

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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7100 LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING

The Board of Education recognizes that sound planning based on accurate information is essential to the provision of suitable educational facilities. In order to ensure that future district construction is planned on the basis of need, the Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.1 et seq., will maintain and submit a Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to the New Jersey Department of Education. Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.14, no school facilities project will be considered or approved unless the district's LRFP has been submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Long-range facilities planning by the school district shall be in accordance with the provisions of

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 et seq.; 18A:33-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.1 et seq.

~~The Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.1 et. seq., shall maintain and submit a five-year Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to the New Jersey Department of Education. Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.16, no school facilities project may be considered or approved unless the district's LRFP has been submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Education.~~

~~The district shall submit its LRFP to the local planning boards of the municipalities no later than the date on which the district submits its LRFP to the Commissioner. The district shall provide to the Commissioner proof of the date that it submitted its LRFP to the local planning boards.~~

~~If the district seeks to undertake a capital project that is not consistent with the approved LRFP, then in effect, the Board may submit an amendment to an approved LRFP for review and approval of the Commissioner of Education.~~

~~The Superintendent or his/her designee shall review all facilities annually to determine if any facilities are substandard pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-8.1 et seq. The continued use of all substandard facilities must be initially approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. Such approvals are granted for a maximum of two consecutive years, unless the facility is inspected by NJ Department of Education. The Board shall not continue the use of a substandard facility without the express written consent of the County Superintendent of Schools. The continued use of a substandard educational facility will not be approved unless inspected by the NJ Department of Education, Division of Facilities and Transportation to ensure that:~~

~~1 The facilities meet health, safety and educational adequacy standards for temporary substandard facilities, as specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:26; and~~

~~2 A plan has been developed by the district and approved by the County Superintendent of Schools to upgrade the facilities to standard, fully approved conditions.~~

~~The County Superintendent will annually monitor the district's plans to upgrade facilities to fully approved status. The district will provide funds in the next immediate annual budget to correct any deficiencies identified by the County Superintendent on or before October 1 annually. Failure to budget for the correction of deficiencies and to implement the corrections by September 1 of the year following the October 1 notice will result in the NJ Department of Education, Division of Facilities and Transportation ordering the substandard facility to be abandoned immediately.~~

~~The factors as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-8.1(e) will be taken into account in making a determination upon any application for the emergency use of substandard facilities.~~

~~N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 et seq.; 18A:11-1; 18A:33-1 et seq.; 18A:46-13, 18A:7G-1
N.J.A.C. 6:23-1.1 et seq.; 6A:26-2.1 et seq.; 6A:26-8.1 et seq.~~

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