

March 13, 2026

The North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee places the following policy on the table for public review. Should you wish to comment about the policy, please email your comments to info@nmrsd.org

Thank you.

FILE: FCB

RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES

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When a school building becomes inadequate due to age, condition, site size, lack of need, or other significant limitations and cannot reasonably and economically meet current educational standards, the building should be considered for a comprehensive closing study. The Superintendent will recommend to the NMRSD School Committee which facilities appear to justify further analysis.

Retiring a school building should never be a quick decision unless the immediate safety of the building is in question. Budgetary considerations should be weighed against the future long range planning needs of the district.

The NMRSD School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, shall immediately decide what the evaluation process will be and may seek both professional advice and community input in making decisions regarding the retirement of any school facility. This process allows the public, who originally acquired the property, to benefit from its recycling or retirement.

The Superintendent will conduct a closing study that will include direct involvement from the towns affected by the study and will address some or all of the following factors, as deemed by the NMRSD school committee:

1. Age and current physical condition of the facility, its operating systems, and program facilities
2. Adequacy of site, location, access, surrounding development, traffic patterns, and other environmental conditions.
3. Current and projected district enrollment capacity.
4. Current and projected in-district Special Education programming or other known special programming space needs.
5. Reassignment of children, including alternative plans according to Committee policy
6. Transportation factors, including the number of children bused, time, distance, and safety
7. Alternative uses of the building for district needs.
8. Cost/Savings
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Plant Operation
 - c. Transportation
 - d. Capital Investment
 - e. Alternative Use
9. Continuity of instructional and community programs

10. Community impact

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