PSD Middle School Consolidation Committee

DAO Boardroom

Wednesday September 30, 2026

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Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Berrios, Superintendent
- Dr. Palmer and Mr. Renner, Committee Co-Chairs

Committee Charge

Examine the feasibility and implications of a potential transition from three middle schools to two and identify what would be necessary for successful implementation.

The committee will:

- Examine academic, operational, financial, facilities, staffing, transportation, and student-transition considerations.
- Identify potential challenges and unintended consequences.
- Evaluate potential solutions.
- Consider community questions and concerns.
- Develop findings and recommendations for consideration by the Board.

The committee does not make the final decision.
The Board of School Directors retains that responsibility.

Background

District conducted an Enrollment and Utilization Study

- Previous Study Completed in 2016-2017
- PEL Enrollment Study presented - February 2025
- Breslin Utilization Study presented - May 2025

Findings

- District-wide enrollment decline
- Uneven enrollment and capacity at the elementary level (K-5)
- Excess capacity at the secondary level (6-12)

Recommendations

- Complete implementation of FDK in 2026-2027 and revise elementary attendance boundaries to balance enrollment.
- Consolidate to two (2) middle schools to better use available space.

Enrollment Projections 6-8 by Building

	ACTUAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS				PROJECTED SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS					
	2016-17	2024-25			5-Year 2029-30			10-Year 2034-35		
School	Enroll.	Enroll.	# +/-	% +/-	Enroll.	# +/-	% +/-	Enroll.	# +/-	% +/-
Middle Schools										
North	658	529	-129	-19.6%	553	24	4.5%	576	47	8.9%
Central	682	475	-207	-30.4%	451	-24	-5.1%	470	-5	-1.1%
South	498	386	-112	-22.5%	322	-64	-16.6%	335	-51	-13.2%
Total	1,838	1,390			1,326			1,381		

Breslin Recommendation: Consolidate to (2) Middle Schools

Current Middle School Data

MIDDLE SCHOOLS	BUILDING CAPACITY	CURRENT ENROLLMENT	CURRENT UTILIZATION	TARGET UTILIZATION	TARGET CAPACITY
Central Middle School	1028	475	46%	75%	771
North Middle School	1030	529	51%	75%	773
South Middle School	1034	386	37%	75%	776

- Based on current and projected enrollments, a middle school can be closed beginning in the 2026-27 school year
- Remaining middle schools will need to be redistricted to balance student populations
- All (3) existing middle schools have roughly the same capacity based on how they are being utilized, therefore a specific recommendation for which middle school to close is not included.

Projected Middle School Data

MIDDLE SCHOOLS	BUILDING CAPACITY	2026-27 ENROLLMENT	2026-27 UTILIZATION	TARGET UTILIZATION	TARGET CAPACITY
Middle School #1	1030	715	69%	75%	773
Middle School #2	1030	715	69%	75%	773

- The Pennsylvania Economy League's highest projection for middle school enrollment between 2026-27 and 2034-35 is 1,429 students in 2026-27.

Historic Maximum Enrollment since 2004-2005 using PDE Data

- Central MS 682 in 2016-2017
- North MS 699 in 2011-2012
- South MS 531 in 2004-2005

Resources

Middle School Consolidation Planning Committee Document

PSD Middle School Consolidation Proposal 5-4-26 (Video Link)

PSD Middle School Consolidation Update 6-2-26 (Video Link)

PSD Building Utilization Study Presentation 6-10-25 (Video Link)

PSD Utilization and Enrollment Study Report 5-27-25

Middle School Planning Committee

Working Groups	Leads (Members)	Tasks
Academic Programs and Scheduling	Dr. Bloom Dr. Collice	Middle school schedule design Teaming and instructional structures
Communication and Community Engagement	Mr. Thomas Dr. Palmer	Parent and family communication Community engagement opportunities
Student Transition and School Culture	Mr. Renner Mr. Johnson	Student orientation and transition supports School culture and climate integration
Staffing and Human Resources	Dr. Doster Mr. Keddie	Staff reassignment/transfer process Certification and placement alignment Attrition and staffing needs
Transportation and Boundary Planning	Dr. Palmer Ms. Krause	Redistricting scenarios and feeder patterns Transportation routing and efficiency Cost and operational impact
Facilities, Operations, and Logistics	Mr. Daubert Mr. Bramble	Capacity and space analysis at North and Central (classroom, lab, and shared space utilization) Required renovations or modifications Moving materials, equipment, and technology

Proposed Timeline for Implementation

Time/Meeting	Tasks
September 30, 2026 *Kickoff Meeting*	• Introduction and Charge • Establish working groups and any additional participants/ resources • Establish Timeline and Tasks
October-November 2026 *Working Group Meetings*	• Working groups meet individually to complete group tasks • Review relevant data and check in with Chairs and group leaders
November 16, 2026 *Full Committee Meeting*	• Groups will report initial findings • Identify potential concerns, additional resource needs • Discussion and feedback from full committee
December-January *Working Group Meetings Continued*	• Working groups meet individually to complete group tasks • Review relevant data and check in with Chairs and group leaders
January 7, 2027 *Full Committee Meeting*	• Review of findings • Potential Recommendations and Challenges
January 11, 2027	• Presentation of **Findings and Recommendations** to School Board • Public hearing following recommendation to the Board
2027-2028 School Year	• Continued work on transitions, implementation, logistics related to consolidation contingent upon board decision

Working Group Progress

Communications And Community Engagement

- Website
- Draft Community Survey

Academic Programs and Scheduling

- Potential Middle School Schedule
- Sample Student Schedules

Facilities Operations and Logistics

- ICS review of MS Facilities
- PEL Updated Enrollment Projections

Committee Feedback

Please take time to complete this feedback survey once you have had the chance to review the information and reflect on this session.

PSD MSCC Member Feedback Form Meeting 1