

FACILITIES PLANNING

The Board of Education recognizes that sound planning based on accurate information is essential to the efficient operation of the schools. In order to assure that future district construction is planned on the basis of need, the Board, in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education, will prepare a ten -year long range facilities plan and will update that plan every five years thereafter. The plan shall include all information required by the New Jersey State Department of Education.

In order to apprise the Board of the continuing relevance of the five-year capital construction plan, the Superintendent shall:

1. Annually report to the Board on the number of resident pupils attending private school and the number of new residential units approved
2. Report to the Board on the enrollment by grades during the school year monthly;
3. Conduct a Kindergarten roundup" each spring of the number of students who will be enrolled in the schools of the district in September of the year in which the estimate is made and report the results to the Board; and
4. Prepare student population projections every year and compare the actual population figures to the previously projected figures to detect early for the benefit of the Board any changes in population trends.

In planning for the enlargement or modification of its facilities, the Board shall consider not only the number of children whose educational needs must be met, but also the physical requirements of the program it deems best suited to meet those needs. Each school building and site shall provide suitable accommodations to carry out the educational program of the school, including provision for the handicapped, pursuant to law and regulation.

The plan will include a thorough description and analysis of local and regional demographic factors that influence general population growth and public school enrollments. The plan will detail substandard spaces in district facilities and the Board's intent to eliminate their use or to bring such spaces into compliance with rules of the State Board of Education.

Any and all renovations to school premises, both interior and exterior, shall be made in full compliance with applicable law and code.

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N.J.S.A. 18A:11-2c; 18A:33-l

N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.3(a)5, 6:22-1.1 et seq., 6:22-3.1 et seq.

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