

RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES

A school-owned building will be considered for a comprehensive closing study if any of the following conditions apply:

1. The building is inadequate by virtue of age, condition, size of site or other over-riding limitations and cannot reasonably and economically be brought up to the current educational standards.
2. The building has been substantially under capacity for a two-year period and is projected to remain so. "Substantially under capacity" is the difference between program capacity and student membership such that the students in that group could be housed in one school less.

Although use for local community students will be the primary function of a school building, unusual circumstances may prevail which will require alternate use of a particular location or building. A closing study of such a building may be authorized by the Board.

A closing study will include direct involvement by those communities considered in the study and will be concerned with the following factors:

1. Review of the in-depth demographic studies and grouping, and consideration of alternatives.
2. Age and current physical condition of the building, its operating systems and program facilities.
3. Adequacy of site, location, access, surrounding development, traffic patterns and other environmental conditions.
4. Reassignment of children, including alternative plans, according to Board policy.
5. Transportation factors including numbers of children based, time, distance and safety.
6. Alternate uses of the building.
7. Costs/savings:
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Plant operation
 - c. Transportation
 - d. Capital investment
 - e. Alternate use
8. Continuity of instructional and community programs.

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