

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Closure of Facilities

The facilities master plan shall include plans for the closure and subsequent disposition of facilities. The decision to close a facility shall be made only upon a showing that such action is economically advantageous to the district when judged against the historical or educational value of the facility and convenience to the patrons in its neighborhood.

Before the board decides to close any facility, it shall have prepared a report considering the following:

1. Projected or actual enrollment declines and the likelihood that they shall remain permanent,
2. The effect that the disposition or retirement shall have on other facilities and on the district's educational program offering,
3. Student and staff displacement, including transportation costs to new facilities and staff reassignment,
4. Potential environmental impact including, when necessary, compliance with the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA),
5. Potential for renovation,
6. Financial considerations in terms of such factors as cost savings, the cost of operating and maintenance, the potential revenue from sale or lease of property, the cost of closure and transferring operations elsewhere,
7. Safety, health, and fire regulations, and
8. Whether or not the facility may effectively be used for other purposes.

The board shall seek comment from any interested person or organization regarding a potential closure or other disposition of a facility at a meeting scheduled for that purpose. Such comment is for advisory purposes only. The final determination of whether a facility shall remain open and what alternatives the district shall take shall be made by the board.

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.010
RCW 43.21C

Corporate powers
State Environmental Policy Act

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