



Facilities & Long Range Planning Committee

Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Location: Northwood Middle School (Northwood and Pittsburgh Learning Center Tour)

Guiding Purpose:

The task facing the district (and this committee) is not to build more where building is not needed, but to modernize what is aging and failing, right-size what enrollment data demands, and define the district's commitment to the future of Alternative Learning Experience offerings (i.e. – Learning Options programs).

The Work Ahead:

- Welcome and introductions
- Scope and Sequence of the committee's work (2026-27)
 - Current Facilities reality (overview of the 2025 Study & Survey)
 - Boundaries, Enrollment, Growth
 - Programmatic considerations (ALE, Alt.Ed., CTE)
- Select Chair / Co-Chair
- Expectations, goals, bylaws

Understanding the Current Reality:

- Commissioning Document Review
- Mead's Capital Projects 15-year History / Bond History (past 20 years; also share district-owned land)
- Comparing a "modern" school facility with "vintage" facilities: Safety & Security Changes / Clean Buildings Act (Energy & Envelope) / Special Services Requirements / "functional obsolescence?"
- Longitudinal Enrollment Analysis
 - 10 years of enrollment
 - Factoring in MLO and Transition to Kindergarten enrollment
 - FTE vs. Headcount (mostly a high school consideration...Running Start)
- National enrollment trends
 - <https://www.k12dive.com/news/where-and-why-public-school-enrollment-keeps-declining/826269/>
 - <https://reason.org/education-newsletter/why-k-12-public-school-enrollments-dropped-in-40-states/>
 - <https://www.ecs.org/how-the-federal-tax-credit-scholarship-program-may-affect-states/>
- Current Building Use: Present reality in elementary schools and current boundaries
 - When / why are boundary adjustments necessary (new school or closed school)

Future Meetings:

December 2026

- **Location: Colbert Elementary**
- Growth Trends / Construction Trends
 - Guest: Scott Chesney, Spokane County Director of Planning
 - Housing (volume and type)
 - Student Yield Factors
 - Birth Rate Analysis
 - Current and future projects
- What exactly are the “ALE” programs (Mead's “Learning Option Program”) and what’s the future look like for the Mead Learning Options program?

February 2027

- **Location: Skyline Elementary**
- Funding School Construction: Understanding Voted Debt (Bonds, Capital Levies) and the basics of school finance
 - Guest: Cory Plager, Public Finance Specialist, D.A. DavidsonWhat do “Basic Ed” dollars pay for? (does the state fund school construction?)
 - How does Washington fund school construction & modernization
 - Local funds (bonds and capital levies) & SCAP
 - Understanding the math of **total** tax rates (school taxes)
 - Voter support for school bonds
- Travis Bown, Mead’s Director of Maintenance (understanding modern HVAC systems and designing a more efficient building envelope; Washington’s Clean Buildings Act)

March 2027

- **Location: Brentwood Elementary**

April 2027

- **Location: Shiloh Hills Elementary**

May 2027

- **Location: Evergreen Elementary**

June 2017

- Midpoint presentation to the Board of Directors at the June 21 regular meeting?