

# Maximize Facility Usage for the Community & Student Good

## *Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan Process Update*

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**One District. One Goal. Every Child.**



## Our Strength is Our Team

Atlanta's students will have effective and engaged teachers, leaders, and staff.

- ▶ Increase concentration of highly-effective teachers and leaders
- ▶ Prioritize engagement and retention for staff
- ▶ Grow and promote strong teachers, leaders, and staff

## Our Responsibility Is Shared

Atlanta's students will have supportive families, communities, and partners.

- ▶ Build meaningful partnerships
- ▶ Expand Atlanta Partners for Education (APFE) impact
- ▶ Increase access and engagement for families and communities

## Our System Is Efficient & Effective

Atlanta's students will have the schools and resources they need to succeed.

- ▶ Maximize facility usage for the student and community good
- ▶ Leverage data to drive strategic financial investments
- ▶ Implement sustainability initiatives

## We Are Strengthening Our Instructional Core

Atlanta's students will have high-quality instruction, materials, and targeted support.

- ▶ Implement high-quality, relevant, and engaging instructional materials and professional learning in all core content areas
- ▶ Target resources towards subgroups (e.g. exceptional education, economically-disadvantaged)
- ▶ Accelerate early learning

## We Are Caring For Every Child

Atlanta's students will have trusted, supportive adults meeting their unique needs.

- ▶ Expand strategies that reduce chronic absenteeism and disproportionate discipline
- ▶ Implement systematic culture and climate strategies
- ▶ Increase student access to trusted and reliable adults (e.g. mentors, coaches, counselors)

## We Are Sparking Student Curiosity

Atlanta's students will have access to explore and expand their passions and interests.

- ▶ Promote robust arts, athletics, world language, and enrichment offerings
- ▶ Expand access to high-interest and workforce-ready offerings (e.g. career programs and pathways, advanced coursework)
- ▶ Explore specialized and innovative school models (e.g. School of the Arts)





### ● Focus Area

Our system is efficient and effective



### ● Objective

Maximize facility usage for student and community good



### ● Success Expectations

- Increase high-quality programming opportunities for all students in Atlanta Public Schools
- Decrease the number of un-activated properties
- Increase the number of community hubs
- Narrow the per pupil spend between our highest and lowest schools



### ● Strategies

1. Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan (Enrollment, capacity, and building condition)
2. Establish processes and partnerships to re-activate properties for community good



# Where Have We Been?

## Facilities Planning Timeline

● Public Schools ● Charter Schools



- 2011-2012**  
Major Districtwide Rezoning
- APS initiated a major redistricting process realign attendance zones & address shifting enrollments & underutilized schools.
  - Closed 7 Schools & 7 Facilities (5 Elem. & 2 Middle Schools)
  - Creates 9 Clusters of Elementary, Middle, & High Schools
  - East Lake ES (Relocation Site)
  - Cook ES (Wesley International)
  - White ES (Admin)
  - Capitol View ES
  - Kennedy MS (Hollis K-8)
  - Parks MS (ACCA)
  - Atlanta Collegiate: 2011 – June 2029
  - Kipp Strive Primary: 2012 – June 2029
  - Final year:
    - Tech High School 2011-12
    - University Community Academy 2011-12
  - Herndon (KIPP WAYS Charter K-8)

- 2013-2014**  
Middle School Boundary Changes
- Merger of Coan Middle & King Middle Schools
  - 1 School & 1 Facility Closed
  - Centennial Place Elementary became Conversion Charter School
  - Atlanta Classical Academy: 2014 – June 2029
  - Centennial Academy\*: 2014 – June 2029 (conditional)
  - KIPP Ways Primary: 2014 – June 2029 (conditional)
  - KIPP Vision Primary: 2013 – June 2029 (conditional)
  - Westside Atlanta Charter School: 2013 – June 2028
  - Final year: Atlanta Preparatory Academy 2012-13

- 2015-2016**  
Turnaround  
Decisions made because of performance starting this year
- Closure of Bethune Elementary School
  - Opening of a new PK-8 STEM Hollis
  - Merger of Connally Elementary School & Venetian Hills Elementary School
  - Merged School eventually became Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy (TAGA)
  - Merger of Grove Park Intermediate Elementary (3-5) School & Woodson Primary Elementary School (K-2)
  - Closed 5 schools (Connally ES, Venetian ES, Grove Park, Bethune ES, Woodson)
  - Closed 4 facilities
  - Opened 3 schools (Hollis, TAGA, Woodson Park)
  - Reopened 2 facilities (Kennedy, TAGA)
  - Kindezi OFW: 2015 – 27 (conditional)
  - Final year:
    - Intown Charter Academy 2014-15
    - Latin Academy Charter School 2015-16
  - Centennial Place Academy (Charter) from K-5 to K-8
  - Boundary change for Howard Middle School (Inman MS at that time).

