



RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES PLAN FOR MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Memphis-Shelby County Schools (MSCS) is committed to ensuring efficient and effective use of its facilities to best serve students, families, and the community while maintaining fiscal responsibility and supporting high-quality education for all students;

WHEREAS, facilities assessments have identified opportunities to repurpose, consolidate, or optimize school buildings in a manner that could lead to operational savings and better alignment with district needs;

WHEREAS, community engagement and transparency are critical to the decision-making process regarding school closures, consolidations, and repurposing of buildings;

WHEREAS, the Board's policies on Charter Schools (Policy 1011) and Real Estate (Policy 7002) establish specific requirements for facilities planning, school closures, surplus property disposition, and community engagement, and shall serve as guiding frameworks for this comprehensive facilities planning process; and

WHEREAS, any decisions regarding school facilities must align with existing Board policies on school closures, consolidations, and property disposition while supporting the District's educational mission and fiscal sustainability;

WHEREAS, any decisions regarding facility use must prioritize student learning environments, equitable access to high-quality education, and community benefit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the "Board") directs the administration to present a final, comprehensive facilities plan no later than September 1, 2025;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Ad Hoc Facilities Planning Committee shall be established in accordance with Board Policy 0024 Board Committees to oversee and guide the development of this plan, composed of representatives from:

- The Board
- The Shelby County Commission (as the district's primary funding body)
- The City Mayor's Office
- The Memphis & Shelby County Office of Planning & Development
- Experts in comprehensive community development, real estate, commercial development, and educational facility planning
- Community representatives, including students, parents, neighborhood leaders, and other stakeholders

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ad Hoc Committee shall:

- Review and coordinate the facilities plan to align with budgetary and long-term district planning cycles, ensuring alignment with Board policies 1011 Charter Schools and 7002 Real Estate regarding school closures, surplus property use, and public engagement procedures;
- Provide recommendations regarding underutilized or surplus school properties, prioritizing educational use first, followed by community development initiatives;
- Ensure robust community engagement by holding regular public meetings to gather input and address concerns;
- Ensure alignment with the District's budget cycle and strategic priorities, as well as with community development plans and city and county planning efforts
- Coordinate with relevant governmental entities, planning agencies, and community stakeholders to ensure cohesive and sustainable development
- Provide quarterly reports to the Board on progress, including updates on community feedback and key decision points;
- Ensure all recommendations comply with existing Board policies on school closures, consolidations, and property repurposing.
- Assess the feasibility of a joint city, county, school district construction authority for the efficient execution of the Comprehensive Facilities Plan, considering the potential benefits of economies of scale, streamlined processes, and enhanced expertise. The



Committee will report its findings and preliminary recommendations to the Board quarterly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the facilities plan shall include criteria related to facility utilization and disposition, clear benchmarks and timelines, ensuring transparency and accountability in its implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ad Hoc Facilities Planning Committee shall review and recommend revisions to Board policies 1011 and 7002 to ensure alignment with the goals, processes, and priorities established through the comprehensive facilities planning process, including best practices for school closures, consolidations, surplus property use, and community engagement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MSCS administration shall develop and implement a community engagement and education strategy, in collaboration with the Chair of the School Board's Ad Hoc Community Engagement Committee, to meaningfully involve students, families, staff, and community members in the facilities planning process. This engagement shall begin prior to the development of the facilities plan and continue after its adoption to support transparency, trust-building, and shared ownership of implementation efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Interim Superintendent to post the Districtwide Facility Condition Assessment as conducted by Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments, LLC.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board commits to ensuring that all facility decisions are made in a manner that enhances student achievement, supports equitable access to resources, and strengthens the communities MSCS serves.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Sponsored by Board Member Amber Huett-Garcia, District 8, Board Member Natalie McKinney, District 2