

Facilities Review

November 2025



Purpose



1. Annual process
2. Informed Decision Making:
To better understand information about our district's school facilities including enrolment, enrolment trends, capacity utilization, costs and asset management issues.
3. To share this information and gather feedback from our stakeholders with respect to emerging and priority issues.
4. Manage 10 facilities within a \$905,000 Annual facilities grant budget



Administration's Task

- * Provide *analysis* and *recommendations* to Board for incorporation into budget planning for subsequent years

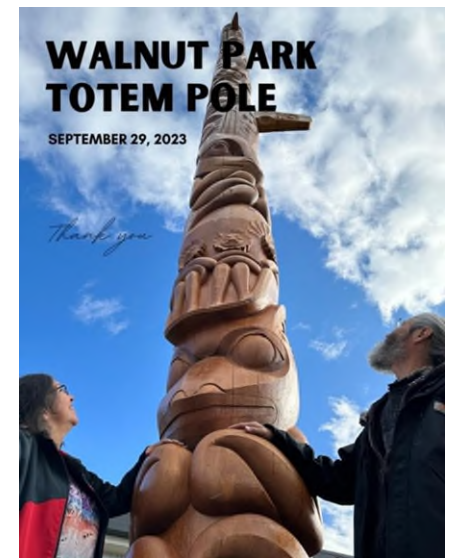


Guiding Principles

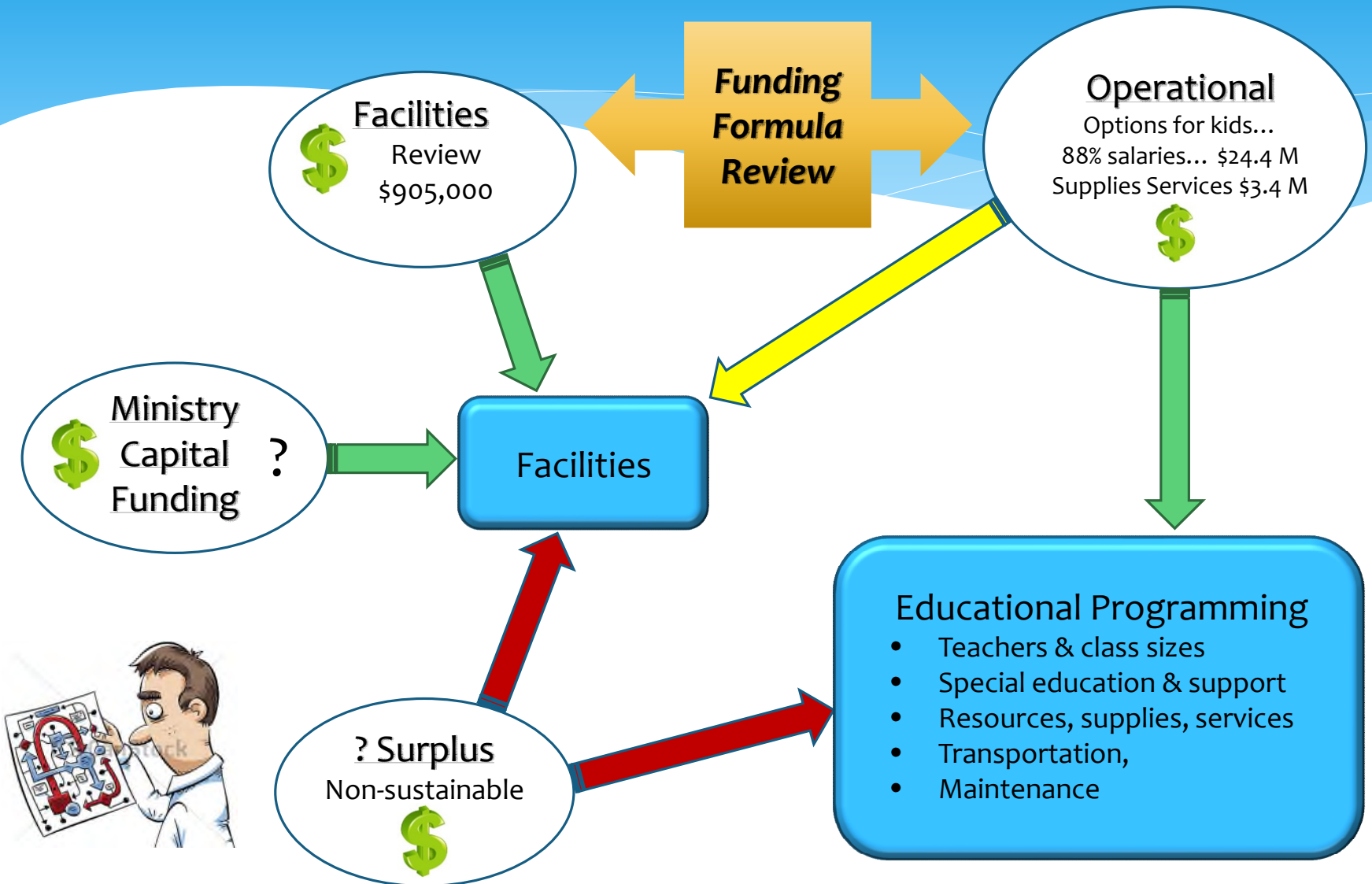


The Board will consider:

1. **Safety** for students
2. **Maximizing** the use of **resources** to support all student learning
3. Program **diversity** and educational **experience** for students
4. Implementing goals of the **District Strategic Plan, Framework for Enhanced Student Learning & 3-Year Budget Plan.**
5. **Community perspectives** (students, parents, staff, PACs, municipalities, regional districts, Indigenous Education Council)



