



Facility Master Plan and Listening Tour Update

January 12, 2026 • BOE Meeting

How Did We Get Here?

2023-2025

2023 Strategic Planning Process

staff and community feedback on mission, shared beliefs and goals

Financial Analysis

detailed look at how discontinuation of ESSER funding impacts the district, as well as recommendations to close the budget gap

Facility Master Plan Process

feedback gathered from Strategic Planning process and additional feedback about FMP (survey and listening sessions)

School Closure Process

community engagement and feedback regarding the 6 buildings identified as closing at the end of the 2023-24 school year

Annual Budget Process

building needs assessment is conducted annually as part of the budget process

2025 Bond Outreach Process

Feb 2025 bond outreach, WPS staff provided educational information to the community through a variety of methods



Building Listening Tour

Purpose and Overview

- Comprehensive Staff Feedback
- Facility and Instructional Challenges
- Vision for Ideal Learning Spaces
- Commitment to Transparency



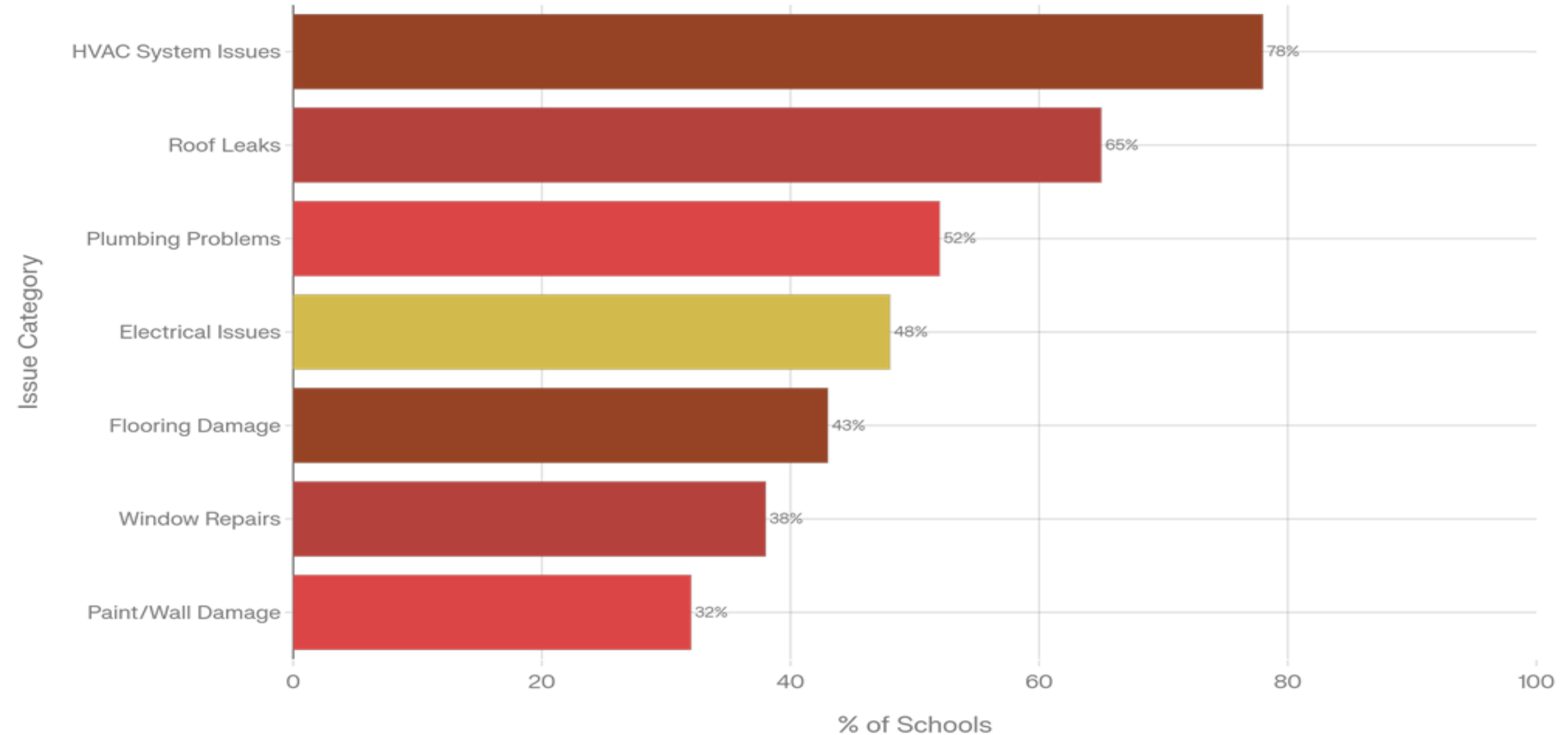
School Staff Listening Session Data

	Attendees		Survey Participants	
Group	#	%	#	%
Elem	1,777	46.2%	986	48.5%
Middle	696	18.1%	467	23.0%
K-8	235	6.1%	62	3.0%
High	871	22.7%	375	18.4%
Other	264	6.9%	144	7.1%
Total	3,843	100.00%	2,034	100.00%



Top Facility Challenges (% of Schools Reporting)

Most common infrastructure issues across district



Additional General Feedback

- Small, Non-Flexible Classrooms
- Multi-use Gymnasium and Cafeteria Issues
- Traffic Flow and Common Areas
- Athletic Facilities Needs
- Health, Safety and Accessibility Concerns



Summary and Opportunities

- Facility Challenges Identified
- Reimagining Learning Environments
- On-going Staff Engagement



Facility Needs

- Average building age is 61 years old
- Average Facility Condition Index (FCI) is 0.59, as of 1/8/26 (< 0.45 target range)
- 68% of students are currently attending school in buildings outside of the FCI (0.45 max) target range



WPS Enrollment History & Projections



Closing School Considerations

- High FCI
- Low utilization rate
- Enrollment declines and low school enrollment
- Pure magnet where similar themed schools have capacity
- Proximity to, capacity of nearby schools
- Ability to staff our schools at appropriate levels
- Impact on students, neighborhoods, and district
- Balance and consistency of resources



District VS School Enrollment

- WPS is the largest school district in Kansas
- WPS ranks in the lowest 10% of districts when it comes to students per school (operating a significant number schools with low enrollment)
- District facility utilization rate is 69.15%



Closure Timeline Recommendation

School	Original timeline	Without a bond	With a bond
Woodland	End of 27-28	End of 26-27	End of 28-29
OK	End of 26-27	End of 26-27	End of 28-29
L'Ouverture	End of 27-28	End of 26-27	End of 26-27
PVE	End of 26-27	End of 26-27	End of 26-27

These dates represent no new developments nor emergencies





Questions