

Odyssey and Idea Transition Planning

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Facility Study

- While the Junior High remains a priority in reducing our footprint in a time of declining enrollment, our facility study has identified additional opportunities for restructure.
- Space is opening within buildings which has presented an opportunity to decommission the Idea/Odyssey building.
- Schools/programs like Idea and Odyssey are part of the essence of who we are as a District
- While we work to maintain these opportunities as a team, location changes are a financial consideration.



Facility Study

- Annual operational expenses for the Idea/Odyssey building amount to just over \$55,000.
 - Includes: utilities, pest control, plowing, security software, general maintenance, tech supplies
- The building would need approximately \$100,000 worth of planned capital maintenance over the next 5 years
- There is room for some staffing adjustments that would result from a location change.



Idea timeline

- **April 18** – Idea Governance Board approved a move from a charter school to a DCE program
- **April 28** – Idea Parent Night
 - Plan to relocate Idea
 - Updated parents on shift from charter to program
 - Q&A with parents
- **May 20** – Update shared with DCE BoE
- **May 28** – Parent communication to ensure all Idea parents were aware of changes



Current Idea workplan

- **Transition Planning**

- Transcripts alignment
- Credit awarding
- Access to Senior High opportunities
- Schedule differences
- Access to courses and supports
- Enrollment process

- **Student engagement**

- The Idea advisors are seeking student perspective on how to maintain the Idea



Odyssey timeline

- **Spring 2026** – Odyssey team investigates feasibility of operating as 2 schools in 1 building
- **September 2** – Odyssey Parent Night
 - Plan to relocate to Evergreen Elementary presented
 - Capitalizes on art and music teachers from Evergreen who teach at Odyssey this year as well
 - Q&A with parents
- **Week of September 7** – Parent communication to ensure all Odyssey parents were aware of changes
 - Opportunity to submit additional questions to consider



Key considerations for Idea and Odyssey

- Maintain the essence of our current programming while examining transition to other buildings
- Engage parents and students in the process
- Focus on the need to get smaller with our declining enrollment
- Opportunities with challenges
 - Access to dedicated encore instructional spaces that enhance the learning experience
 - Daily access to Student Services team and additional resources
 - Access to traditional courses where appropriate



QUESTIONS???

