

The School District of Philadelphia

Facilities Master Plan: Summary of Recommendations

(revised 02/18/13)

The School District of Philadelphia has been engaged in an intensive process to develop a long-range Facilities Master Plan. The goal of the plan is simple: to create efficient use of school facilities that aligns programs and resources to the greatest benefit of students. The Facilities Master Plan creates a framework to allow the School District to achieve the following:

- Standardize grade configuration to create predictable and manageable transitions for students.
- Reduce excess capacity through building closures, co-locations, termination of leases, and closure of annexes.
- Develop a new Capital Improvement Program that addresses deferred maintenance and educational adequacy.
- Develop a plan for surplus real estate and an opportunity for community engagement.
- Generate revenue from the sale of surplus properties to be applied to debt service or capital fund.

On Thursday, December 13, 2012, the School District released recommendations impacting 66 schools. Following the announcement, the District hosted a series of parent and community meetings in December, January, and February. In addition, community stakeholders were invited to submit proposals for consideration.

After evaluating feedback from the community meetings, alternate proposals, projected utilization and savings goals, the Superintendent has issued a set of revised recommendations for consideration and action by the School Reform Commission (SRC).

The School Reform Commission will hold a public hearing on all building and program closures on Thursday, February 21st, Friday, February 22nd, and Saturday, February 23rd. The hearings will be held at the School District of Philadelphia Education Center (440 N. Broad Street). The SRC is expected to take action on these recommendations on Thursday, March 7th.

For more information on the Facilities Master Plan, please visit www.philasd.org/fmp.

NORTH-CENTRAL PLANNING AREA

GRADE CHANGES

The following schools will be recommended to become K-5 Elementary Schools beginning September 2013.

1. Hackett Elementary School (2161 E. York Street, 19125): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will transition to Penn Treaty Middle School.
2. Wright Elementary School (2700 W. Dauphin Street, 19132): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will transition to (new) Rhodes Elementary School.
3. Cramp Elementary School (3449 N. Mascher Street, 19140): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will transition to ASPIRA-Stetson Middle School.

The following schools will convert to new K-8 elementary schools beginning September 2013.

1. Roberto Clemente Promise Academy (122 W. Erie Avenue, 19140): Currently a 6-8 middle school. All students presently attending Clemente will remain. Students presently enrolled in grades K through 5 at Taylor Elementary School will relocate to Clemente. As a result, Clemente will change from a middle school to a K-8 elementary school.
2. EW Rhodes Middle School (2900 W. Clearfield Street, 19132): Currently a 7-8 middle school. Students presently enrolled in grade 7 will remain. Students presently enrolled in grades K through 6 at Whittier Elementary School and TM Peirce Elementary School will transition to the Rhodes building. As a result, Rhodes will change from a middle school to a K-8 elementary school.

The following school will convert to a middle secondary school beginning September 2013.

1. Penn Treaty Middle School (600 E. Thompson Street, 19125): Currently a 6-8 middle school. Students presently enrolled at Penn Treaty will remain. Penn Treaty will expand its grade organization to include grades 9 through 12. Penn Treaty will become a reassignment option for students impacted by the proposed closures of Carroll High School and Douglas High School.

PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES (WEST OF BROAD)

The following schools will be recommended for closure. If approved by the School Reform Commission, the closure will be effective June 30, 2013.

1. LP Hill Elementary School (3133 Ridge Avenue, 19132): LP Hill is a K-8 elementary school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Blaine Elementary School
 - b. Ethel Allen Promise Academy

2. Reynolds Elementary School (1429 N. 24th Street, 19121): Reynolds is a K-8 elementary school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Morris Elementary School
 - b. W.D. Kelley Elementary School

3. TM Peirce Elementary School (2300 W. Cambria Street, 19132): Peirce is a K-6 elementary school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. (new) Rhodes Elementary School
 - b. Kenderton Elementary School

4. Whittier Elementary School (3001 N. 27th Street, 19132): Whittier is a K-6 elementary school. Students will be offered reassignment at:
 - a. (new) Rhodes Elementary School

5. Pratt Elementary School (2200 N. 22nd Street, 19132): Pratt is a K-6 elementary school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. William Dick Elementary School
 - b. Wright Elementary School (grades K through 5 only)
 - c. (new) Rhodes Elementary School

Note: This is a program closure only. The facility will be repurposed as an Early Childhood/Pre-K Center.

6. Vaux Promise Academy (2300 W. Master Street, 19121): Students in grades 9 through 11 will be given the option to transfer to other high schools citywide. Students will have the following neighborhood options:
 - a. Strawberry Mansion High School
 - b. Ben Franklin High School
 - c. The Health Related Technologies Career and Technical Education (CTE) program will be reassigned to Randolph Technical High School.