Fixed Funding

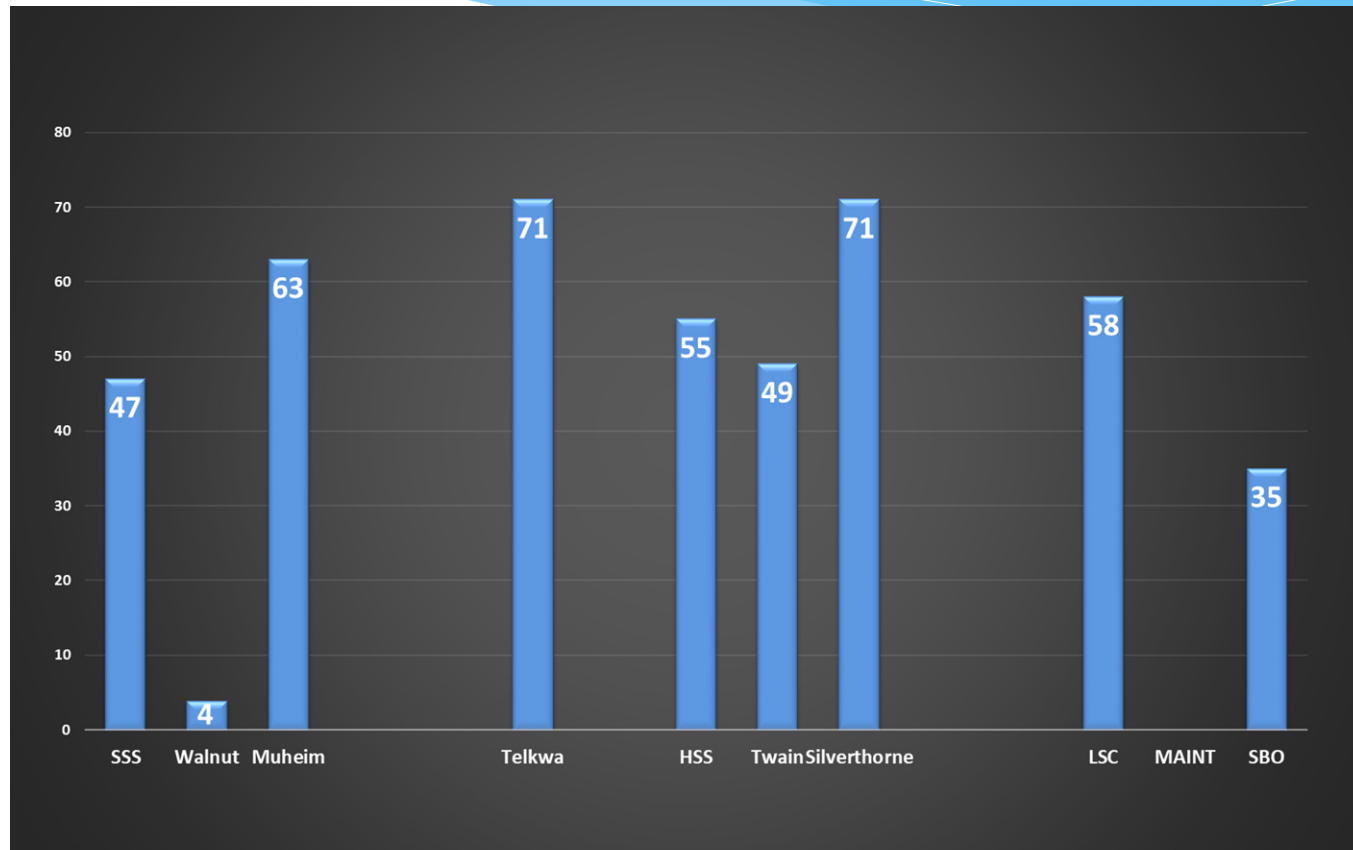


District Facilities Information

