



PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FUTURE-READY

FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE

Friday, August 15, 2025

The Time is Now to Ensure Future-Ready Schools for Every Student

Pittsburgh Public Schools faces a critical moment. For years, our capital investments have been focused on **urgent maintenance**—keeping our schools safe, dry, and operational. We've replaced failing boilers, repaired leaking roofs, upgraded outdated electrical systems, and addressed aging HVAC units. While these repairs are essential to the health and safety of our students and staff, they are not enough to create the **modern, equitable learning environments** our students deserve.

From Maintenance to Modernization

Our current approach sustains buildings, but it does not transform them. Without action, too many students will continue learning in facilities that meet only the minimum operational standards—not the evolving demands of 21st-century education.

Air Conditioning: A Case Study in Equity

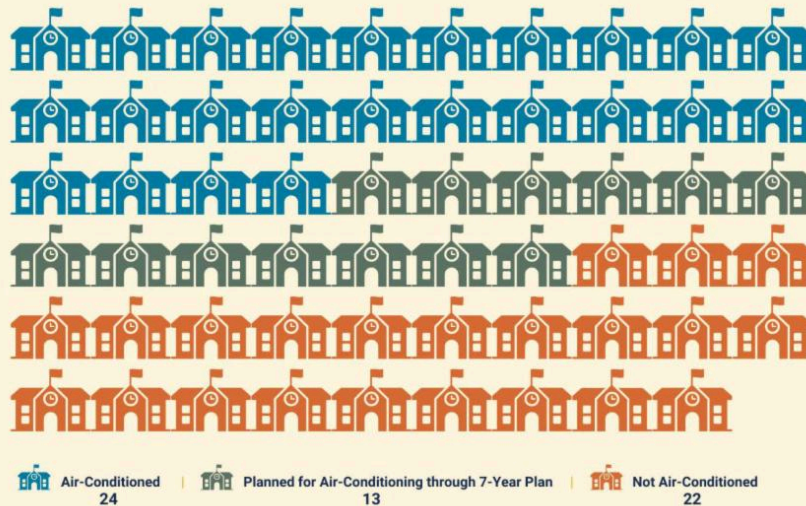
Access to air-conditioned classrooms reveals a major equity gap across our District:

- **59 facilities today** → Only 24 have air conditioning. Over the next 7 years → 13 more will be completed, leaving **22 buildings still without**
- **With the Future-Ready Facilities Plan:** Footprint reduced to 48 school buildings — 32 with air conditioning within 7 years, 16 without remaining to be scheduled in the following 7-year capital plan

This work is not about building new schools, it is about making sure all students have safe, dry, climate-controlled spaces to learn.

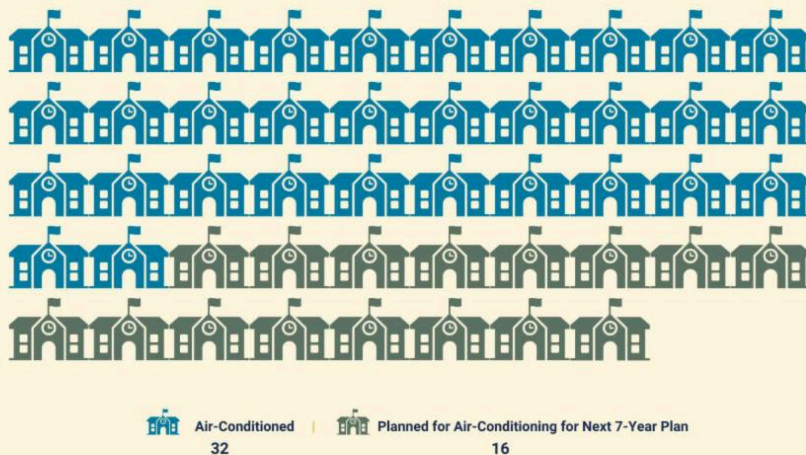
Air Conditioning: Current 7-Year Capital Plan

Significant disparities exist in the availability of temperature-controlled learning environments across the District.



Air Conditioning: Post Portfolio Changes

Ensuring all students can learn in safe, dry, and climate-controlled environments over next seven years.



Why It Takes Time

Air conditioning an average 90-year-old school facility is a complex and costly process. While smaller schools can sometimes have installation completed within a year, larger facilities—such as Allderdice, the District’s largest high school with more than 1,300 students—can take up to seven years.

Why so long? Because it’s never “just air conditioning.”

- Ceilings must be removed and replaced
- New lighting is installed to meet modern, sustainable standards
- Walls are repainted, and certain areas of the building may be closed during construction
- Temporary classrooms may be needed to keep learning on track

While some work can be completed during the school year, the most disruptive construction is scheduled for the summer months to reduce the impact on teaching and learning. This phased approach extends the overall installation timeline but allows the school to remain operational throughout the project.

