

K-2 Utilization Study: Community Input & Board Guidance

Discussion Item — No Action Requested



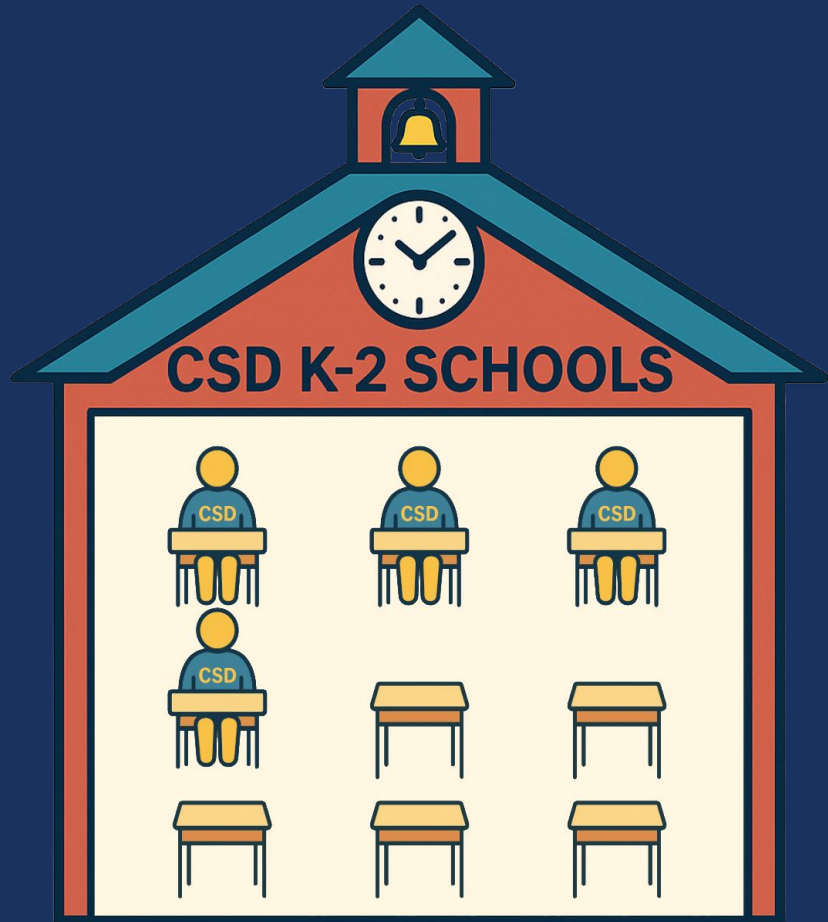
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PURPOSE

- Review community feedback to date
- Consider Option B as engagement path
- Seek Board guidance on timeline and subcommittee framework
- Update participation and next engagement milestones
- Clarify October 29, 2025 Community Forum (not a statutory closure hearing)
- **Our shared goal:** Strategic Accelerator #4 – Organizational Effectiveness & Excellence: Transparent, data-informed operations and community engagement that support efficient, equitable facilities planning.

The Why



- **Capacity vs Utilization:** 831 K–2 students in 1,778 seats ($\approx 47\%$ utilized)
- **Capital outlay eligibility:** Three schools under the 200-student threshold
- **Program breadth & staffing:** Under-enrollment strains scheduling and specialized services
- **Cost reality:** Variable K–2 demand vs largely fixed facility/capital costs
- **Approach:** Evaluate keep-open and consolidation scenarios with transparent trade-offs

What We Heard from the Community

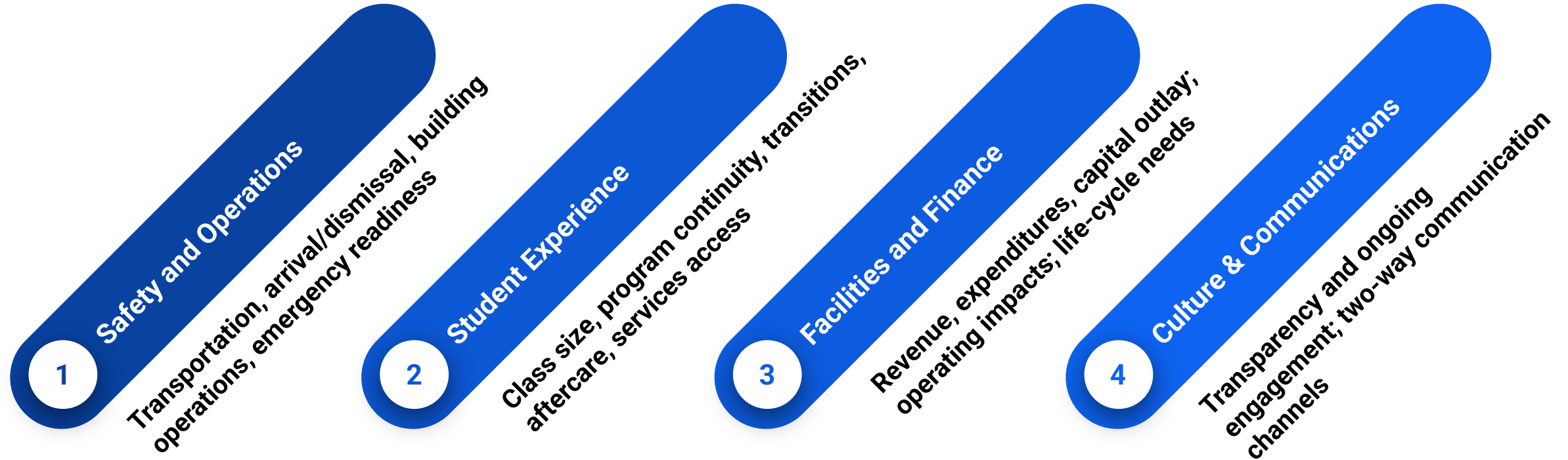
Engagement to date

- Online survey: 600+ (as of November 7, 2025)
- 256 attendees at the October 29 Community Forum

Community Themes

- The process feels too fast for many stakeholders
- Requests for a deeper, transparent data analysis (district and community data)
- Strong pride in neighborhood schools and their identities
- Call for transparency and consistent updates throughout the process
- Interest in evaluating funding and enrollment approaches that could support keeping schools open

Option B : Committees and Work Sessions



Collaborative Structure

Each committee is co-led by a community representative and a district staff member.

Committees will meet in structured work sessions to review data, assess impacts, and share updates.

Balancing Priorities



Students First

Protect learning time & continuity



Safety & Operations

Reliable transportation;
daily readiness



Equity & Access

Neighborhood
walkability; inclusive
supports



Fiscal Sustainability

Align enrollment with
fixed costs

**We will evaluate both “keep-open” and consolidation scenarios using these priorities.
Process integrity: statutory hearings, notices, open decisions; transparent data and updates.**

Next Steps & Board Discussion

Next Steps

November 13, 2025: Committee Meetings — launch committee work sessions.

November 18, 2025: Board Retreat — Review refined timeline and engagement plan.

Participation to date: Over **116** community members have signed up to serve on committees.

Board Discussion Prompts

- **Process framework:** Support extended engagement under Option B...?
- **Subcommittee structure:** Are the four subcommittees comprehensive and appropriately balanced for community needs?
- **Timeline & engagement guidance:** What guidance and key considerations should inform the refined timeline and engagement strategy?

Conclusion