

# COMPREHENSIVE LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

## APS FORWARD 2040: RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION



August 5, 2025

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# Facilities Planning Timeline From 2011 to Present

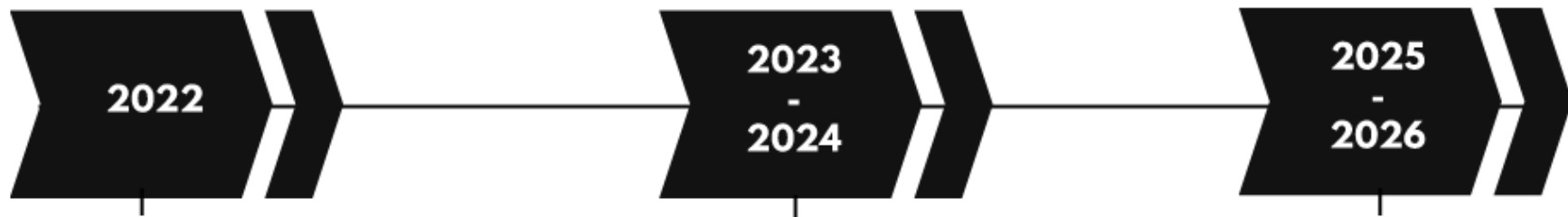


**NOTE:** From 1996 to 2016, 21 deeply affordable housing complexes with approximately 11,500 housing units were demolished by Atlanta Housing Authority: these demolitions forced out families from APS schools and from the City of Atlanta over this 20-year period.



# Facilities Planning Timeline (Continued)

● Public Schools ● Charter Schools



- Moved Douglass 9th grade to Fain facility.
- January 2022: Restarted the community conversations
- March 2022: School facility scenarios were presented to the APS Board of Education.
- Scenarios were subsequently shared with the public through “Community Conversations” across all APS clusters.
- Dived deeper with Cluster Advisory Teams and school-based community meetings, including 2 district-wide and 3 neighborhood specific meetings.
- April 2022: Sizemore Group released Phase 1 recommendations for Midtown Elementary Schools and Centennial Academy K8 & Dunbar Elementary School, including updated zoning maps.
- May 2022: Superintendent’s Phase 1 recommendations were formally presented. Community engagement took place on the recommendations, providing updates and detailed information to the public.
- June 2022: Superintendent’s Phase 1 recommendations update presented to the Board and community.

Rezoning effort to relieve overcrowding at Midtown and Jackson cluster schools.

## Charter Schools Closed in the last 15 years

Atlanta Preparatory Academy 2012-13

Tech High School 2011-12

University Community Academy 2011-12

Intown Charter Academy 2014-15

Latin Academy Charter School 2015-16

Woodson Park Academy K8, Boyd ES, F.L.Stanton ES, & John Lewis Invictus Academy MS rezoning to alleviate overcrowding at Woodson Park Academy (K-8)

7 of 21 are still vacant AH properties, with future plans of redevelopment past 2025.

## Ongoing and Community Engagement (Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan)

Three rounds of regional community conversations, plus one round of cluster-specific meetings, were held during the process to gather stakeholder input. The community continues to be encouraged to ask questions, provide feedback, and participate through the APS “Let’s Talk” portal, available 24/7. APS maintains a rolling schedule for upcoming community meetings and Board retreats to inform and engage stakeholders in future phase planning.

## THE PROCESS

The Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan is a long-term roadmap guided by data and community input to modernize APS schools. Through surveys, meetings, and task force engagement, the public helps shape the district's future.



1

APS thinks ahead and plans for this next step in district's future with facilities planning.



2

APS Hires HPM to blend data and community input and create plan for strategic growth.



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Public Meetings held May through December, virtually and in-person.



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Community Task Force meets five times.



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Project landing page goes live on district website, updated regularly



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Published State of Schools Report



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Community Survey goes live in two languages May 21, closes August 5



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Options go public week of August 18



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HPM presents options to the Board as a First Read at November meeting



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Board considers approval of CLRFP at December meeting

# Align to Strategic Plan

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## Our Strength is Our Team

Atlanta's students will have effective and engaged teachers, leaders, and staff.

