

UNDERSTANDING THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

In its simplest form, Facilities Master Planning is a process that should answer three broad questions:

- »» 1. Where are we now?
- »» 2. Where do we want to go?
- »» 3. How do we get there?

Using the six step process below, the team at **BLDD** will work with your district to create a master plan, ultimately building support from your community to make your vision a reality.

HOW WILL YOUR PRESENT BECOME YOUR FUTURE, BY ACCIDENT OR BY DESIGN?

Identifying the smartest path for the district's long term success will happen through our highly effective process, and innovative and robust evaluation tools to make order out of chaos.



DEFINE strategic objectives

- Align facilities with educational programs
- Maximize effectiveness of district resources
- Address major planning considerations for the future
- Enrollment change, and the impact on facilities and boundaries
- Perceptions of inequitable facilities throughout the district
- Educational program change
- Arrive at an optimal destination

ASSESS current conditions

- Building capacity
- Enrollment projections
- Physical needs and constraints
- Educational adequacy
- Fiscal capacity

VISIONING for the future

- Open communication & exploration
- Collaborate visioning workshop to examine upcoming trends and encourage your team to think big!

DEVELOP the solutions

- Graphically illustrated concepts with costs will be generated
- Feedback received to understand preferences & improve plan
- Most promising plans rise to top

EVALUATE the options

At this point in the planning process you will have any number of differing plans, with wildly differing approaches, involving new construction, remodeling facilities, creating additions, re-purposing facilities, and possibly retiring facilities. The complexities of the scenarios can be paralyzing. So how should the district proceed?

Our master planning process will lead to a consensus among your decision-makers, while capturing the character that allows us to provide your district with the right design solution.

- Identify strengths & weaknesses
- Assess how solutions address needs & established goals
- Objective comparison
- Cost/benefit analysis

DECIDE

- When good people have good info, they make good decisions
- A plan that supports your vision meets your district objectives, and can be delivered cost-effectively