

Strong Schools Build Strong Communities

Facility Master Plan Process Includes Many Considerations for Student Success



A facility master plan provides a long-range vision to ensure the physical condition of our schools provides a learning

environment that aligns with the District's mission. It incorporates many diverse considerations into a strategic, evidence-based tool allowing the Board of Education to make informed capital decisions well into the future. Some of the considerations included in the planning process are:

- Student Enrollment Projections*
- A Utilization Study
- Compliance and City Code Analysis
- Security and Technology Initiatives

Best practice dictates that a facility master plan should be reviewed and updated with all stakeholders every three to five years. The District's last facility master plan was conducted in 2014.

For the 2019 Facility Master Plan, the analysis of all needs are categorized into three areas:

- Life Safety and Security
- Learning and Curriculum
- Accessibility and Inclusiveness

The process includes a school steering committee for each school made up of staff members, parents, community members and administrators. There is also a District steering committee made up of the Board president and District officials.

Earlier this year, each school's steering committee reviewed their school's 2014 Facility Master Plan and discussed items that

have been completed, revised or need to remain on the list.

All of the items from each school were combined into common themes under the three categories of Life Safety and Security, Learning and Curriculum and Accessibility and Inclusiveness.

Archimages, a local architectural firm, is facilitating this process of updating the facility master plan. During the Community Listening and Discussion Sessions, Archimages will



Accessibility and Inclusiveness are priorities in the 2019 Facility Master Plan.

share findings from utilization studies and begin to prioritize needs by facility, based on input from the community and the school steering committees.

The February meetings will focus on revisions and final prioritization of needs, the establishment of potential cost values and preliminary options for improved utilization at each of the facility locations.

These collaborative sessions will contribute to the development of the 2019 Facility Master Plan defined by Life Safety and



A recent facility master plan forum included a discussion of Life Safety and Security.

Security, Learning and Curriculum, and Accessibility and Inclusiveness. Discussions on implementing and funding the facility master plan will begin after the completion of the planning process in late spring of this school year.

We encourage everyone with an interest to attend one of the sessions listed on this postcard to ensure all voices are heard. For more information, visit www.kirkwoodschools.org and search 2019 Facility Master Plan.

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

Facility Master Plan Update Listening and Discussion Session for KECC, Keyser, Tillman, Westchester, NKMS and KHS

Thurs., Dec. 6, 2018, 6:30-8 pm

Wed., Feb. 27, 2019, 6:30-8 pm

North Kirkwood Middle School Library
11287 Manchester Road

Facility Master Plan Update Listening and Discussion Session for KECC, North Glendale, Robinson, Tillman, Nipher and KHS

Thurs., Dec. 13, 2018, 6:30-8 pm

Thurs., Feb. 21, 2019, 6:30-8 pm

Nipher Middle School Library
700 S. Kirkwood Road

* **Student Enrollment Projections:** The District secured a demographic study in the spring of 2018 to update resident student enrollment projections. Based on the results of the study, the District anticipates approximately 100 additional resident students each year for the next five years. This year, resident enrollment increased by 75 students. The increase was offset by the reduction of 47 students through the Voluntary Intradistrict Choice Corporation (VICC) and transfer programs with the Riverview Gardens School District and the Normandy School Collaborative.