

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 5.01(2)
FACILITIES RETIREMENT**

The question of school closings will be considered in the development of long-range plans for building and site modernization and utilization. The following procedures are to be followed in school closings:

(a) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SCHOOLS FOR POSSIBLE CLOSING

1. Factors of cost, demographics, facility adequacy, and program will be used in conjunction with policies on buildings and sites to determine schools to be considered as candidates for closing.
2. Further, the Board shall require that:
 - a. schools be equally spaced throughout the city to ensure no area is devoid of facilities (see Administrative Policy 5.01);
 - b. schools be retained in areas where student populations will support them from either the neighborhood or specialty;
 - c. schools be retained as long as the budget will support them;
 - d. programmatic needs of the neighborhood and system be considered for any possible reuse of a building.

(b) BUILDING CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM

1. In all future school building planning, high priority will be given to equity in movement of children for racial balance.
2. The following three-phase consolidation program will be initiated, with each building being studied on an individual basis for retention:
 - a. immediate closure of certain buildings, with no further use or replacement contemplated;
 - b. continued use of certain buildings on a short-term basis, with closure at a later date and no further use or replacement by the school system contemplated;
 - c. replacement of buildings only when they are determined to be structurally unsound and unsuitable for the educational program and when additions and renovations are not feasible to alleviate the problems.

(c) CONSOLIDATION PRINCIPLES

The consolidation of the school plant will be based on the following principles:

1. Schools to be retained will be limited to those which operate on an educationally and economically effective basis.
2. Consideration of factors relating to programs, personnel, desegregation, and community use will be made by the Board before a decision on retention is made.

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