

School Redesign

Criteria Recommendation

Community Engagement

During Phase I of the Charleston County School District (CCSD) School Redesign Plan, seven (7) public engagement sessions were held throughout the Charleston community. These sessions attracted over **900** of the district's partners including students, parents, CCSD team members, county and constituent board members, community members, and representatives with civic, religious, business or political affiliations.

One major goal of these sessions was to provide the community an opportunity to become an integral element of the decision-making process. During each session, participants completed surveys rating the original 16 criteria.

Additional Outreach Strategies

In addition to the input collected from the sessions, CCSD requested additional feedback by distributing the survey via the following communication vehicles:

- Posted on the CCSD website in both English and Spanish
- Distributed to the 34 school PTAs
- Distributed to 76 SIC chairpersons

Criteria Recommendation

Based on the valuable feedback from the surveys, the staff recommends the following final criteria for the board's consideration. This recommendation modifies the number of data inputs from a total of sixteen (16) to a final total of twelve (12).

Criteria	Rating
<u><i>Educational Quality</i></u> 1. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 2. Absolute Rating (ABS) 3. Improvement Rating (IMP) 4. Program Standards/Fidelity of Mission	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
<u><i>Demographic Factors</i></u> 5. Enrollment Decline 6. Enrollment vs. Building Capacity 7. Population Trends 8. Per Pupil Cost	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
<u><i>Facility Conditions</i></u> 9. Building Condition 10. Campus Size 11. Time and Miles to Nearest School 12. Available Space in Nearest School	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
Total Data Points = 12	Maximum Number of Points = 48

Comments:

The staff's recommendation

- reiterates the goals of the School Redesign Process
- represents criteria that 80% or more of the respondents rated as Important or Very Important
- also includes Per Pupil Cost and Fidelity of Mission (Magnets)
- does not include Building Use, Minimal School Size and Transfers Out.

Survey Results in Rank Order

Criteria	Total % (Important and Very Important)
Building Condition	93%
Program Standards	91%
Time and miles to nearest school	87%
Available space in nearest school	87%
Improvement Rating	86%
Population & Enrollment Trends	86%
Enrollment vs. Building Capacity	85%
Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)	85%
Campus Size	83%
Enrollment Decline	81%
Absolute Rating	81%
Building Use	77%
Fidelity of Mission (Magnets)	75%
Per Pupil Cost	75%
Minimal School Size	75%
Transfers Out	69%

Shaded criteria represent the staff's recommendation.

Note:

If the board elects to revisit the criteria presented on September 8, the staff strongly recommends that “Transfers Out” be eliminated from the criteria based on the feedback from the community.

Original Criteria

Criteria	Rating
<u><i>Schools as Center of Community</i></u> 1. Enrollment Decline 2. Minimal School Size 3. Building Use 4. Transfers Out	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
<u><i>Educational Value</i></u> 5. Adequate Yearly Progress 6. Absolute Rating 7. Improvement Rating	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
<u><i>Demographics</i></u> 8. Population & Enrollment Trends 9. Enrollment vs. Building Capacity	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
<u><i>Facility Conditions</i></u> 10. Building Condition 11. Campus Size	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
<u><i>Operational Efficiency</i></u> 12. Program Standards 13. Fidelity of Mission (Magnets) 14. Per Pupil Expenditure	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
<u><i>Suitability of Alternatives</i></u> 15. Time and Miles to Nearest School 16. Available Space in Nearest School	Scale of 1-4 (max of 4) Scale of 1-4 (max of 4)
Total Data Points = 15	Maximum Number of Points = 60