

2. Guiding Principles

Six Guiding Principles were established at the project outset in collaboration with the Steering Committee, and validated in engagement with community stakeholders. These principles serve as a framework for decision making over the course of the planning process. They were employed in evaluating strategies for inclusion in the Master Plan, and will continue to be used as the district prioritizes projects for implementation.



Create Active Learning Environments

- Equip key spaces with the ingredients needed to support arts integration and project-based learning
- Invest in flexible furniture and equipment that promotes movement and provides educators with the flexibility needed to shape their own classrooms
- Create technology-ready learning and support spaces that promote a wide range of programs and curricular activities



Optimize Indoor And Outdoor Spaces For Learning, Exploration, And Play

- Link indoor and outdoor spaces where possible to broaden the boundaries of the learning, recreation, and play experience at each campus
- Create outdoor labs to promote experiential, project-based learning
- Plan for shared use of key spaces to promote efficient and effective space use



Provide Safe, Inviting Campuses That Promote A Sense Of Belonging for All

- Facilities should help the district act as a center of community life with 12-hour support systems for students and families
- Create areas of display and exhibit that promote school spirit, arts integration, and the cultural diversity and pride of the entire student body
- Ensure all facilities have the required specialty spaces and infrastructure to support core curricular programs



Promote Health And Wellness

- Ensure all kids are learning in healthy, comfortable classroom environments
- Replace portables with permanent classrooms designed to promote student health and performance
- Enhance access to natural environments
- Invest in active recreation and sports facilities across all campuses
- Support community health in partnership with local community organizations



Enhance The Image And Identity Of Each School

- Enhance the 'front door' experience of each school site, with better signage, wayfinding and landscaping
- Improve the on-campus parent and student experience
- Be trusted partners by developing plans in consultation with students, principals, teachers, parents and local neighborhood communities
- Ensure inter & intra - district equity in services and facilities available to students



Ensure Financial & Operational Sustainability

- Create an asset management plan to ensure proper facilities upkeep over time
- Seize opportunities for energy-efficient operations and systems
- Prioritize modernization and space 'rightsizing' opportunities before exploring new building projects
- Anticipate the impacts of climate change on district facilities and create smart strategies for heat abatement, sea level rise, and environmental events