7. [NEW] M. Hall Stanton Elementary School (2539 N. 16th Street): Stanton is a K-8 elementary school. The program and building will be proposed for closure and students will be offered reassignment at Tanner Duckrey Elementary School.

Actions removed from original recommendations released on December 14th: Meade Elementary School, Duckrey Elementary School, Morris Elementary School, and Strawberry Mansion High School will remain open. Vaux will not become a K-8 elementary school ; the program and building will be recommended for closure.

Furthermore, a new recommendation – the closure of MH Stanton’s program and building – is being added. This recommendation **will not be included** in the set of actions to be considered and voted on by the SRC on March 7th, but will receive a vote at a later date.

NORTH-CENTRAL PLANNING AREA

PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES (EAST OF BROAD)

The following schools will be recommended for closure. If approved by the School Reform Commission, the closure will be effective June 30, 2013.

1. Ferguson Elementary School (2000 N. 7th Street, 19122): Ferguson is a K-8 elementary school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Hartranft Elementary School
 - b. McKinley Elementary School
2. Fairhill Elementary School (601 W. Somerset Street, 19133): Fairhill is a K-8 elementary school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Potter Thomas Promise Academy
 - b. Julia deBurgos Elementary School
3. Taylor Elementary School (3698 N. Randolph Street, 19140): Taylor is a K-5 elementary school. Students will be reassigned to:
 - a. (new) Roberto Clemente Promise Academy (serving grades K through 8)
4. Sheridan West Academy (3701 Frankford Avenue, 19124): Sheridan West Academy is a 7-8 middle school. This school was initially approved for closure with the intent to drop a grade each year. The closure will now be effective June 2013. Students will be reassigned to:
 - a. Penn Treaty Middle Secondary School
5. Carroll High School (2700 E. Auburn Street, 19134): **Students in grades 9 through 11 who wish to remain together will be offered assignment at Penn Treaty.** Students in grades 9 through 11 will also have the option to transfer to other high schools citywide. Students will have the following neighborhood options:
 - a. Kensington Business
 - b. Kensington Urban Education
 - c. Kensington Health Sciences
 - d. The Accounting and Marketing Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will be relocated to Penn Treaty Middle Secondary School.
6. Douglas High School (2700 E. Huntington Street, 19125): Students in grades 9 through 11 will be given the option to transfer to other high schools citywide. Students will have the following neighborhood options:
 - a. Penn Treaty Middle Secondary School
 - b. Kensington Business

- c. Kensington Urban Education
- d. Kensington Health Sciences
- e. The Commercial Art Career and Technical Education (CTE) program will be reassigned to Mastbaum High School.
- f. The Building Maintenance Career and Technical Education (CTE) program will be combined into the program at Frankford High School. Students will also have the option to enroll in the Carpentry, Welding, or Electrical CTE programs at Mastbaum High School.

Actions removed from original recommendations released on December 14th: The Philadelphia Military Academies will merge at the Elverson building. As a result the Elverson building will remain open. The AMY at James Martin will remain at its current location and expand its enrollment.

NORTHEAST PLANNING AREA

GRADE CHANGES

The following schools will be recommended to become K-5 Elementary Schools beginning September 2013.

1. Carnell Elementary School (1100 Devereaux Avenue, 19111): Currently a K-8 elementary school. Students presently enrolled in grades 5, 6, and 7 will transition to Harding Middle School.
2. Lawton Elementary School (6101 Jackson Street, 19135): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students presently in grades 5 and 6 will transition to Harding Middle School.

The following school will convert to new K-8 elementary schools beginning September 2013.

1. Stearne Elementary School (1655 Unity Street, 19124): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students presently enrolled in grade 6 will remain at Stearne for seventh and eighth grade.

PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES

The following school will be recommended for closure. If approved by the School Reform Commission, the closure will be effective June 30, 2013.

1. Carnell Annex at Fels (Devereaux Avenue and Langdon Street, 19111): The Carnell Middle Years annex closed in December 2012. Students will be relocated to the St. Bernard Parish School for the remainder of the school year.

Actions removed from original recommendations released on December 14th: none

NORTHWEST PLANNING AREA

GRADE CHANGES

The following schools will be recommended to become K-5 Elementary Schools beginning September 2013.

1. FS Edmonds Elementary School (8025 Thouron Avenue, 19150): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will transition to Leeds Middle School.
2. Pennypacker Elementary School (1858 E. Washington Lane, 19138): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will transition to Leeds Middle School.
3. Emlen Elementary School (6501 Chew Avenue, 19119): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will transition to Leeds Middle School.
4. JB Kelly Elementary School (5116 Pulaski Avenue, 19144): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will be offered reassignment at:
 - a. Mastery Charter School-Pickett Campus
 - b. Leeds Middle School
5. Wister Elementary School (67 E. Bringhurst Street, 19144): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will be offered reassignment at Leeds Middle School.
6. Logan Elementary School (1700 Lindley Avenue, 19141): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will transition to Wagner Middle School.
7. Pennell Elementary School (1800 Nedro Avenue, 19141): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students in grades 5 and 6 will transition to Wagner Middle School.