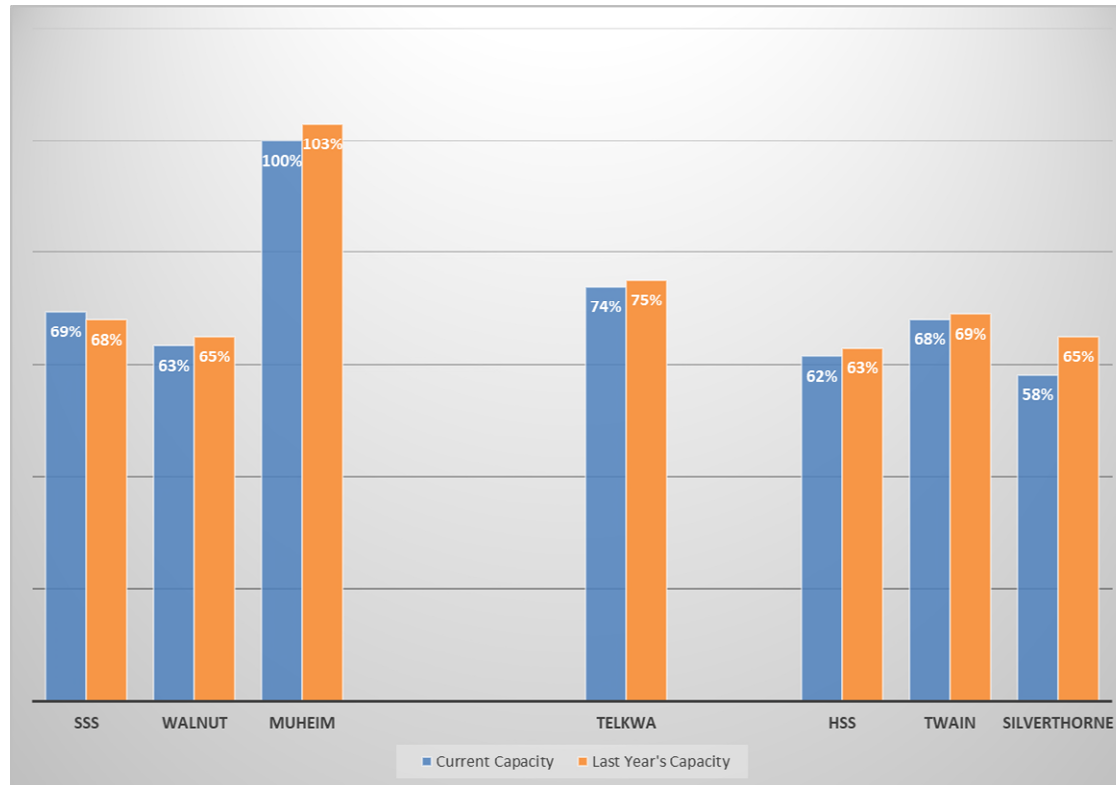


Age of Facility (years)