- Increase concentration of highly-effective teachers and leaders
- Prioritize engagement and retention for staff
- Grow and promote strong teachers, leaders, and staff

## Our Responsibility Is Shared

Atlanta's students will have supportive families, communities, and partners.

- Build meaningful partnerships
- Expand Atlanta Partners for Education (APFE) impact
- Increase access and engagement for families and communities

## Our System Is Efficient & Effective

Atlanta's students will have the schools and resources they need to succeed.

- **Maximize facility usage for the student and community good**
- Leverage data to drive strategic financial investments
- Implement sustainability initiatives

## We Are Strengthening Our Instructional Core

Atlanta's students will have high-quality instruction, materials, and targeted support.

- Implement high-quality, relevant, and engaging instructional materials and professional learning in all core content areas
- Target resources towards subgroups (e.g. exceptional educational, economically-disadvantaged)
- Accelerate early learning

## We Are Caring For Every Child

Atlanta's students will have trusted, supportive adults meeting their unique needs.

- Expand strategies that reduce chronic absenteeism and disproportionate discipline
- Implement systematic culture and climate strategies
- Increase student access to trusted and reliable adults (e.g. mentors)

## We Are Sparking Student Curiosity

Atlanta's students will have access to explore and expand their passions and interests.

- Promote robust arts, athletics, world language, and enrichment offerings
- Expand access to high-interest offerings (e.g. CTAE, advanced coursework)
- Explore specialized and innovative school models (e.g. School of the Arts)

### BY 2030

- 🌐 Offer high-quality, universal PK3 and PK4
- 💰 Have a \$100,000 average teacher salary
- 📋 Implement Individual Success Plans for every student
- 🏠 Establish community hubs in every cluster

# PROCESS

## TASKS & TIMELINES

- Data & Discovery: February - May
  - STATE OF THE SCHOOLS REPORT
- Community Task Force – May, June, August, September, November
  - Community Oversight- Data and Process
- Options Development – July - Current
- Community Meetings
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting was in June – Community Survey
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meetings- Week of August 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meetings October
- Recommendations / Final Report
  - Board DRAFT – November
  - Board Vote - December
- Communications
  - District Level – School Board, Principals, Go-Teams, SAC
  - Community Level- Media, Website Updates, Focus Groups, Community meetings

# Working Assumptions Options

- Cluster Model is an effective model for Feeder Pattern Structure
  - ES > MS > HS: a clear path offers stability and allows families to prepare and adjust if necessary.
- Options will aim to keep all existing cluster boundaries in place.
  - Exceptions will be considered only when other possibilities have been completely exhausted
- 3–5-year goal will be to create a Zone concept, based on the current cluster model
  - Create multiple secondary school options for all students in a geographically defined model
  - Introduce Programmatic Pathways to create multiple options
- Single-Gender Schools will remain a supported school type within the district
- Re-Purpose or Disposition of each unused building will be determined during the planning process
  - APS properties will be used for community need.
- Small School Supplement funding will no longer be offered starting in SY 26-27
  - Move towards the state funded enrollment models
- All options will account all students who live in each boundary



# Working Assumptions Options

## Guidance for School Size Standards

Atlanta Public Schools School Size Standards			
	Minimum enrollment	Target Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment
	Minimum Capacity	Target Capacity	Maximum Capacity
Elementary Schools	450	600	900
	500	675	1000
Middle Schools	900	1125	1545
	1000	1250	1725
High Schools	1200	1500	2150
	1350	1675	2375

- Need to assure that lower schools create enrollment and capacity capability to secondary schools
- Potential live-in student population allows all grade levels to meet minimum enrollment requirements yet do not over-utilize facility
- Program Continuity must be considered when final disposition of schools is determined



# Relentless Pursuit of Improvement

- Focused on continuous improvement of Student Outcomes
  - Breadth and depth of programs
  - Increased after school programs
- Provide more equity and access to support services
  - Counselors/Learning Coaches
  - Early childhood education centers
  - Community/Family Hubs
  - Affordable Staff Housing
  - Professional Learning Spaces
- Increase learning pathways
  - ACCA/ CTAE
  - College preparedness
  - Arts