- 2017-2018**  
Closures & Consolidations
- Closure of Whitefoord Elementary School (Toomer and Burger-Peterson).
  - Merger of Adamsville Primary Elementary (K-2) and Miles Intermediate Elementary (3-5) to a K-5 school at Miles ES.
  - The City of Atlanta annexed properties in unincorporated DeKalb County, including the Emory/CDC area (zoned to Springdale Park).
  - Closed 3 schools (Whitefoord, Adamsville Primary, and Miles Intermediate) and 2 facilities (Whitefoord and Adamsville)
  - TH Slater Elementary\*: 2017 – 2030
  - Price Middle School\*: 2017 – 2030
  - Kindezi at Gideons Elementary\*: 2017 – 2028
  - KIPP Soul Primary: 2018 – June 2029 (conditional)
  - Carver STEAM Academy\*: 2018 – 2030

- 2019**  
New Master Plan Initiated
- Merged CSK (6-12 girls) & BEST (6-12 boys) into the former CSK only facility.
  - Renamed Harper-Archer MS to John Lewis Invictus Academy & moved to the former BEST facility.
  - Merger of Fain & Town Elementary Schools to create Harper-Archer ES at former Harper-Archer MS facility.
  - Atlanta Public Schools (APS) initiated a new Facilities Master Plan (FMP), guided by APS Board of Education policies and strategic goals.
  - A consultant team—Sizemore Group, Bleakly Advisory Group, Sycamore Consulting, & HL Strategy was hired to lead the process and collaborate closely with APS staff.
  - Engagement: 3 Board Retreats, 15 regional community meetings
  - Closed 2 schools (Towns, Fain) & 2 facilities (Towns, Fain)
  - Opened a new school (Harper-Archer) & one facility (Harper-Archer)
  - KIPP Woodson Park Academy\*: 2019 – 2028

- 2020-2021**  
COVID Pauses All Progress
- COVID paused the facilities planning efforts
  - Inman MS moved to Howard facility to become Howard MS
  - Opened one new facility (Reopening of the former Howard HS facility)
  - Closed one facility (Inman MS)
  - Sizemore Extensive analyses of school facility capacity and demographic trends were conducted to forecast school-age population shifts across the district.
  - KIPP Soul Academy: 2020 – June 2029 (conditional)

**NOTE:** From 1996 to 2016, 21 deeply affordable housing complexes with approximately 11,500 housing units were demolished by Atlanta Housing Authority: these demolitions forced out families from APS schools and from the City of Atlanta over this 20-year period.

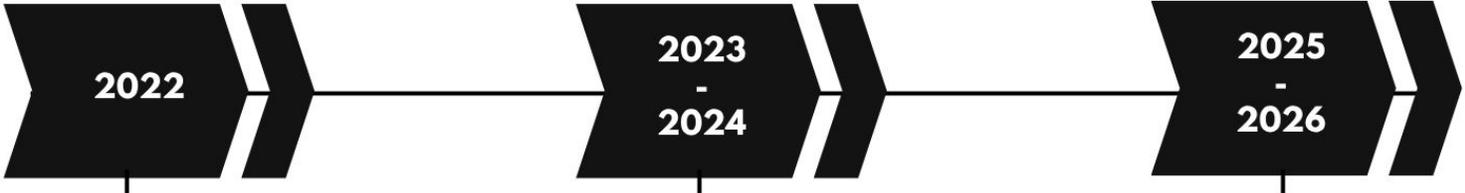


# Where Have We Been?



## Facilities Planning Timeline (Continued)

● Public Schools ● Charter Schools



- Moved Douglass 9th grade to Fain facility.
- January 2022: Restarted the community conversations
- March 2022: School facility scenarios were presented to the APS Board of Education.
- Scenarios were subsequently shared with the public through “Community Conversations” across all APS clusters.
- Dived deeper with Cluster Advisory Teams and school-based community meetings, including 2 district-wide and 3 neighborhood specific meetings.
- April 2022: Sizemore Group released Phase 1 recommendations for Midtown Elementary Schools and Centennial Academy K8 & Dunbar Elementary School, including updated zoning maps.
- May 2022: Superintendent’s Phase 1 recommendations were formally presented. Community engagement took place on the recommendations, providing updates and detailed information to the public.
- June 2022: Superintendent’s Phase 1 recommendations update presented to the Board and community.

