

REVISED POLICY - VOL. 16, NO. 2

FACILITIES PLANNING

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 Superintendent will prepare a Five Year Facilities Work Plan and submit it to the Board for approval. Upon approval of the plan, the Superintendent will revise the plan and submit it to the Board for approval by October 1st annually.

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 District's plan, the Superintendent shall:

- (X) annually report to the Board on the
 - (X) number of resident students attending school;
 - (X) number of new residential units approved in the District;
- () report to the Board on the enrollment by grades during the school year
 - () monthly;
 - () each semester;
 - () annually;
- (x) 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;

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[x] prepare student enrollment projections every

(x) Year

() two (2) years

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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.

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.

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Further, when new construction or a remodeling or renovation project over \$300,000.00 will be undertaken pursuant to the District's plan, the Superintendent will evaluate alternative construction methods, including exceptions to standards for innovative planning and construction techniques, to determine the most appropriate method for completing the particular project. In conducting that evaluation the Superintendent will consider the use of new materials, systems, and applications in the design and construction of educational facilities. Based on the evaluation of the alternative methods, the Superintendent will recommend to the Board the methods for design and construction determined most appropriate for the project. Upon approval of the District's building official, the Board, and the Florida Department of Education, the District shall proceed with contracting for the project in accordance with Policy 6322 - Construction Contracting and Bidding.

F.A.C. 6A-2.0010
Section 114, Florida Building Code

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