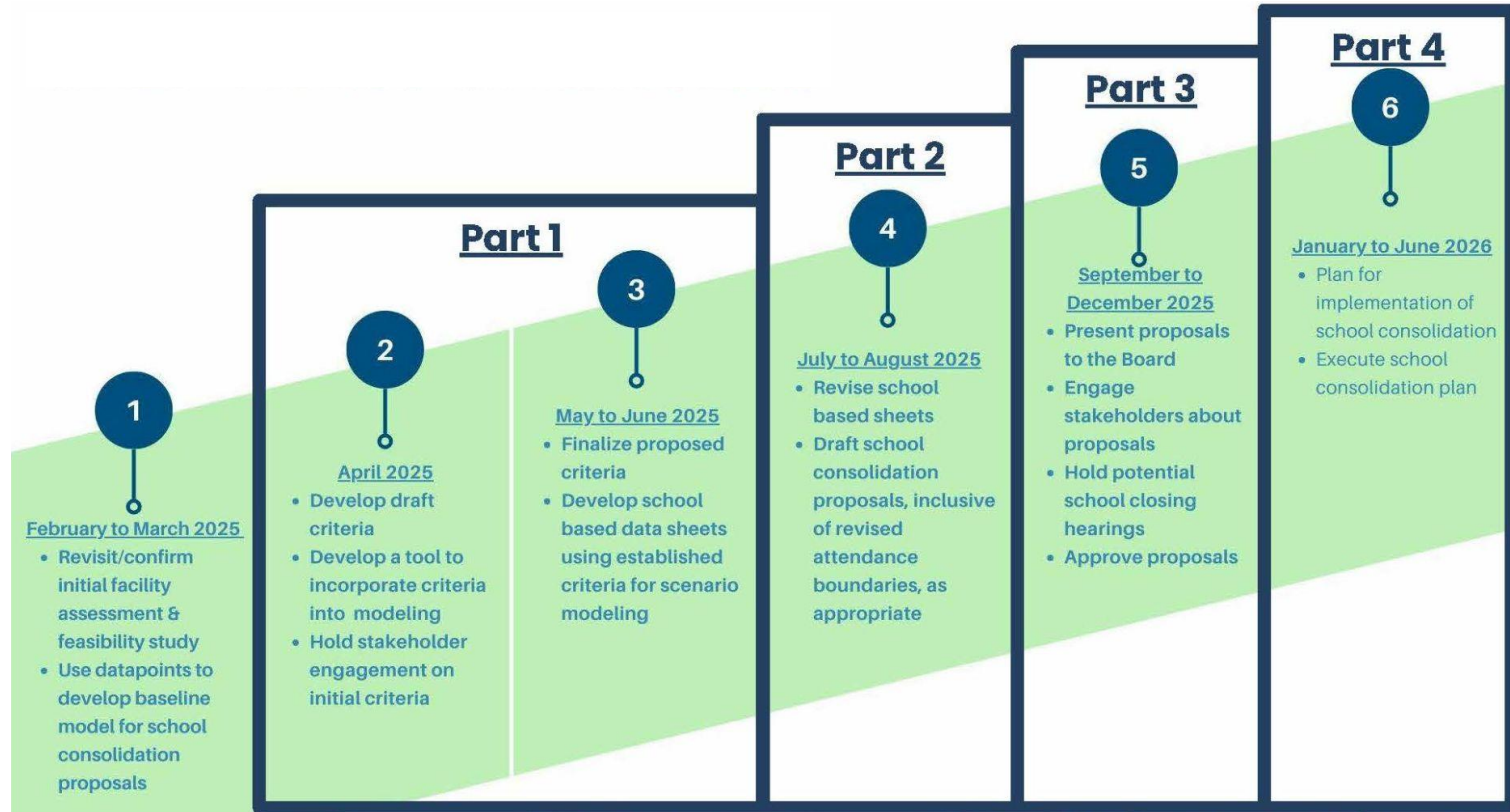
6,193 Students
declining enrollment for the
next 10 years (aging population)

65% Occupancy
school building occupancy

Decreasing # of Youth
2020 Census indicates a
decreasing # of youth under 13

79.3% Enrollment Average
D65 returns to pre-pandemic
student enrollment

SDRP Tentative Timeline for Phase III: Sustainability*



* All work in the timeline is contingent upon the Board's approval and selection of the final scenario.

SDRP Phase III: Oversight/Engagement



Board of Education: Approves the final SDRP Phase III Plan

Internal Steering Committee: Refines and presents 3-5 scenarios from the Steering Committee and Stakeholder Engagement for recommendation to the School Board

Community Steering Committee: Compiles and summarizes subcommittee information

- **Facilities Committee:** Evaluates school capacity, optimal program locations, potential school consolidations and facility improvement prioritization
- **Finance Committee:** Develops the financial feasibility of proposed recommendations
- **Programs Committee:** Assesses and recommends educational programming services based on input from the Student Assignment Planning (SAP) work

Other Input: Stakeholder Feedback Surveys and Engagement

Note: Members from the SPAC invited to join SDRP Phase III: Part 3

Subcommittee Meeting Dates



<i>Week</i>	<i>Objective</i>
8/13	Kickoff - Level set focused on reviewing prior meeting data and updates
8/20	Optional Subcommittee Meeting
8/27	Begin developing proposed scenarios that address the district's structural deficit and develop a plan to address the district's aging facilities needs
9/3	Optional Subcommittee Meeting
9/10	Finetune proposed scenarios that address the district's structural deficit and develop a plan to address the district's aging facilities needs
9/17	Optional Subcommittee Meeting
9/24	Finalize proposed scenarios that address the district's structural deficit and develop a plan to address the district's aging facilities needs

Board Meeting Dates with Deliverables



<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting*</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
8/4	COTW	Review process for SDRP Board updates, oversight and input Review SDRP Phase III: Part 3 timeline	Confirm board oversight & engagement with the SDRP Phase III: Part 3 Provide feedback and input on timeline
8/18	Board	General update	Provide a general update on the SDRP Phase III: Part 3 work
9/8	COTW	Review committee's progress	Provide feedback on committee progress
9/29	Board	Review initial scenarios ○ Potential school closings ○ Financial projections/deficit reduction	Provide input on initial scenarios ○ Potential school closings ○ Financial projections/deficit reduction
10/20	Board	Review updated scenarios	Vote on updated scenarios or provide more feedback on initial scenarios
11/3	COTW	Review updated scenarios	Provide feedback on updated scenarios
11/17	Board	Review and approve/vote on the final scenario	Board votes on final scenario

* "COTW" - Committee of the Whole Board Meeting or "Board" - Regular Board Meeting



**Creating a bright
future for current
and future
generations of
District 65 learners**



SDRP Ecosystem



- All school closure and consolidations decisions are that of the Board.
- Ensure checks and balances
- Open application processes for both SPAC and SDRP committees.
 - 15 schools represented on SPAC.*
 - 45 parents/caregivers, community members, and staff on SDRP
- All aspects are rooted in stakeholder voice and input.

*SPAC members have been asked to join a subcommittee in SDRP Phase III: Part 3