Rezoning effort to relieve overcrowding at Midtown and Jackson cluster schools.

**Charter Schools Closed in the last 15 years**  
 Atlanta Preparatory Academy 2012-13  
 Tech High School 2011-12  
 University Community Academy 2011-12  
 Intown Charter Academy 2014-15  
 Latin Academy Charter School 2015-16

Woodson Park Academy K8, Boyd ES, F.L.Stanton ES, & John Lewis Invictus Academy MS rezoning to alleviate overcrowding at Woodson Park Academy (K-8)

7 of 21 are still vacant AH properties, with future plans of redevelopment past 2025.

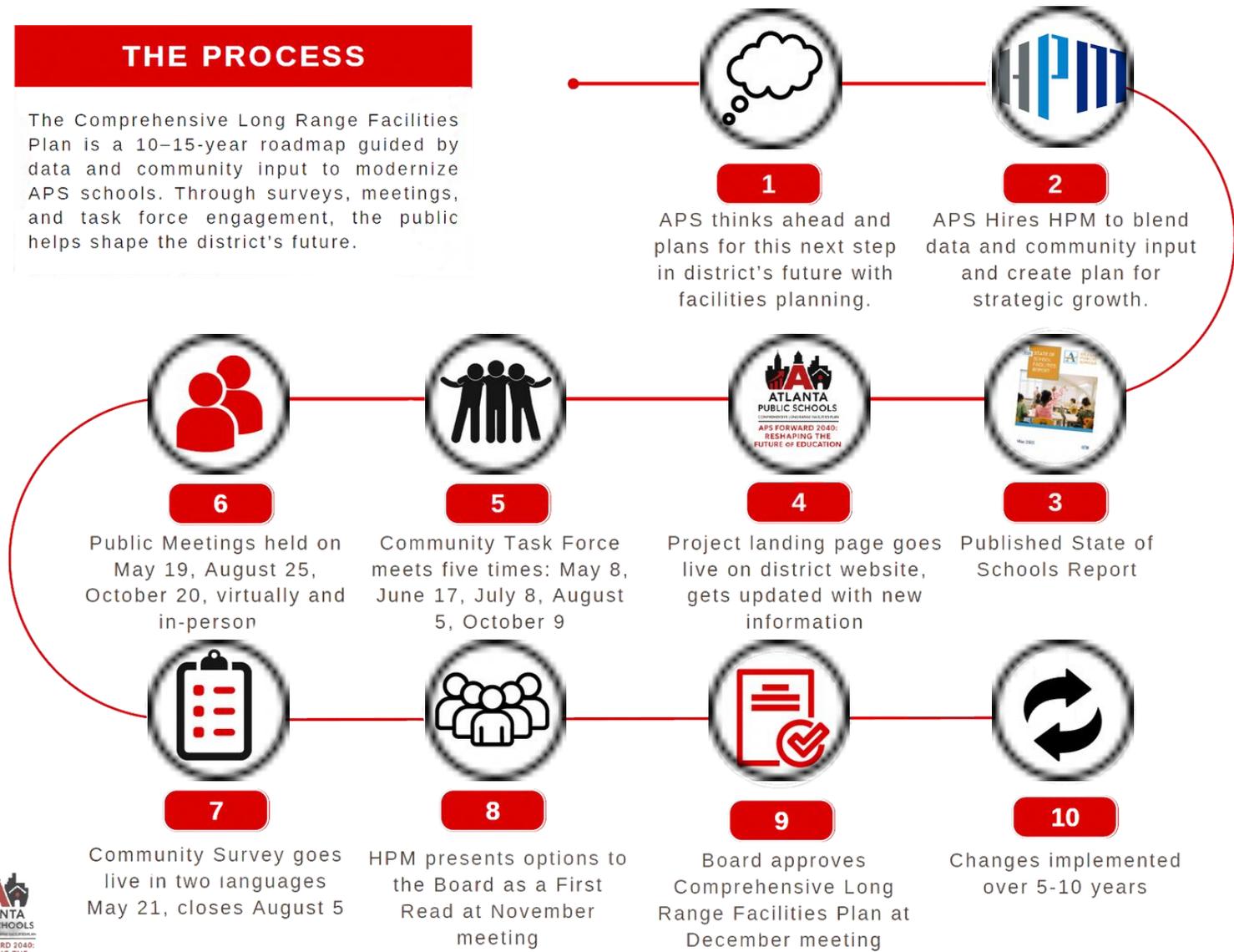
**Ongoing and Community Engagement (Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan)**  
 Three rounds of regional community conversations, plus one round of cluster-specific meetings, were held during the process to gather stakeholder input. The community continues to be encouraged to ask questions, provide feedback, and participate through the APS “Let’s Talk” portal, available 24/7. APS maintains a rolling schedule for upcoming community meetings and Board retreats to inform and engage stakeholders in future phase planning.



