

Quality schools for Cleveland's kids

WHAT IS THE CITYWIDE ANALYSIS?

The Citywide Analysis is a resource to engage the Cleveland community in exploring the same information used by District and charter school leaders to plan for quality schools in every neighborhood.

This Citywide Analysis includes data on academic quality, enrollment and school choice patterns, program viability and building use and condition. It provides data at three different levels—citywide, by region and at the school level—for District and charter K-8 schools and high schools.

While data is analyzed in the report, it does not make recommendations or develop action steps. Instead, it provides the most accurate and comprehensive information members of the community need to understand the current state of schools in their region.

The Citywide Analysis will enable educators, community members and families to work from the same set of facts as we engage together in thoughtful planning for schools across Cleveland.



WHY ARE WE ENGAGING IN SCHOOL PLANNING NOW?

Cleveland's local investment in quality schools, along with matching funds from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), has enabled the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) to build and substantially renovate more than 40 buildings since 2002. Since 2014, when the Master Facilities Plan was most recently amended, work has progressed on seven PreK-8 buildings opening during the 2018-19 school year and two new high schools scheduled to open in 2020.

Cleveland's population patterns have changed over the last five years, and the Cleveland Board of Education is committed to ensuring Cleveland's investment in their school facilities matches the community's current needs. The independent Bond Accountability Commission, charged with overseeing how taxpayer dollars are spent on school construction, also called for a fresh look at the Master Facilities Plan, citing trends in enrollment and changes in construction costs and state funding. Furthermore, there have been numerous investments to improve the quality of schools, including redesigns of 13 K-8 schools and numerous new and redesigned high schools. The Long-Term School Planning process, built upon the Citywide Analysis, will allow us to take an important step toward responding to the calls from the Board and BAC, and ensuring alignment of our academic and facilities planning.



HOW WILL THE CITYWIDE ANALYSIS BE USED?

Through a multi-step process, the Citywide Analysis will be used to inform strategic and thoughtful planning around updates to the Master Facilities Plan—a document that will become the District's “Long-Term School Plan” for aligning academic and facilities decision making.

The first step in the process is to engage the Cleveland community in reviewing the data compiled, exploring the initial insights generated by the facts and trends and creating opportunities to answer questions about realizations that will serve as the foundation for updating the Long-Term School Plan now and in the future through a series of open, facilitated meetings.

Visit QualitySchoolsforCLEkids.org or call 216.838.0000 for more information, including details on the Citywide Analysis and Long-Term School Planning meetings near you.