The following school will expand its current grade organization.

1. Leeds Middle School (1100 E. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, 19150): Currently a 7-8 middle school. Leeds will add sixth grade.

The following school will be recommended to become a K-8 Elementary School beginning September 2013.

1. McCloskey Elementary School (8500 Pickering Street, 19150): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students presently enrolled in grade 6 will remain at McCloskey for seventh and eighth grades.

PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES

The following schools will be recommended for closure. If approved by the School Reform Commission, the closure will be effective June 30, 2013.

1. Fulton Elementary School (60 E. Haines Street, 19144): Fulton is a K-6 elementary school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Emlen Elementary School
 - b. Wister Elementary School
 - c. Leeds Middle School (grades 5 and 6 only)

2. Kinsey Elementary School (6501 Limekiln Pike, 19138): Kinsey is a K-8 elementary school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Rowen Elementary School
 - b. Prince Hall Elementary School
 - c. Pennypacker Elementary School
 - d. Pastorius Elementary School
 - e. Pennell Elementary School
 - f. Wagner Elementary School (grades 6 through 8 only)

3. Roosevelt Middle School (430 E. Washington Lane, 19144): Roosevelt is a 7-8 middle school. Students will be reassigned to:
 - a. Leeds Middle School

4. Germantown High School (40 E. High Street, 19144): Students in grades 9 through 11 will be given the option to transfer to other high schools citywide. Students will have the following neighborhood options:
 - a. Martin Luther King Promise Academy
 - b. Roxborough High School
 - c. The Culinary Arts, Commercial Advertising Art, and Business Technology Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will be relocated to King Promise Academy.

PROPOSED PROGRAM CONSOLIDATION

The following program will be recommended for consolidation.

1. Philadelphia Military Academy at Leeds (1100 E. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, 19150): The Philadelphia Military Academies will be merged as one high school at the Elverson building located at 2118 N. 13th Street, 19122.

PROPOSED PROGRAM RELOCATION

The following program will be recommended for relocation. The building where these programs are presently located will close June 30, 2013. These schools, including the administration, staff and students, will move in their entirety to the new locations.

1. Parkway Northwest High School (7500 Germantown Avenue, 19119): Parkway Northwest is a citywide admission high school presently housed in a leased facility. The program will relocate to the Leeds Middle School facility. Parkway Northwest will retain its citywide admissions status.

Actions removed from original recommendations released on December 14th: Lankenau will remain at its current location. McCloskey Elementary School will remain open and expand its grade organization to become a K-8 elementary school. Cooke Elementary School will remain open at its current location. The Roosevelt building will be closed rather than converted into a high school building for use by the Philadelphia Military Academies.

SOUTH-CENTRAL PLANNING AREA

PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES

The following schools will be recommended for closure. If approved by the School Reform Commission, the closure will be effective June 30, 2013.

1. Smith Elementary School (1900 Wharton Street, 19146): Smith is a K-8 Elementary School. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Childs Elementary School
 - b. EM Stanton Elementary School
 - c. Arthur Elementary School

2. George Washington Elementary School (1198 S. 5th Street, 19147): Washington is a K-8 Elementary School. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Nebinger Elementary School (*for students who do not reside in the Washington neighborhood attendance boundary*)
 - b. A. Vare Elementary School (*will replace present program. All students who live in the Washington neighborhood attendance boundary will remain and become part of the Vare program*)

3. Abigail Vare Elementary School (1621 E. Moyamensing Avenue, 19148): Vare is a K-8 Elementary School. The Vare building will close. The elementary school program will be relocated to the Washington Elementary School building located at 1198 S. 5th Street.

4. Bok Technical High School (1901 S. 19th Street, 19148): Students in grades 9 through 11 will be given the option to transfer to other high schools citywide.
 - a. The Carpentry, Commercial Art, Accounting, Business Technology, Health Related Technology, Engineering Technology, Process Engineering, Computer Technology, and Culinary Arts Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will be relocated to South Philadelphia High School.

Actions removed from original recommendations released on December 14th: none

GRADE CHANGES

The following schools will convert to new K-8 elementary schools beginning September 2013.

1. Comegys Elementary School (5100 Greenway Avenue, 19143): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students presently enrolled in grade 6 will remain at Comegys for seventh and eighth grades.
2. Harrington Elementary School (5300 Baltimore Avenue, 19143): Currently a K-6 elementary school. Students presently enrolled in grade 6 will remain at Harrington for seventh and eighth grades.
3. Mitchell Elementary School (5500 Kingsessing Avenue, 19143): Currently a K-5 elementary school. Students presently enrolled in grade 5 will remain at Mitchell for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.
4. Tilden Middle School (6601 Elmwood Avenue, 19142): Currently a 6-8 middle school. New configuration will be a 5-8 middle school. New elementary feeder schools will be Patterson, Morton, and Catherine.

PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES

The following schools will be recommended for closure. If approved by the School Reform Commission, the closure will be effective June 30, 2013.

1. Alexander Wilson Elementary School (1300 S. 46th Street, 19143): Wilson is a K-6 Elementary School. Students will be reassigned to:
 - a. Lea Elementary School
2. Pepper Middle School (2901 S. 84th Street, 19153): Pepper is a 5-8 middle school. This school was initially approved for closure with the intent to drop a grade each year. Closure will now be effective June 2013. Pepper's feeder elementary schools, Catherine and Patterson, will be reassigned to Tilden Middle School. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Penrose Elementary School (*grades 5-8 only*)
 - b. Tilden Middle School
3. Shaw Middle School (5400 Warrington Avenue, 19143): Shaw is a 7-8 middle school. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Tilden Middle School
 - b. Longstreth Elementary School
 - c. Surrounding elementary schools with grade 8

4. University City High School (3601 Filbert Street, 19104): **Students in grades 9 through 11 who wish to remain together will be offered assignment at Benjamin Franklin High School.**

Students will have the following neighborhood options:

- a. West Philadelphia High School
- b. High School of the Future
- c. Sayre High School
- d. Overbrook High School

PROPOSED PROGRAM RELOCATION

The following program will be recommended for relocation. The administration, staff and students will move in their entirety to the new location.

1. Motivation High School (2555 S. 78th Street, 19153): Program will be relocated to Turner Middle School located at 5900 Baltimore Avenue. Motivation will retain its special admission status.

PROPOSED PROGRAM CONSOLIDATION

The following programs will be recommended for consolidation and merged as citywide admissions academies at nearby high schools.

1. Communications Technology High School (8110 Lyons Avenue, 19153): The Commercial Art and Cinematography programs will be relocated as citywide admission academies at Bartram High School.
2. Robeson High School (4125 Ludlow Street, 19104): The Health Related Technologies and Human Services programs will be relocated as citywide admission academies at Sayre High School.

Actions removed from original recommendations released on December 14th: none

WEST PLANNING AREA

GRADE CHANGES

The following school will be recommended to become K-6 elementary school beginning September 2013.

1. Overbrook Elementary School (2161 E. York Street, 19125): Currently a K-5 elementary school. Students in grade 5 will remain for sixth grade.

The following school will be recommended to become a 7-12 middle secondary school beginning September 2013.

1. Overbrook High School (5898 Lancaster Avenue, 19131): Currently a 9-12 high school. Students from Cassidy and Gompers will transition to this new middle secondary program.

The following schools will retain their present grade organization.

1. Cassidy Elementary School (6523 Landsdowne Avenue, 19151): Cassidy will remain a K-6 elementary school. Students will transition to a (new) 7-12 Overbrook Middle Secondary School.
2. Gompers Elementary School (5701 Wynnefield Avenue, 19131): Gompers will remain a K-6 elementary school. Students will transition to a (new) 7-12 Overbrook Middle Secondary School.

PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES

The following schools will be recommended for closure. If approved by the School Reform Commission, the closure will be effective June 30, 2013.

1. Leidy Elementary School (1301 Belmont Avenue, 19104): Leidy is a K-8 Elementary School. Students will be offered the following reassignment options:
 - a. Blankenburg Elementary School
 - b. Heston Elementary School
 - c. Martha Washington Elementary School
2. Lamberton High School (7501 Woodbine Avenue, 19151): Students in grades 9 through 11 will be given the option to transfer to other high schools citywide. Students will have the following neighborhood option:
 - a. Overbrook High School
 - b. The Architectural Design and Drafting Career and Technical Education (CTE) program will be relocated to Overbrook High School.

Note: This is a program closure only. Lamberton Elementary School will continue to serve grades K through 8.

3. [NEW] Dimner Beeber Middle School (5925 Malvern Avenue, 19131): Beeber is a 6-8 middle school. The program and building will be proposed for closure. Students will be offered reassignment at Overbrook High School. Overbrook will expand its grade organization to become a 7-12 middle secondary school.

Actions removed from original recommendations released on December 14th: The District is no longer recommending that Beeber be converted into a K-8 elementary school. Gompers will remain open at its present location. Overbrook Elementary will remain open at its present location. McMichael will remain open at its present location.

Furthermore, a new recommendation – the closure of Beeber Middle School’s program and building – is being added. This recommendation **will not be included** in the set of actions to be considered and voted on by the SRC on March 7th, but will receive a vote at a later date.