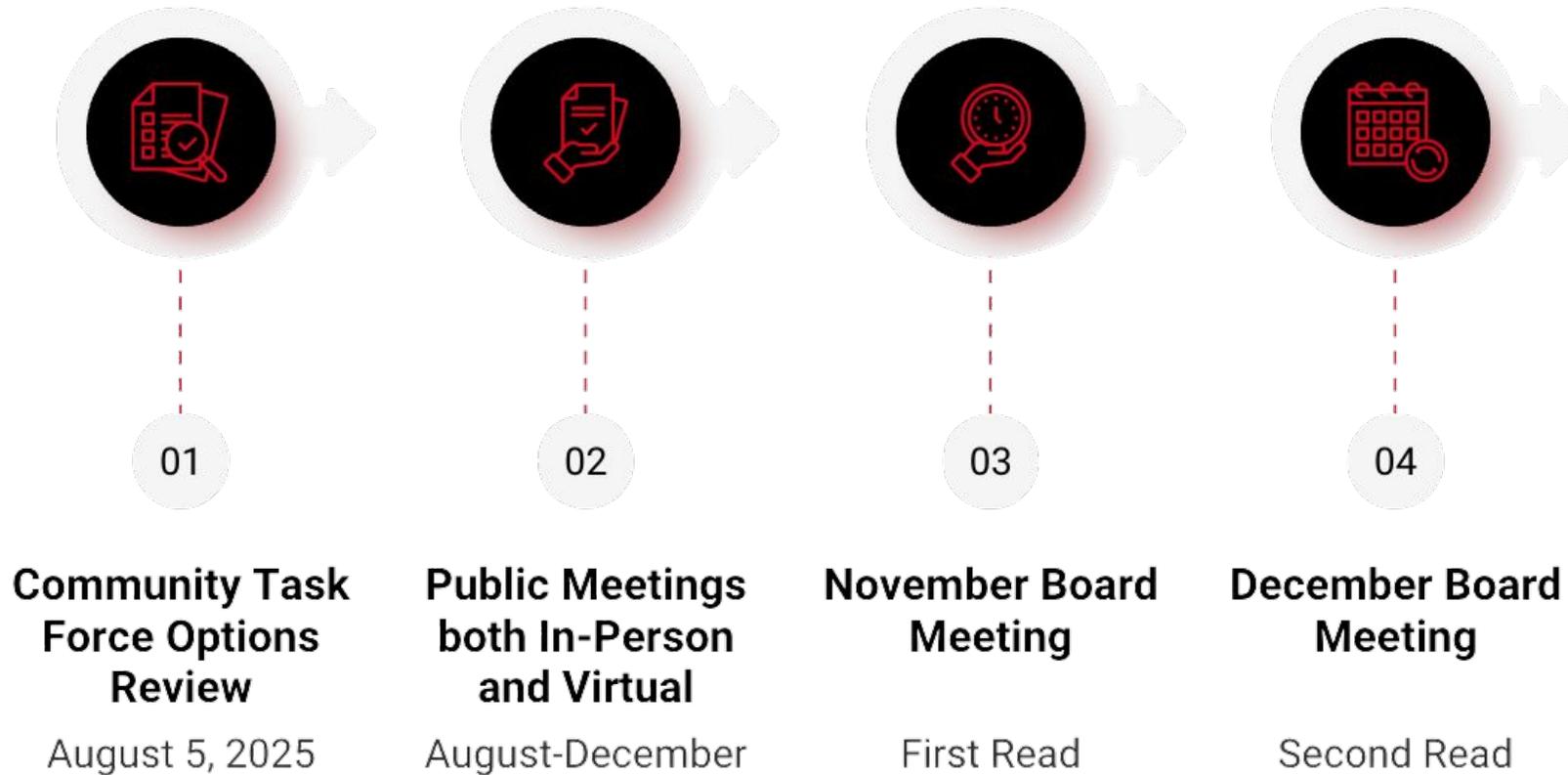
## THE PROCESS

The Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan is a 10–15-year roadmap guided by data and community input to modernize APS schools. Through surveys, meetings, and task force engagement, the public helps shape the district's future.

