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## **Pittsburgh Public Schools Board Approves Future-Ready Facilities Plan**

*Historic Investment Will Expand Student Opportunities, Modernize Schools and  
Create More Equitable Learning Environments*

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 27, 2026— The Pittsburgh Public Schools Board of Public Education has approved the District’s Future-Ready Facilities Plan, a long-term strategy designed to transform learning environments, improve operational efficiency, and expand equitable access to high-quality academic programming and student supports across the city. The approval marks a significant milestone in the District’s ongoing commitment to ensuring every student has access to safe, modern, and student-centered learning environments aligned to the District’s strategic plan and evolving educational needs.

“The approval of the Future-Ready Facilities Plan represents a transformational investment in the future of our students, schools, and communities,” said Superintendent Wayne N. Walters, EdD. “This plan is about far more than buildings. It is about creating equitable opportunities, strengthening academic experiences, and ensuring every student has access to learning environments that support success in college, career, and life.”

The Future-Ready Facilities Plan addresses long-standing challenges related to declining enrollment and aging infrastructure by aligning resources with student needs through school consolidations, new school openings, grade-level reconfigurations, and investments in modernized facilities. The plan is designed to create more equitable and consistent student experiences while generating approximately \$4 million in savings in 2027 and approximately \$8 million in savings in 2028, the first full year of implementation, supporting future investments in academic initiatives and student supports.

### **What the Plan Includes**

The approved plan includes:

- The closure of 12 schools and nine facilities. School closures include Allegheny 6-8, Arsenal PreK-5, Fulton PreK-5, King PreK-8, Linden PreK-5, Manchester PreK-8, Miller PreK-5, Millions 6-12, South Brook 6-8, South Hills 6-8, Spring Hill K-5 and Woolslair PreK-5.
- The opening of two new schools and one early childhood center
- Multiple grade-level and programmatic changes designed to create scalable pathways and clearer feeder patterns



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- Transition of Gifted and Credit Recovery services to neighborhood schools
- Expanded access to academic programming, arts, athletics, world languages, and career pathways

The average age of PPS school buildings is approximately 90 years. The District estimates the plan could avoid more than \$100 million in future facility costs while allowing for more than \$103 million in investments in modernized learning spaces over the next seven years.

### **Phased Implementation and Community Engagement**

The approved plan outlines a [phased implementation process](#) that will occur over multiple years. Year One school closures would take place at the end of the 2026–27 school year, with students transitioning to their new schools beginning in the 2027–28 school year. The phased timeline is intended to provide students, families, and staff with time to prepare for successful transitions.

Board President Gene Walker said the approval reflects the District’s responsibility to prepare students and schools for the future.

“Tonight’s vote represents an important step toward creating learning environments that reflect the excellence and opportunities our students deserve,” said Mr. Walker. “This plan positions Pittsburgh Public Schools to better serve students for generations to come while remaining focused on equity, opportunity, and long-term sustainability.”

The Future-Ready Facilities Plan is the result of an extensive multi-year process that included facility assessments, enrollment and demographic analysis, educational adequacy reviews, financial evaluations, and broad community engagement. Throughout the process, the District gathered input from students, families, staff, community members, and stakeholders through public meetings, surveys, focus groups, and engagement sessions.

District leaders emphasized that implementation of the plan will continue to include engagement with affected school communities throughout the transition process. Additional implementation details, timelines, and transition planning information will be shared with families and stakeholders as work progresses.

The Future-Ready Facilities Plan supports the District’s strategic plan, Students First Always, In All Ways, by prioritizing equitable access to educational opportunities, strengthening student experiences, and creating learning environments designed to meet the needs of today’s learners and future generations.

Additional information about the Future-Ready Facilities Plan, including presentations, FAQs, reports, and implementation materials, is available at [www.pghschools.org/futurePPS](http://www.pghschools.org/futurePPS).