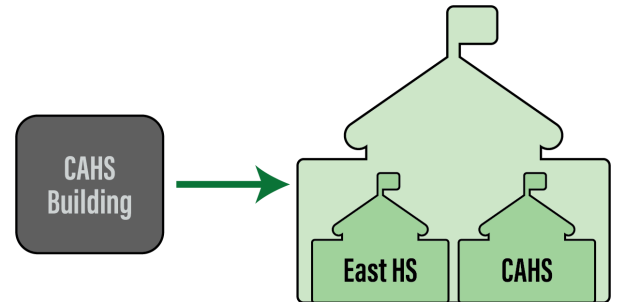


# CCS ELEVATE

## COLUMBUS ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

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.

The Superintendent's Community Facilities Task Force recommends that the Board of Education close the McGuffey Facility. **Columbus Alternative High School (1926)** programming will be welcomed into the East High School community.

**East High School (1923) can** serve 958 students; however, as of the 2023-2024 school year, only 381 students are enrolled, with a current utilization rate of 43%.

CAHS, located in the Linden neighborhood, currently has 752 students enrolled. The current building on McGuffey Road was originally designed as an elementary school. Moving CAHS into the East High School building provides this program an opportunity to grow in a renovated space that honors previous investments in our community and better use of the renovated East building. CAHS has a thriving performing arts program that would flourish in the beautifully renovated theater at East High School. The addition of CAHS students can easily be accommodated in the school.

There will be opportunities to work with the students and families at surrounding East High School to explore changes in boundaries as neighborhood redevelopment occurs. East also has easy COTA access from East Broad to downtown internship opportunities.

The Columbus City School District does not discriminate based upon sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, ancestry, familial status or military status with regard to admission, access, treatment or employment. This policy is applicable in all district programs and activities.

