

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The School Committee appreciates the interrelatedness of physical environment and learning environment. A clean, well-maintained, space-adequate, appropriately-lit, and healthy environment is the Committee's goal for education services in Greenfield. In addition, the Committee recognizes that 21st Century learning takes place not only in school classrooms but in many diverse environments.

In planning facilities, the School Committee recognizes that capital outlay funds are limited, and that priorities must be established to make best use of the school building dollar.

In order to realize these goals, the Committee will work to ensure that:

1. the school system has the land and buildings for its current and future needs,
2. architects and other professionals retained to work on school projects will be attuned to the interests of the School Committee and the community,
3. to promote savings wherever possible, school renovation and construction designs will incorporate sound economics including low, long-range maintenance costs and low insurance rates,
4. facilities embrace energy efficiency including green engineering and management whenever feasible
5. facilities have sufficient flexibility to adapt to changing needs, and
6. the Committee collaborates, as needed, with applicable officials involved in facilities management planning, financing, renovation, and construction.
7. the Committee undertakes a periodic review of its buildings, property and current and future intended use.

Furthermore, every five years the Committee shall conduct a review of Greenfield school system's facilities and property. This review shall include assessment of assets, forecasts of future needs, and recommendations for capital projects. The first such review shall be released to the public not later than June 30, 2011, with subsequent reviews complete and released by June 30 in every fifth year following.

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