Average age of SD54 facilities is 50.3 years



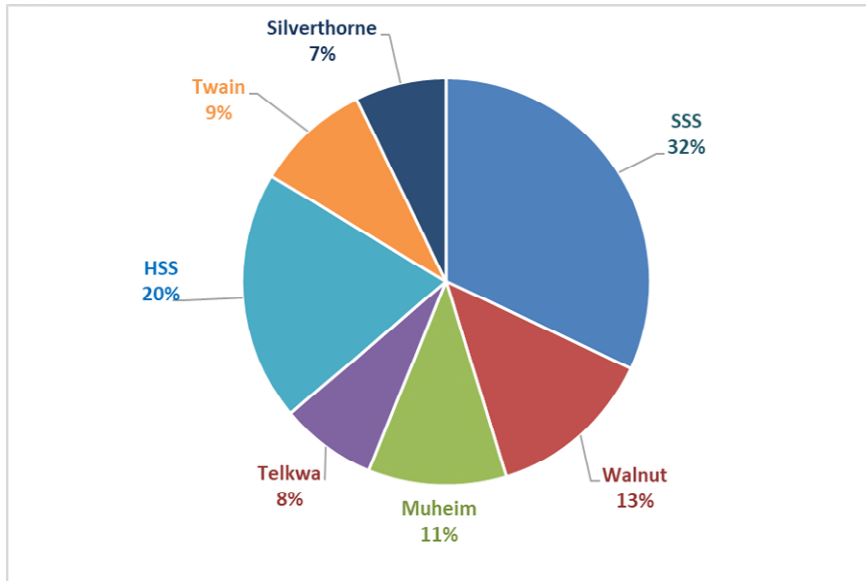
Enrollment vs. Current Capacity



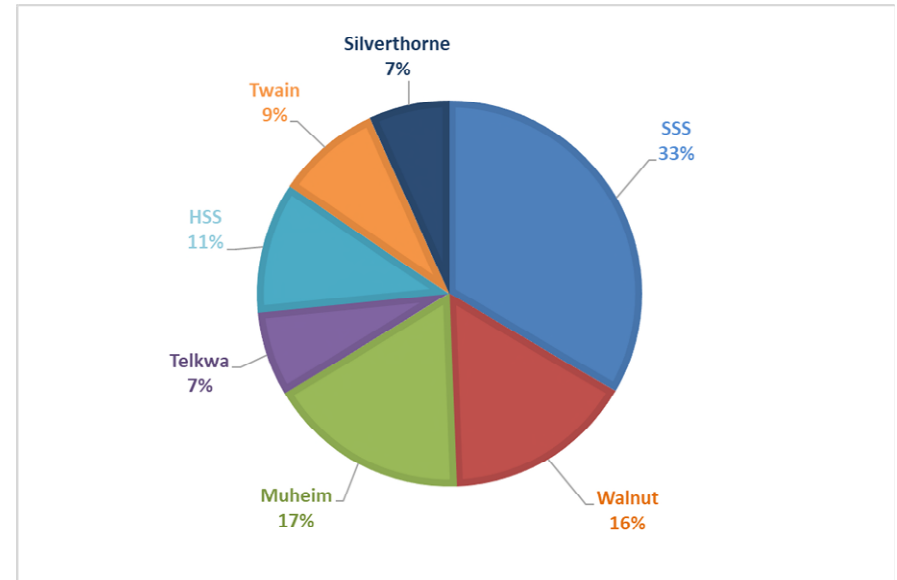
School Facilities

(Proportional space for enrolled students?)

Area



Enrollment



District Facility Upgrades

School

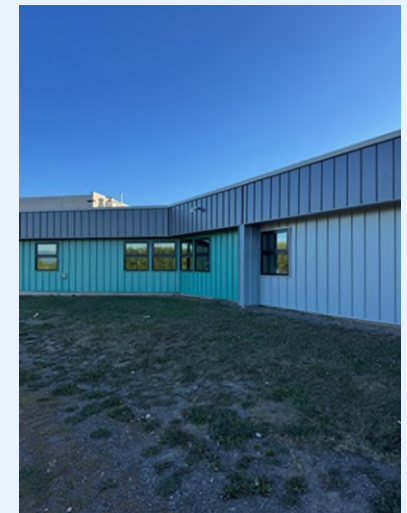
Silverthorne

Kitchen Renovation: new double door freezer, new floors in two rooms, siding upgrades around heat pumps




