Envision SPPS: Align school facilities with well-rounded programs

Board of Education - Public Hearing

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Public Hearing: Agenda

- Public Notice of school closings
- Recap of Nov. 29 Board of Education Special Meeting: Board changes to recommendations
- Next steps
Public Notice of school closings

- At SPPS, we believe all students deserve the full range of educational opportunities and student support that a robust, well-rounded education affords.
- A well-rounded education is one that meets the Minnesota state’s educational standards by providing students with learning opportunities that give them the skills to succeed in school, college and career.
- Barriers to providing all SPPS students with a well-rounded education at every school include declining birth rates and increased competition from schools outside of SPPS.
- This has resulted in an excess of 8,000 empty seats across Saint Paul Public Schools making many school programs unsustainable.
- As a result, the following school programs have been identified to be closed so that students can be relocated to programs that provide access to a well-rounded education: [see next slide]
Public Notice of school closings

1. Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary
   707 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

2. Galtier Elementary School
   1317 Charles Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

3. Highwood Hills Elementary
   2188 Londin Lane, Saint Paul, MN 55119

4. Jackson Preparatory Elementary School
   437 Edmund Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55103

5. John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary
   740 York Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106

6. LEAP High School
   631 N. Albert Street, Saint Paul, MN 55104

7. L’Etoile du Nord French Immersion Lower
   1305 Prosperity Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106

8. Parkway Montessori and Community Middle School
   1363 Bush Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106

9. Paul & Sheila Wellstone Elementary
   1041 Marion St., Saint Paul, MN 55117
Recap of Nov. 29 BOE Special Meeting discussion

Area A:
● LNFI lower merges with LNFI upper at upper campus for fall 2022
● Parkway closes June 2022; reopens as upper campus for Hmong Dual and Culture program

Area B:
● Highwood Hills remains open

Area C:
● J.A. Johnson closes and merges with Vento at Vento for fall of 2022

Area D:
● Riverview Spanish Dual and Community both remain open
● Cherokee Montessori remains open

Area E:
● Galtier closes in June 2022 and merges at Hamline
● LEAP remains open
● Wellstone dual Spanish Immersion and BioSmart remain open

Area F:
● Obama remains open
● Jackson Hmong Dual and Culture closes and merges at Phalen
● Jackson community closes and merges at Maxfield
● Capitol Hill pathways ends
Board of Education Directive

- These schools have been removed from the recommendation to close:
  - Highwood Hills
  - LEAP High School
  - Wellstone Biosmart and Dual Spanish Immersion

- The BOE has asked for additional data, information and impacts for the following schools and programs:
  - Cherokee Montessori
  - J J Hill Montessori
  - Obama
  - Riverview Dual Spanish Immersion & Riverview Community
Next Steps

- **Tuesday, November 30:** Public comments on Envision SPPS recommendations to the Board of Education (BOE)

- **Wednesday, December 1:**
  - BOE will review impact of modified recommendations put forth by the Board at the Nov. 29 BOE Special Session in areas of:
    - Enrollment
    - Program impact
    - Sustainability
  - BOE will vote on recommendations