

Superintendent's Community Facilities Task Force

February 13, 2024



Meeting Objectives

- Superintendent Welcome
- Introductions
- Task Force Charge
- Timeline
- Next Steps & Homework

Superintendent Welcome



Realign Learning Communities

- Some key themes we've heard from the community over the past 18 months include:
 - We want our students in warm, welcoming environments where they are getting the best instruction that leads to excellent student outcomes.
 - We want the district to be diligent and transparent stewards of public funds.
 - We want our schools to be centers of strength and connection in our community.

Realign Learning Communities

- Upcoming Actions:
 - Partner with community to re-imagine a portfolio of high schools and feeders that offer a continuum of programs (e.g. Career Technical Education, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, community schools) and community-based services aligned to local and regional workforce opportunities.
 - Develop and implement a multi-year plan to adapt facilities, technology and transportation to align to vision of portrait-ready instruction.

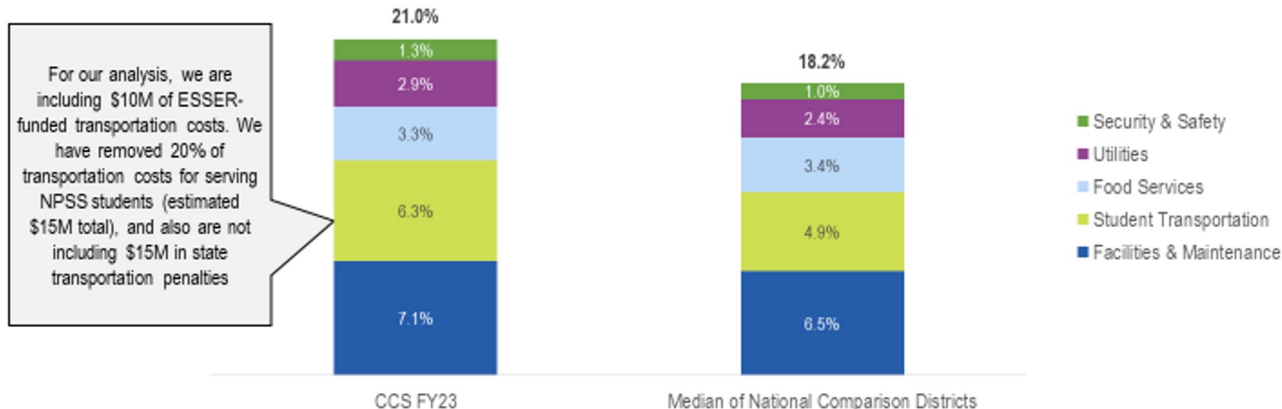
Statement of Facts – General Fund Assumptions

- At least an annual \$15,000,000 transportation penalty as a result of charter/non-public transportation non-compliance
- At least an annual \$20,000,000 capital fund need
- Consolidation of buildings to reduce overall building cost
- Education model shift to be more inclusive and neighborhood-based

Operations & Maintenance Spend

CCS spends more on Operations & Maintenance than national comparison districts, driven by higher spend on Facilities & Maintenance and Transportation

