



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: Operations Committee
From: Ryan Berry
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Subject: Future Facility Planning

Introduction

Future facility planning is part of the district's new strategic plan and is a critical driver that aligns the physical infrastructure with its long-term operational goals. Beyond merely managing square footage, proactive facility planning optimizes capital allocation, ensures operational resiliency, and creates adaptable, sustainable environments capable of evolving alongside educational learning environment needs.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the board approve FGM Architects to conduct the district's facility assessment and 10-year Health Life-Safety(HLS) Survey for all four district school buildings.

Background

At the March 10, 2026 Board of Education meeting, the board reviewed the current state of the district buildings presentation and determined that the best course of action was to pause major renovations for the foreseeable future and create a long-range facility plan. The new plan would mainly focus on the current state of the middle school, but would also include the other newly renovated elementary school buildings.

At the Operations committee meeting on July 21, 2026, the committee decided to proceed with FGM Architects to provide the district with an updated facility plan along with fulfilling the districts need for updated 10-year HLS surveys for 3 district buildings. Prairie Trails School did not require a HLS survey submission because the building was recommissioned as a public school building 5 years prior and. Additionally, the committee instructed the administration to return to FGM Architects to provide updated pricing based on the recent renovations of the district's elementary schools.

After further review, the district administration reached back out to FGM Architects and has requested to add Prairie Trails School to the list. After considering the cost to add Prairie Trails to the Facility Assessment, it was determined that it would be cost beneficial to also update the 10-year HLS survey at the same time and get all four buildings on the same schedule.

Financial Impact

The cost of the assessment and HLS survey is done based on a cost per square foot of the buildings. River Trails Middle School is calculated at \$0.10 for the HLS survey and \$0.10 for the facility assessment. The elementary schools are calculated at \$0.08 for the HLS surveys and \$0.04 for the facility assessments.

Attachments

- [FGM proposal](#) (Current proposal does not include Prairie Trails. New proposal will be provided before the board meeting)