New Construction

Planning

The Board of Education will develop a ten-year facilities master plan for the school district and update it annually. The plan shall reflect the needs of current instructional procedures and projected educational programming and shall incorporate population projections, enrollment projections, site acquisition needs, school plant placement, and financial estimates of providing necessary school facilities.

The master facilities plan shall include how the district will provide an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes, (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment, staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources among its schools and (3) a safe school setting. Attention shall also be given to how facilities can be utilized to improve academic achievement and to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation or to preserve racial and ethnic balance.

The objectives of such a plan are as follows:

- 1. To improve the educational environment for students and teachers by raising the physical standards in all buildings and to comply with state and federal guidelines.
- 2. To create schools which are the best possible balance of effective grouping of educational resources, efficient management and operations and community concerns for the character of the school system.
- 3. To construct new building and make renovations to existing buildings that will be compatible with instructional programs approved by the Board of Education.
- 4. To modernize in phases with first priority given to renovation, second priority to remodeling or improvement of substandard facilities (such as libraries, physical education facilities, etc.) and third priority to the addition of classrooms when enrollment trends indicate they would be necessary.

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