

DASD Guiding Principles for Meeting the Needs of Students

We believe that a culture for learning is nurtured and sustained by cooperation among students, parents, staff, faculty, taxpayers, and other stakeholders. We will enhance educational opportunities and maximize resources available to advance the outcomes for our students through educationally sound practices. We will provide a healthy, safe and secure school environment that provides the best opportunity for learning. We will strive to create and maintain school environments that adapt to current teaching methods and meet long-term student and community needs.

School facility decisions and plans must:

- Enhance educational opportunities and maximize resources to advance outcomes through educationally sound practices
 - Use sound teaching methods
 - Encourage collaboration and connectedness
 - Provide flexibility and adaptability for ever-changing future
 - Prepare career and world-ready students
 - Maximize technology resources
 - Focus on personal and interpersonal effectiveness

- Provide for a healthy, safe and secure school environment to facilitate the best opportunity for learning:
 - Safety conscious (entrances, natural disasters, playgrounds, etc.)
 - Environmentally responsible, energy efficient
 - Appropriate work environment
 - Accessible for all students
 - Safe traffic flow in and around school properties
 - Curb appeal

- Ensure buildings align with community needs:
 - Flexible spaces
 - Multi-function use
 - Appropriate design

- Consider long-term needs of the district:
 - School attendance boundaries
 - Student population changes
 - Cost-effectiveness and financial responsibility

We believe decision-making should consider:

- population assumptions and demographic changes
- economic development and residential growth
- transportation routes and costs
- condition/limitations of current facilities (age, adequacy, space)
- financial impact on community
- state regulations affecting referenda calendar and issuance of debt
- impact of decisions on local municipalities and development
- importance of communication with stakeholders

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