

Action Item - 27

Board of Education Meeting Date: 9/19/2024

Title: Facilities Plan Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP AND PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON A FACILITIES UTILIZATION PLAN WHICH SHALL INCLUDE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WHEREAS, the Board of Education's (Board) mission is that all sectors of public education in Philadelphia will work with urgency to provide every student with the opportunity to achieve positive life outcomes in partnership with diverse families, educators, and community members who are valued and respected;

WHEREAS, in December 2020, the Board adopted its Goals and Guardrails, which guides the District's path forward by defining what we want all of our students to know and be able to do and what conditions need to be in place in every school to provide every student with an equitable opportunity to imagine and realize any future they desire— whether that's in college, in the military or in a career;

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2023, the Board approved *Accelerate Philly*, the District's 5-year strategic plan, which identified 62 key strategic actions over a five year period to position the District to achieve the Board's Goals and Guardrails and become the fastest improving large urban district in the nation;

WHEREAS, priority area one of *Accelerate Philly* commits to improve safety and well-being (physical, social-emotional, and environmental) for District students, staff and families, *Accelerate Philly* also identifies a strategic action focused on establishing a facilities master plan project team, including internal and external stakeholders, to identify a process and investments needed to significantly improve academic achievement and to achieve Guardrails 1 and 2;

WHEREAS, the Board desires modernizing facilities to optimize building utilization and student rostering to support academic achievement, provide more rigorous academic offerings, provide more Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) opportunities, provide more access to high-quality Arts, Music, and Physical Education, and Enhance Career and Technical Education opportunities;

WHEREAS, the average age of District-owned schools is 73 years old;

WHEREAS, district-operated schools have classroom space for 180,000 students and currently serve 116,000 students and charter-operated schools in District facilities have classroom space for 19,801 students and currently serve 14,387 students;

WHEREAS, in order to achieve this desired state, the Board believes it is necessary to complete a

review of facilities utilization and conditions across the District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The School District of Philadelphia Board of Education directs the Superintendent to complete Phase 8 of the Facilities Plan by engaging community stakeholders in robust process that results in recommendations that address the following:

1. Maximize use of our school buildings and student rostering to provide more equitable:
 - . Rigorous academic offerings,
 - a. Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) opportunities,
 - b. Access to high-quality Arts, Music, and Physical Education, and
 - c. Career and Technical Education opportunities
2. Address enrollment trends that have created financial and operational inefficiencies
3. Identify District schools/buildings to be modernized, collocated, repurposed or closed.

RESOLVED this ____ day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Secretary

By: _____
President

Office Originating Request:
Board of Education