

## RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES

When a school building becomes inadequate due to age, condition, size of site, lack of need or other overriding limitations and cannot reasonably and economically be brought up to current educational standards, the building will be considered for a comprehensive closing study. The Superintendent will recommend to the Board which facilities appear to justify further analysis.

The Board may seek both professional advice and advice from the community prior to taking action to retire any school facility. The Board may consider all or some of the following factors:

1. age and current physical condition of the facility, its operating systems and program;
2. adequacy of site, location, access, surrounding development, traffic patterns and other environmental conditions;
3. re-assignment of children, including alternative plans, according to Board policy;
4. transportation factors, including number of children bused, time, distance and safety;
5. alternative uses of buildings;
6. cost/savings, e.g., personnel; plant operations; transportation; capital investment and alternative use and
7. continuity of instructional and community programs.

If the Board determines to close a school, it will first consider other uses of the building before considering its sale. The historic value of any building will also be considered by the Board. In such cases, it may take special action to provide for its preservation.

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