Twain Sullivan

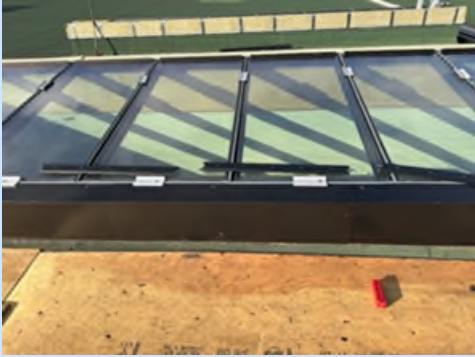
- Replacement of two sets of exterior doors
- Access control (door handles and fobs)
- All new double windows
- Working on building envelope siding and insulation



District Facility Upgrades

School	
HSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roofing section replaced• New CCTV cameras• Initiated structure survey of structural floor and supporting beams• Replacement of insulated pipe in crawl space
Telkwa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed exterior siding around new electrical upgrade• Main electrical upgrade to 600-amp service: rebuild basement rooms, abatement, new power panels• 2 rooms new floors installed• Completed access and controls 

District Facility Upgrades

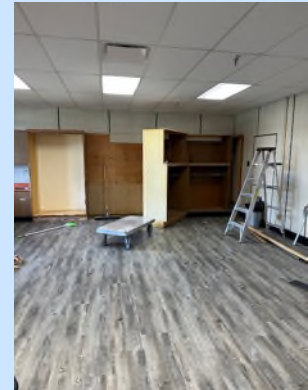
School	
SSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued work with field and cross seeding, top dressing and fertilizer• Roofing sections 5 & 6 replaced• 2 large skylights replaced with high efficiency glass• Girls and boys washrooms outside art room stripped and abated for future planning consideration• 100 hallway flooring stripped and replaced• 500 wing corridor and music room lighting replaced with new LED lighting 
Walnut	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued work with field and cross seeding, top dressing and fertilizer• Removal landscape rocks and concrete structure and hill behind Walnut

District Facility Upgrades

School

Muheim

- Before and after school childcare & gym bathrooms & changerooms totally rebuilt
- School prep classroom and before and after school childcare room stripped and renovated with new furniture, sinks, lights and audio system
- New water fountain for gym
- Exterior and interior access and control doors pertaining to childcare center installed
- Old medical room abated of hazardous material for new accessible washroom, and new plumbing and floor.
- New flooring in rooms 5 & 6, wall rugging removed and divider wall fixed
- New access and control systems
- New rock pit drainage and plumbing system created.