% of PreK-12 Operating Dollars Spent by Function within Operations & Maintenance



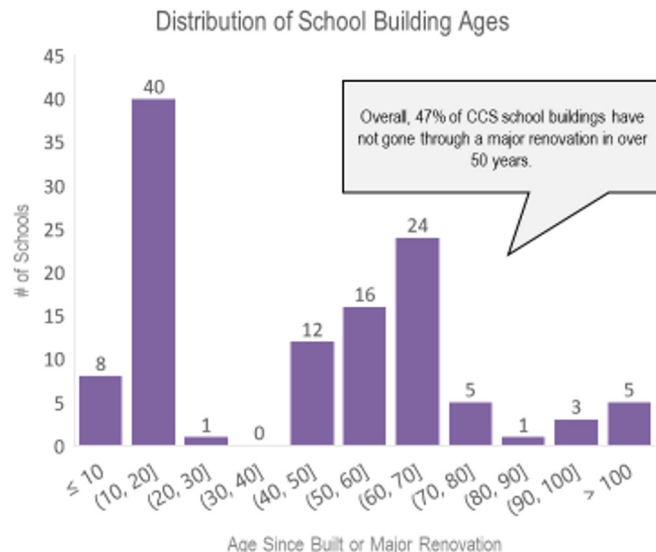
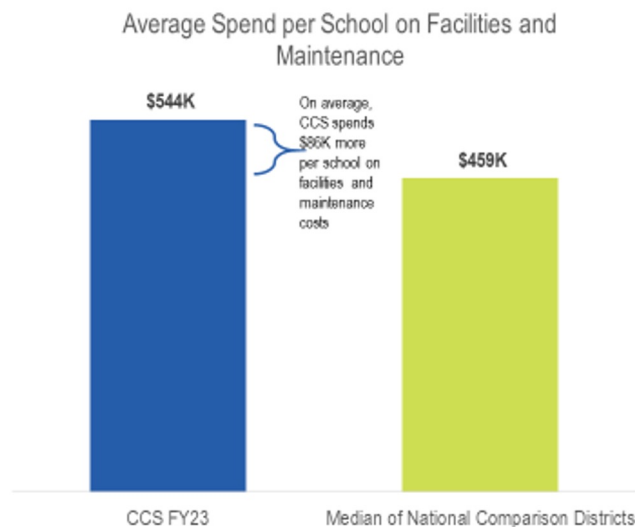
Note: Includes ESSER spending on personnel for CCS, and a small portion of recurring ESSER spending on non-personnel (summer school and transportation). Excludes ESSER spending for comparison districts, if applicable.

Source: CCS FY23 Expenditures; CCS Payroll; CCS Employee Level Budgeted Salary Payments; CCS Vacancy Report; ERS Comparative Database; Ohio DoE District Expenditures [Report Card](#), 2021-22

State Comparison: Relative to State Peers, CCS also has higher spend on Facilities and Maintenance and Student Transportation.

Facilities & Maintenance Spend

CCS spends more on Facilities & Maintenance per school than national comparisons – which *could* be related to the age of CCS buildings



Note: ESSER funded non-personnel is excluded from facilities and maintenance for CCS and comparison district data collected during ESSER.

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Introductions



Members

- Columbus City Schools policy 7100 directs the Superintendent to monitor District enrollment and building usage, capacity, and conditions.
- Columbus City School District Board Policy 7105, in determining which school or schools shall be closed, directs the Superintendent to create a task force comprised of internal and external participants to be approved by the Board of Education.
- The Columbus Board of Education approved the recommended names from the Superintendent to serve on the Facilities Task Force on February 6, 2024.

Co-Chairs

Al Edmondson



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Jim Negron



Representation

- Students, Parents and Caregivers
- CCS Labor Organizations
- Community Organizations & Social Service Agencies
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Local Government
- Higher Education Partners
- Small & Large Business
- Representatives from CCS

Task Force Charge



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- Issue a report by the beginning of June 2024 that specifies whether or not school and administrative buildings in the District should be closed/consolidated.
- Each recommendation must have a statement of rationale.
- The determination of which schools in the District are candidates for closure must be based on the overall balance and objectivity of the 14 factors listed in Board Policy 7105.

Task Force Charge

- In making the decision on whether or not to close schools, the Task Force must also address possible impacted student enrollment zones and the relocation of students and staff.
- The relocation of staff is a factor that the Task Force must address for the closing of administrative buildings as well.
- Both draft and final reports will be made available to students, parents and the community via our web page for public feedback prior to the Board's final vote.

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Proposed Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, February 27
- Tuesday, March 12
- Tuesday, March 26
- Tuesday, April 16
- Tuesday, April 30
- Tuesday, May 14
- Tuesday, May 28
- Tuesday, June 11
- Tuesday, June 25

Logistics



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- Questions about meeting logistics - Contact Lydia Wiggins
- Unanswered questions about meeting content - Bring to next meeting
- Media requests - Contact Lydia Wiggins
- Materials - All materials presented in meetings will be available to the public via the Superintendent Community Facilities Task Force page on the CCS website.
- We will also post updates on the work on social media and send updates to our community.

Next Steps



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- Meeting 2 will occur the week of February 26, 2024
- Homework Assignments:
 - Navigate to the Superintendent Facilities Task Force Web Page
 - Review the final recommendations from the 2018 Facilities Task Force located on the Web Page

Questions?