# Stronger Programs Through Policy

## OPTIONS FRAMEWORK

- Unify dual campus schools
- Appropriately-sized for programmatically strong schools
- Validate the K-8 delivery model
  - Implement K-8's only where programmatically viable
- Where necessary build additions for overutilized facilities
  - No longer using border schools as an expedient solution to secondary school enrollment & utilization
  - Will consider 3–5-year implementation of high school zoning concept
- Attract and Retain Students



## Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities

### Join Us For **APS Forward 2040:** Reshaping the Future of Education

Atlanta Public Schools is committed to transparency and eager to hear your input as we implement the Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan (CLRFP).

#### In-Person Public Meetings

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 6PM\*  
Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 6PM\*  
Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 6PM\*

Center for Learning and Leadership  
130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303

#### Virtual Public Meetings

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 12PM(Noon)  
Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 12PM(Noon)  
Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 12PM(Noon)

Link will be provided  
closer to the date

#### Community Task Force Meetings

Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 6PM  
Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Center for Learning and Leadership  
130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303  
*Open to public to observe*

#### Let's Talk!

Your specific question or comment will be routed to the appropriate APS staff member, who will follow up with you in a timely fashion. Available 24/7 from your phone, computer, or tablet.

#### Community Outreach Meetings

*We'll Come to YOU!*  
**August 26, 27, 28**  
Dates and Times TBD

#### Public Survey

Provide feedback and shape the future of your school. Open until August 5, 2025. Available in English or Spanish. Scan the QR Code Below to be taken to the Online Survey.

#### Other Important Dates

- Options Go Public: August 18
- First Read: November Board Meeting
- Second Read: December Board Meeting
- All updates here: [atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040](https://atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040)



\*Recording Posted to Website after the meeting is adjourned.



## Próximas oportunidades de participación pública

### Únase a nosotros para **APS Forward 2040:** Redefiniendo el futuro de la educación

Las Escuelas Públicas de Atlanta están comprometidas con la transparencia y están ansiosas por escuchar sus comentarios a medida que implementamos el Plan Integral de Instalaciones a Largo Plazo.

#### Reuniones públicas presenciales

Lunes 25 de Agosto • 18:00h\*  
Lunes 20 de Octubre • 18:00h\*  
Lunes 10 de Noviembre • 18:00h\*

Centro de Aprendizaje y Liderazgo  
130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303

#### Reuniones públicas virtuales

Lunes 25 de Agosto • 12:00h\*  
Lunes 20 de Octubre • 12:00h\*  
Lunes 10 de Noviembre • 12:00h\*

Se proporcionará un enlace más  
cerca de la fecha.

#### Reuniones del grupo de trabajo comunitario

Martes 5 de agosto • 18:00h\*  
Jueves 9 de octubre • 18:00h\*

Centro de Aprendizaje y Liderazgo  
130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303  
*Abierto al público para observar*

#### ¡Hablemos!

Su pregunta o comentario específico se enviará al miembro del personal de APS correspondiente, quien se pondrá en contacto con usted a la brevedad. Disponible 24/7 desde su teléfono, computadora o tableta.

#### Reuniones de extensión comunitaria

*¡Iremos a ti!*  
**26, 27, 28 de Agosto**  
Fechas y horarios a determinar

#### Encuesta pública

Comparte tu opinión y define el futuro de tu escuela. Abierto hasta el 5 de agosto de 2025. Disponible en inglés o español. Escanea el código QR a continuación para acceder a la encuesta en línea.

#### Otras fechas importantes

- Opciones disponibles para la bolsa: 18 de Agosto
- Primera lectura: Reunión de la Junta Directiva de Noviembre
- Segunda lectura: Reunión de la Junta Directiva de Diciembre
- Todas las actualizaciones aquí [atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040](https://atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040)



\*Grabación publicada en el sitio web después de que se levanta la reunión.