

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELEMENTARY FACILITY RECOMMENDATION</b> <b>MARCH 13, 2017</b></p>
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Restructuring is not easy, even at the best of times, and affects all involved: children, families, community, and staff. The Board of Education put in hours of preparation, and it improved the outcome. Members of the community gave their input during the process, which was both needed and helpful. Taking all this into consideration, I make the following recommendations.

Rationale for the recommendations:

- Moves the elementary facilities to a more usable structure, allowing for flexibility in the number of sections while being able to accommodate some growth
- Provides a single site for preschool
- Allows for more efficient and responsible use of personnel and scarce resources
- Accomplishes the move of all students at one time, something elementary principals requested

Recommendations:

- Build an addition at Paddock Lane of six (6) classrooms: 4 to replace portable classrooms now in use, and 2 for additional space
- Paddock Lane Elementary would become a 3-section building for grades K–1<sup>st</sup> and a 2.5 section building for grades 2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup>. In effect, it would become the swing building as additional sections are needed, allowing for possible future expansion.
- Implement a transition plan for the 3rd –5th students at Cedar Elementary to the other three buildings, while keeping as many classmates together as possible. 2nd grade and siblings would transition to Stoddard Elementary.
- Work with students and families to make a smooth transition
- Use the following process to determine section size:
  - If student numbers at grades K–1 are 130 or more, run 7 sections
  - If student numbers at grades K–1 are below 130, option of going to 6 sections
  - If student numbers at grades 2–3 are at 140 or above, 7 sections
  - If student numbers at grades 2–3 are below 140, option of going to 6 sections
  - If student numbers at grades 4–5 are above 140, go to 7 sections
  - If student numbers at grades 4–5 are at or below 140, option of going to 6 sections
- Plan and complete minor building modifications at Cedar Elementary, preparing it for preschool students
- Any staff reductions would take place through attrition

The transition would happen in the Fall of 2017/18 school year, with the exception of the addition at Paddock Lane.