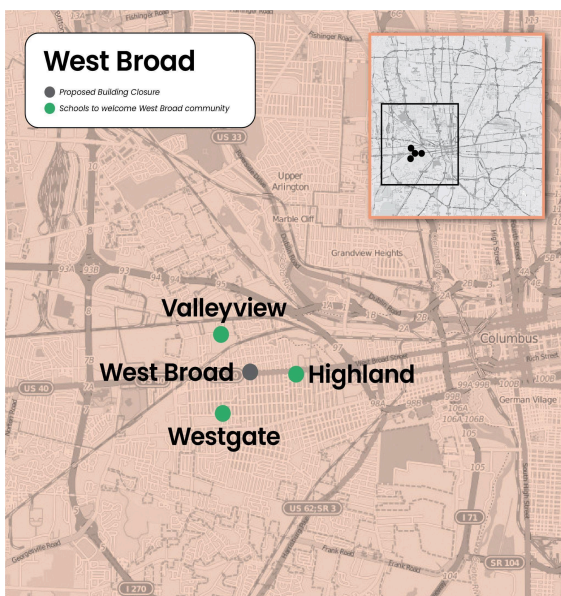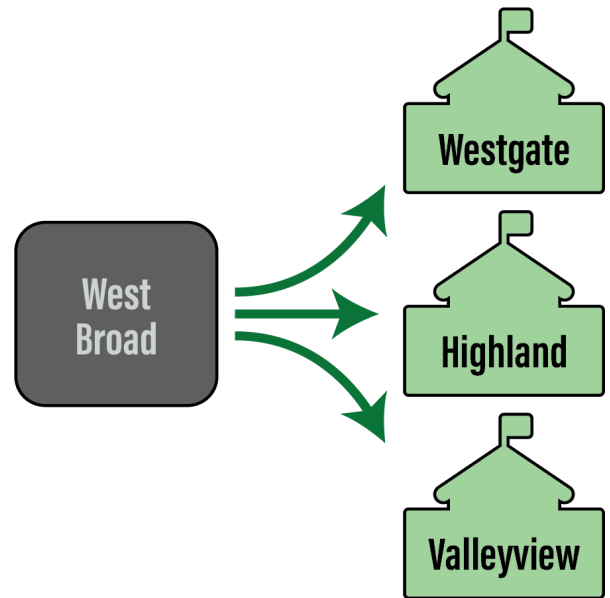# CCS ELEVATE

WEST BROAD ELEMENTARY

In November 2023, thanks to the overwhelming support of Columbus voters, Columbus City Schools passed a $100-million levy pledging to upgrade their facilities and reduce their footprint. The goal is to support the district's mission of providing a high-quality education for all students. Per Board Policy 7105, the Superintendent created a Community Facilities Task Force in early February 2024 to assess the realignment of district facilities. This task force consists of individuals with diverse backgrounds and experience.

The Task Force presented initial recommendations to the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 7. The recommendations focused on standardizing grade bands in buildings, increasing access to academic and extracurricular activities, providing equitable services to families and students, and honoring prior taxpayers' investments. The goal is to better understand the community's perspective on the initial recommendations and enhance collaboration through open dialogue. This will help align the facilities' master plan with the District's mission and enhance understanding of Columbus City Schools.

West Broad → Westgate, Highland, Valleyview

The Superintendent's Community Facilities Task Force recommends that the Board of Education close **West Broad Elementary School,** which will now become a part of the Westgate, Highland, and Valleyview Elementary School communities.

West Broad Elementary School (1914) can serve 550 students; however, as of the 2023-2024 school year, only 359 students are enrolled, with a current utilization rate of 62%.

West Broad is located on the city's west side. Moving West Broad students to Westgate, Highland, and Valleyview elementary schools will allow them to have more access to full-time art, music, and physical education teachers and more services for English Language Learners and students with disabilities. Students will have the opportunity to receive these services close to home.

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