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The School Board recognizes that careful, prudent planning is essential to the efficient operation of the schools and that planning must be grounded on accurate data. In order to assure that future District construction supports the educational program and responds to community needs, the Board will prepare a capital construction plan and will revise that plan periodically thereafter. The plan shall include a thorough description and analysis of local and regional demographic factors which influence general population growth and public school enrollments.

In order to apprise the Board of the continuing relevance of the Board's capital construction plan, the Superintendent shall:

- A. annually report to the Board on the number of resident students attending school;
- B. report to the Board on the enrollment by grades during the school year monthly;
- C. 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;
- D. prepare student enrollment projections every year and compare the actual enrollment figures to the previously projected figures to detect early, for the benefit of the Board, any changes in enrollment trends.

All educational and ancillary facilities constructed by the Board shall comply with the uniform Statewide building code for planning and construction of public educational and ancillary plants, including adopted standards.

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. The District shall provide suitable accommodations to carry out the educational program of the school including provision for the disabled, pursuant to law and regulation.

Exceptions to Construction Requirements

The Board may, with a supermajority vote at a public meeting that begins no earlier than 5 p.m., adopt a resolution to implement one (1) or more of the exceptions to the educational facilities construction requirements described below.

Before voting on the resolution, the Board will conduct a cost-benefit analysis prepared according to a professionally accepted methodology that describes how each exception selected by the Board achieves cost savings, improves the efficient use of District resources, and impacts the life-cycle costs and life span for each educational facility to be

constructed, as applicable, and demonstrates that implementation of the exception will not compromise student safety or the quality of student instruction.

The Board will conduct at least one public workshop to discuss and receive public comment on the proposed resolution and cost-benefit analysis, to begin no earlier than 5 p.m. The workshop may occur at the same meeting at which the resolution will be voted upon.

The Board's resolution may propose implementation of exceptions to requirements of the uniform Statewide building code for the planning and construction of public educational and ancillary plants relating to the following:

- A. Interior non-load bearing walls by approving the use of fire-rated wood stud walls in new construction or remodeling for interior non-load bearing wall assemblies that will not be exposed to water or located in wet areas.
- B. Walkways, roadways, driveways, and parking areas by approving the use of designated, stabilized, and well-drained gravel or grassed student parking areas.
- C. Standards for relocatables used as classroom space by approving construction specifications for installation of relocatable buildings that do not have covered walkways leading to the permanent buildings onsite.
- D. Site lighting by approving construction specifications for site lighting that:
 1. Do not provide for lighting of gravel or grassed auxiliary or student parking areas.
 2. Provide lighting for walkways, roadways, driveways, paved parking lots, exterior stairs, ramps, and walkways from the exterior of the building to a public walkway through installation of a timer that is set to provide lighting only during periods when the site is occupied.
 3. Allow lighting for building entrances and exits to be installed with a timer that is set to provide lighting only during periods in which the building is occupied. The minimum illumination level at single-door exits may be reduced to no less than one (1) foot-candle.

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