## Where Are We Now?



# Where Are We Going?

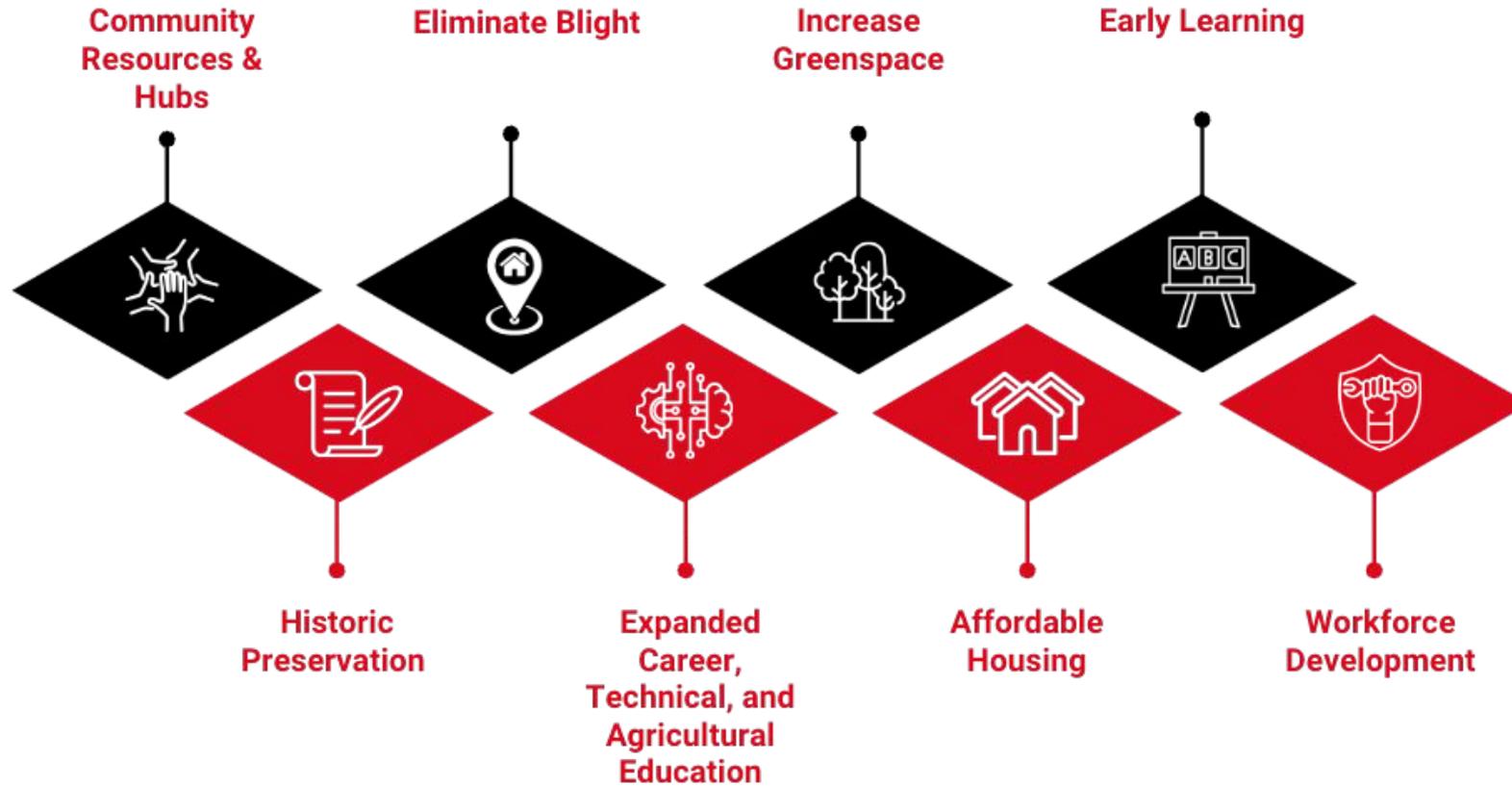


We are planning for numerous opportunities for engagement. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.



