

PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS
District 209 – Cook County



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Dear PTHS D209 Community:

In the fall of 2017, District 209 initiated a facility master plan process to ensure our community is provided with schools capable of meeting, in a fiscally responsible manner, the future needs of our children. This plan will support our vision of preparing students to be contributing members of a dynamic, global society.

The development of the plan is being facilitated by the District's architectural firm, Perkins+Will, at the direction of the Board of Education and District administration. The architects are gathering information from stakeholders through public community engagement sessions and interviews with school staff and students. To date, there have been three community engagement sessions, with one being held at each campus. The architects have also conducted an analysis of our current facilities to determine their adequacy based on best practices for 21st century school design.

The information gathered through this process will be used to provide options for the District's consideration, and all decisions will be made by the Board of Education in open public meetings that community stakeholders are encouraged to attend. Attached, you will find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the Facility Master Plan process. In addition, you will find important dates and timelines. Please mark your calendars and visit our website regularly for updates as the information is subject to change. Furthermore, we will utilize this method of communication for updates.

The Board of Education, District administration and Perkins+Will appreciate the time that has been invested by teachers, staff, students and community members. We encourage you to participate in the next community engagement session on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the District Office located at 8601 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Forest Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse J. Rodriguez".

Jesse J. Rodriguez, PhD.

"ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL, ONE PROVISO"

D209 Facility Master Plan: *Establishing Proviso's Pathway to Success*

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The following information is provided to best equip all stakeholders to understand and participate in the facility master plan development process:

WHAT IS A FACILITY MASTER PLAN AND WHY DO IT?

What

- A road map to the future driven by equity, empowerment, and excellence
- It is NOT a final plan but a long-term strategy focused on transformation
- A living document that promotes innovation

Why

As stewards of the District's educational and financial resources, this process allows you to develop a plan that:

- Reflects community priorities and values
- Projects future investments protecting the District's assets
- Establishes a timeline for proactive initiation and implementation
- Maximizes taxpayer investment in education

WHAT WERE THE TOPICS OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS?

Session 1, December 5, 2017, at Proviso Math and Science Academy: Provided an overview of the process and shared guiding principles. Participants had an opportunity to review the guiding principles and provide input. Click [HERE](#) to view the video of the session.

Session 2, January 23, 2018 at Proviso West High School: Process/Guiding Principles: A presentation was provided that included an analysis of the existing facilities physical and educational conditions, as well as the utilization of existing school facilities. Participants had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss future possibilities for each school. During this session, some community members asked the question, "Why do we have three facilities?" Click [HERE](#) to view the video of the session.

Session 3, February 27, 2018 at Proviso East High School: Presented options based on feedback received by community participants at the January 23rd session, some of which included the possibility of closing certain facilities and/or relocating certain programs. The participants in this session had an opportunity to discuss, as community members, teachers, students and administrators the various options and provided input to the architectural team. Click [HERE](#) to view the video of the session.



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HOW CAN I ASSIST IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF D209 FACILITIES?

Session 4, April 24, 2018 at District Office:

This session will include an evaluation of master plan options. Based on feedback received at the previous engagement session, a series of options will be presented for consideration and input. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss in small groups the opportunities and limitations of each option. This meeting will be held at PMSA at 6:00 pm.

Board of Education Community Forum May 15, 2018 at District Office:

The Board of Education will hold a listening session with interested stakeholders with ideas for the future of District 209. Each participant will have up to 10 minutes to present to the Board.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE FACILITY MASTER PLAN APPROVAL TIMELINE?

Board of Education Regular meeting, May 8, 2018:

A presentation will be provided to the Board of Education by the architects with a review of all possible options.

Please note: All financial implications must be discussed and approved by the Financial Oversight Panel.

Board of Education regular meeting, June 12, and November 13, 2018:

A preliminary plan will be presented to the Board of Education for their final input and comments. The administration will be responsible for the analysis of the plan relative to the needs of the students, staff, families, and community. From June through November the administration will collaborate with the established Board of Education Committees and District, Building, and Union representatives.

The administration will present a recommendation to the Board of Education on November 13, 2018.

Board of Education regular meeting December 11, 2018:

The Board of Education will discuss the final recommendation from the administration and explore the possibilities as per community values, financial agreements, and legal reviews.

Board of Education regular meeting February 12, 2019:

A 5 year Financial Plan will be presented to the Board of Education that includes the Facilities Master Plan budgetary needs for consideration.