Why We Must Act Now

Right now, most of our 7-Year Capital Plan is spent on basic maintenance. By **thoughtfully consolidating underutilized school buildings**, we can:

- Avoid **\$102.9 million** in future facility costs from closed buildings, including capital expenditures and 3-year facilities cost.
- Reinvest **\$103.3 million** into modernizing the schools that remain open
- Achieve a total capital cost avoidance of **\$68.5 million**.
- Create learning environments that are equitable, excellent, and efficient

COST AVOIDANCE FOR PROPOSED 9 FACILITY CLOSURES

Total Capital Expenditure \$102,260,806.00	Total Annual Utility Cost Reduction \$591,846.00	Total Cost Avoidance \$102,852,652.00
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
(2025-2031)



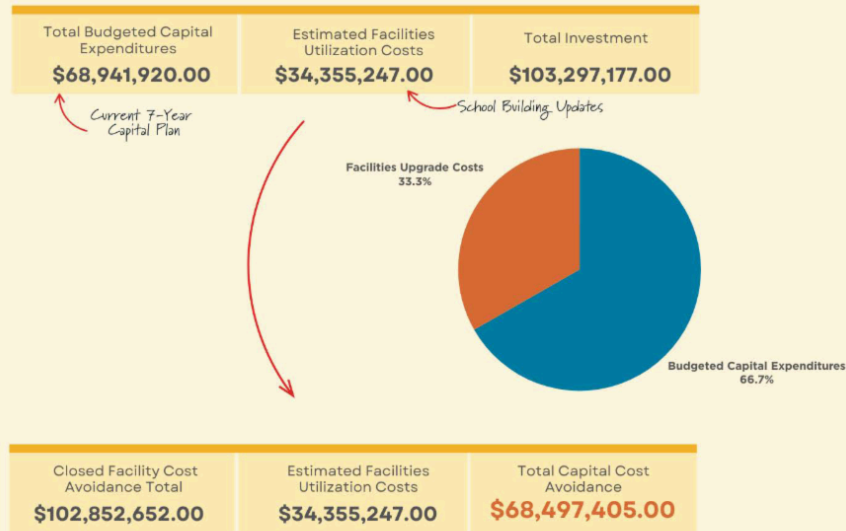
ANNUAL UTILITY COSTS
(3-Year Average)



TOTAL

SCHOOL	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (2025-2031)	ANNUAL UTILITY COSTS (3-Year Average)	TOTAL
Friendship	\$16,568,734.00	\$61,485.00	\$16,630,219.00
Fulton	\$9,078,920.00	\$49,030.00	\$9,127,950.00
Manchester	\$20,939,572.00	\$77,458.00	\$21,017,030.00
Miller	\$11,880,240.00	\$71,023.00	\$11,951,263.00
Morrow Primary	\$5,758,400.00	\$95,144.00	\$5,853,544.00
Schiller	\$7,189,740.00	\$75,550.00	\$7,265,290.00
Spring Hill	\$4,730,620.00	\$41,025.00	\$4,771,645.00
Student Achievement Center	\$7,688,880.00	\$84,628.00	\$7,773,508.00
Woolslair	\$18,425,700.00	\$36,503.00	\$18,462,203.00
TOTAL	\$102,260,806.00	\$591,846.00	\$102,852,652.00

Summary of Facilities Savings



What Modernization Looks Like

With reinvestment, we can:

- Update classrooms for collaboration and creativity
- Expand access to air conditioning
- Create flexible, tech-ready spaces for personalized learning
- Provide every student with a high-quality, future-ready environment

This is our opportunity to make a real difference for today's students and generations to come.

We need your support to make it happen. Together, we can shift from patching buildings to transforming them into places where every child can thrive.

Share Your Voice - Take the Future-Ready Facilities Plan Survey

The District is seeking perspectives on the potential impact of the proposed changes, as well as suggestions to support students and families through any future transitions. Survey closes Sunday, September 7th.

[Future-Ready Facilities Plan Survey](#)



Join us at our next PPS Community Kickback



COMMUNITY KICKBACKS



The Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) is gathering input on the current draft of the Future-Ready Facilities Plan and feedback to inform transition planning should the Board approve a final Future-Ready Facilities Plan. Families and community are invited to share their input through community conversations, surveys, and in-person engagements across various neighborhoods—including our PPS Community Kickbacks!

While you're there, you can also:



Enroll your child for the upcoming school year...



Register for the PPS summer reading program...



Learn about job opportunities with PPS...



Enjoy food, music, and good vibes with the PPS Crew...

...and much more!

Don't miss this chance to connect, learn, and help shape the future of our schools!

August 21

4:00-6:00 PM

Northview Heights Community Center
415 Mt. Pleasant Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

For more opportunities to provide input visit pghschools.org/futurePPS

Do you want to learn more about the Future-Ready Facilities Plan?

Visit our website (linked below) for the latest updates to our FAQs, plan materials, engagement opportunities, and to explore your child's K-12 pathway using the Find My School Search Tool.

Stay connected by following Pittsburgh Public Schools on Facebook, X, Instagram, Bluesky, YouTube, and Vimeo.

Future-Ready Facilities Plan

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Pittsburgh Public Schools

Students first
Always, in all ways.

#PITTSBURGHforPPS
Monday, August 18, 2025
9 AM - 1 PM

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*While supplies last

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