# Where Are We Going?

## FACILITIES PLANNING TO IMPROVE STUDENT & COMMUNITY OUTCOMES



*These are in alignment with the Board of Education's priority setting work of 2023*

# Where Are We Going?

## The Atlanta Journal-Constitution News

Metro Atlanta Georgia News Legislature National & World News Business

METRO ATLANTA

### Historic buildings are helping Atlanta reach affordable housing goals

Former schools, printery, bank all under consideration for revamping into housing.



David Mitchell, executive director of the Atlanta Preservation Center (left) joins developers on a tour of the former Lakewood Elementary School, on July 17, 2025. The school is going to be revamped into a mixed-use space with retail and affordable housing units. (Riley Bunch/AJC)



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# Where Are We Going?



## Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities

### Join Us For APS Forward 2040: Reshaping the Future of Education

Atlanta Public Schools is committed to transparency and eager to hear your input as we implement the Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan (CLRFP).

#### In-Person Public Meetings

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 6PM\*  
Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 6PM\*  
Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 6PM\*  
Center for Learning and Leadership  
130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303

#### Virtual Public Meetings

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 12PM(Noon)  
Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 12PM(Noon)  
Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 12PM(Noon)

Link will be provided closer to the date

#### Community Task Force Meetings

Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 6PM  
Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 6PM  
Center for Learning and Leadership  
130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303  
*Open to public to observe*

#### Let's Talk!

Your specific question or comment will be routed to the appropriate APS staff member, who will follow up with you in a timely fashion. Available 24/7 from your phone, computer, or tablet.

#### Community Outreach Meetings

*We'll Come to YOU!*  
August 26, 27, 28  
Dates and Times TBD

#### Public Survey

Provide feedback and shape the future of your school. Open until August 5, 2025. Available in English or Spanish. Scan the QR Code Below to be taken to the Online Survey.

#### Other Important Dates

- Options Go Public: August 18
- First Read: November Board Meeting
- Second Read: December Board Meeting
- All updates here: [atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040](http://atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040)



\*Recording Posted to Website after the meeting is adjourned.



## Próximas oportunidades de participación pública

### Únase a nosotros para APS Forward 2040: Redefiniendo el futuro de la educación

Las Escuelas Públicas de Atlanta están comprometidas con la transparencia y están ansiosas por escuchar sus comentarios a medida que implementamos el Plan Integral de Instalaciones a Largo Plazo.

#### Reuniones públicas presenciales

Lunes 25 de Agosto • 18:00h\*  
Lunes 20 de Octubre • 18:00h\*  
Lunes 10 de Noviembre • 18:00h\*  
Centro de Aprendizaje y Liderazgo  
130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303

#### Reuniones públicas virtuales

Lunes 25 de Agosto • 12:00h\*  
Lunes 20 de Octubre • 12:00h\*  
Lunes 10 de Noviembre • 12:00h\*

Se proporcionará un enlace más cerca de la fecha.

#### Reuniones del grupo de trabajo comunitario

Martes 5 de agosto • 18:00h\*  
Jueves 9 de octubre • 18:00h\*  
Centro de Aprendizaje y Liderazgo  
130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303  
*Abierto al público para observar*

#### ¡Hablemos!

Su pregunta o comentario específico se enviará al miembro del personal de APS correspondiente, quien se pondrá en contacto con usted a la brevedad. Disponible 24/7 desde su teléfono, computadora o tableta.

#### Reuniones de extensión comunitaria

*¡Iremos a ti!*  
26, 27, 28 de Agosto  
Fechas y horarios a determinar

#### Encuesta pública

Comparte tu opinión y define el futuro de tu escuela. Abierto hasta el 5 de agosto de 2025. Disponible en inglés o español. Escanea el código QR a continuación para acceder a la encuesta en línea.

#### Otras fechas importantes

- Opciones disponibles para la bolsa: 18 de Agosto
- Primera lectura: Reunión de la Junta Directiva de Noviembre
- Segunda lectura: Reunión de la Junta Directiva de Diciembre
- Todas las actualizaciones aquí [atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040](http://atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040)



\*Grabación publicada en el sitio web después de que se levanta la reunión.



# THANK YOU!



For more information and the latest updates, visit the  
Comprehensive Long Range Facility Plan @  
[www.atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040)