

Procedure 727 - Closing Schools

Upon notification by the Superintendent of the need to consider closing school(s), the School Board will determine if it wishes to proceed with that consideration. If the School Board wishes to proceed, the Board will instruct the Superintendent to present a recommendation of which specific building(s) to close, along with a rationale based on the following comparisons of buildings:

1. Number of available classrooms.
2. Current enrollment.
3. Number of high needs students
4. Current efficiency on a cost per student basis.
5. Potential efficiency on a cost per K-6 classroom (elementary) or grade level (secondary) basis.
6. Potential to add on to the current building based on site size and size of current common areas and support spaces.
7. Ability to fill the building from census areas within walking distance.
8. Number and percentage of walkers versus bus riders.
9. Number of census areas which currently attend the building and whether there are other contiguous census areas that could be added to the building attendance area.
10. Number of schools located in each city.
11. Potential for lease/sale of property along with potential lease income or property price based on acreage and location.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 279
Maple Grove, Minnesota