



Timeline for Long Range Planning

Key Points

- ✓ We understand some people love their school the way it is and don't want it changed but the District and the board is committed to being equitable and fair to all 10,000 students in the district.
- ✓ A Long Range plan is necessary
- ✓ The process began in winter 2011 with community engagement sessions. At the time it was determined that there wasn't a strong preference district-wide about K-6, K-8 schools.
- ✓ Since 2011, all of the Board of Education's conversations about long range planning have taken place at public meetings.
- ✓ The Board held a public work session and decided that they would like the LRP committee to look at the possibility of creating all K-8 schools.
- ✓ Conversations about this took place at public meetings. The LRP was charged with exploring this option.
- ✓ The architects and construction teams did a complete study on this which was presented to the Board of Education.
- ✓ It was determined that all of the schools could not be converted to K-8 schools.
- ✓ The Board of Education requested a comparative study of various grade configurations including all K-8s, K-5 and 6-8 and hybrid. They narrowed the selection down to these three.
- ✓ Again, the K-8s were not feasible at this time and the district has immediate needs. The hybrid model promotes inequities. The Board asked for more information on the K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 models.
- ✓ They explored this option with a focus on equity, opportunity, fair access, standardizing grade configurations for all students, efficiencies, capacity and the immediately facility needs. The discussion took place at public meetings.
- ✓ After much discussion, the Board has selected this configuration (to consider with a vote tonight) and to begin moving forward.
- ✓ It was a long process to get to this.
- ✓ All of the discussion took place in public. While discussions may seem to change directions swiftly, this is because all of the information was presented in public, discussions took place in public and the decision to move forward, ask for more information were all done in public meetings. The entire process unfolded at public meetings.
- ✓ The Board of Education is responsible for deciding on a long range plan that benefits every single student in the district.

Timeline

December 2011: Community Engagement Sessions Held (Available Online)

- Five community engagement sessions were held to discuss grade level configurations, neighborhood schools and magnet schools
- Online survey posted

December 7, 2011: Board of Education Meeting

Superintendent Presentation on Long Range Planning Part I

December 2011: Long Range Planning Meeting Presentation (Available Online)

The need for a long-range plan

- Challenges
- Approach

December 21, 2011: Board of Education Meeting

Superintendent provided an update on where stand with community engagement process and next steps

January 25 2012: Board of Education Meeting

Update on Long Range Plan

- Results of Community Engagement Sessions

February 15, 2012: Board of Education Meeting

Steering Committee

- Steering Committee Members
- Primary Charges
- Progress Reports

March 2012: Long Range Planning Meeting Presentation (Available Online)

Legacy Planning

- K-12 Planning and Management
- Moving Forward
- What should SCSD education look like in 2020
- What is important
- Ideology

April 2 2012: Long Range Planning Meeting Presentation (Available Online)

Middle School Program Framework/Capacity Evaluation

April 2012: Long Range Planning Meeting Presentation (Available Online)

Planning for the Future

- What is Our Vision for SCSD?

May 28 2012: Long Range Planning Presentation (Available Online)

K-6 Program Framework/Capacity Evaluation

July 2012: Long Range Planning Meeting Presentation (Available Online)

Organization Planning

- Primary Charges
- Evolving Vision Statement
- Key Dimensions
- Planning Assumptions

August 2012: Long Range Planning Meeting Presentation (Available Online)

Organization Planning

- Refining Vision so can be reviewed by Board of Education
- How “cluster” or quadrant system might help deliver vision
- Grade Alignment
- Equity of Opportunity

October 13 2012: Board of Education Held Visioning Session

November 2012: Long Range Planning Meeting Presentation (Available Online)

Follow-up to Board Visioning Session

- Charge to look to ways to further implement the K-8 model, while maintain a middle school.
- Study the potential viability of turning Oneida into a K-8 building. Study to include cost-benefit analysis of renovating the school for this versus selling the school.
- Create a long-range master plan

December 19 2012: Board of Education Meeting

Status Update

- Information on Community Summit
- LRP Charge for 2012-2013 (Exploring how might expand K-8 capacity within district)

January 19 2012: Education Summit (Available Online)

- More than 100 school/community stakeholders tackled three questions:
 - What skills does a Schenectady graduate need to succeed in life?
 - What skills will a Schenectady 2025 graduate need to succeed in life?
 - What accounts for the projected differences between the two time periods? Why the change? How do these changes reflect changes in the world?

January 2012: Results of the Community Engagement Process were shared

May 2013: Update

- Exploring K-8 Option

May 10 2013: Board of Education Meeting (Available Online)

State of the Facilities

May 22 2013: Board of Education Meeting

Report on Demographics

- Update, answered questions and direction on next steps
- What would all K-8 model look like throughout the district
- Request for more information on
 - All K-8s
 - K-5 and 6-8
 - Hybrid

June 05 2013: Board of Education Meeting

Report/Follow-up

- Turner Construction presented and reviewed potential costs, pricing & scheduling.
- Looking for commitment to move forward regarding Oneida
- Unsure of K-8, K-6 or K-5 yet
- Referendum Timeline **(Available Online)**

June 19, 2013 – Board of Education Meeting (Available Online)

Grade Configuration Options Study was presented

- *Option 1: K-6, K-8 schools*
- *Option 2: K-5, 6-8, 9-12*

- *Option 3: K-8 schools*
- *Option 4: K-8 schools (Steinmetz Conversion)*
- *Option 5: Current Configuration + Oneida as a K-8*
- *Option 6: Current Configuration + Oneida as a K-6*

July 11 2013: Board of Education Meeting

Equity & Grade Level Configurations

- Exploring the possibility of K-5, 6-8, 9-12 configurations

July 17 2013: Board of Education Meeting

Presentation/Update by Lori McKenna

Follow-up on timeline for K-5, 6-8 model

- Possibility of K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade configurations
- What grade configuration is best accommodated at Oneida
- Draft Project Schedule
- Potential Timeline
- Milestone Dates