

SCHOOL REDESIGN

What is the purpose of the School Redesign Initiative?

School Redesign is a district-wide initiative to create better schools and programs for parents and students by expanding what works, maximizing academic and operational resources, and developing new and attractive choices for families.

Have any decisions been made to close or sell schools?

No. Currently, the district is brainstorming options and looking at data collected around the twelve criteria that were approved as part of the first phase of redesign. On December 8th, the district will present draft options to the Board for information, and post all of the options, data and resources online.

Will the public get a chance to provide feedback on the options before the Board votes on them in January? Yes! Public meetings—where participants will get a chance to weigh in on 3-4 options that will be offered in each area—are scheduled for December 10-11 and 15-17. Please see the full schedule on the School Redesign page at www.ccsdschools.com.

What would the district be facing *without* redesigning schools? Next year, the district faces a projected \$15-20 million budget deficit that under our current design would require slashing programs, services and personnel or greatly increasing class size to save money.

Will the District consider travel time for students if the decision is made to close one school and bus to a nearby school? Yes—this is one of the criteria. See the full list of twelve criteria being used to inform options here.

How will this process result in creating more choices for parents, such as partial magnet schools or other options? School Redesign options will include more partial magnet schools, additional themes and grade combinations—for example, K-8 schools—that parents have shown an interest in locally and nationally. The options will also consider rezoning possibilities so that parents have more programs to choose from.

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