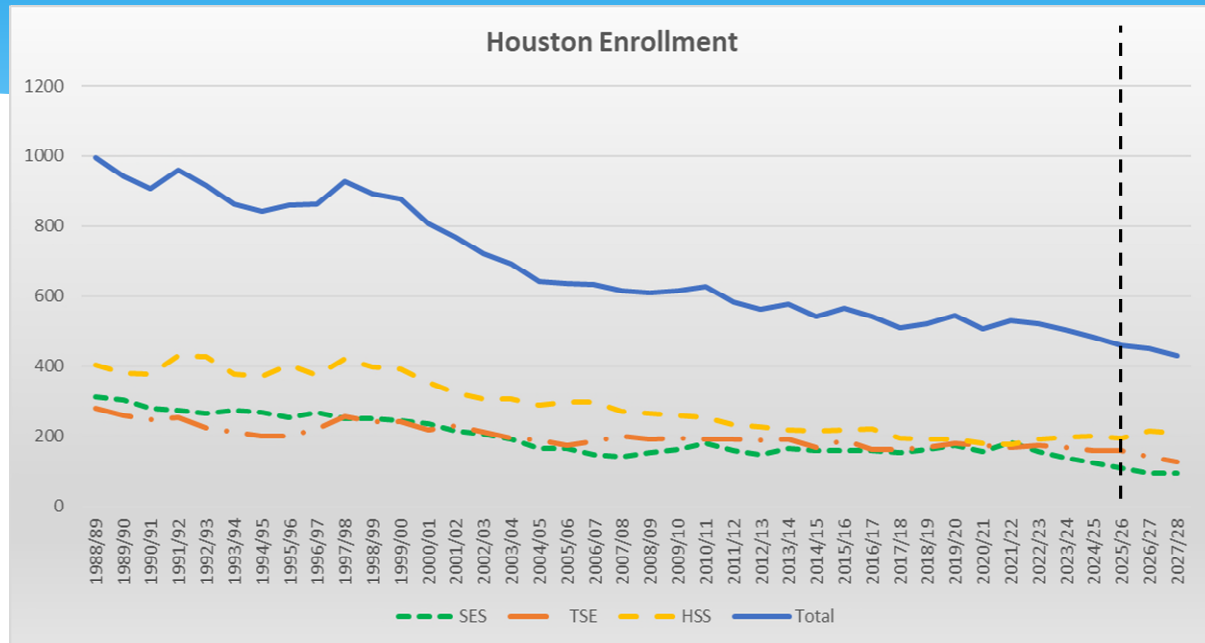


SBO

Working on plumbing upgrades and new bathrooms

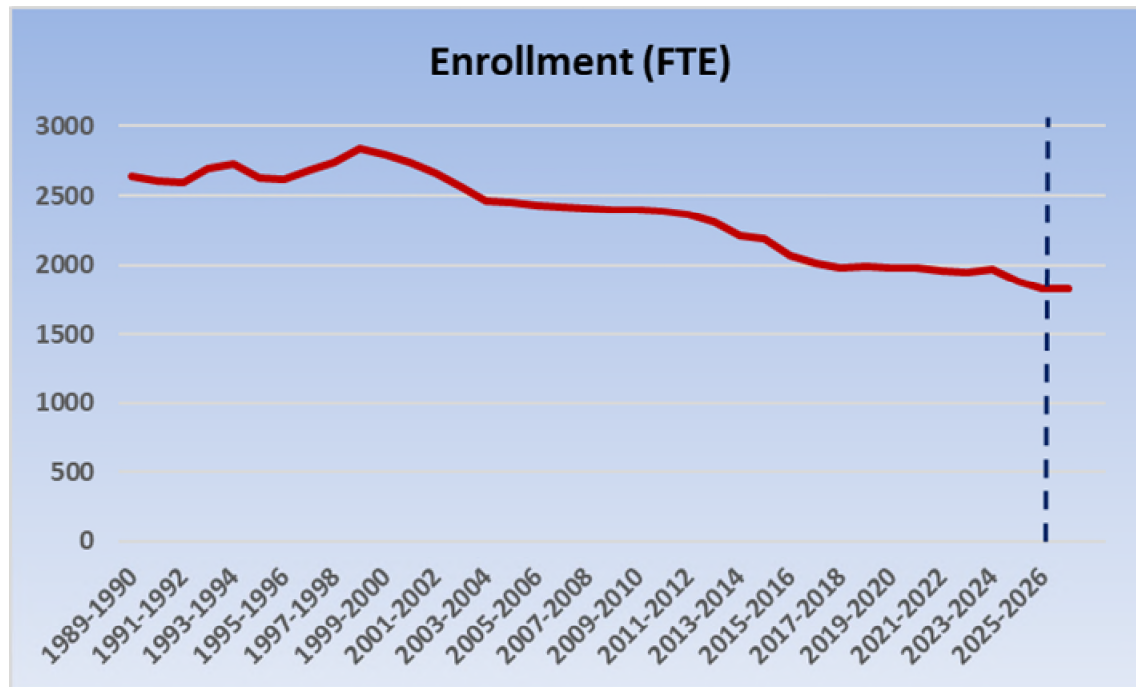
Points of Note...

Houston Schools



- Maintaining 36% of district facilities for 25.8% of population.
- 484 students in 3 schools that can hold 741 students (average 65% capacity)
- Over the past year there has been a 4% drop in enrollment in Houston.
- Since 1988, there has been a 51% decline in enrollment in Houston. Changing facilities to meet new demands and needs (eg. Trades spaces, Childcare center)

District Enrollment



General Outcomes



1. School facilities are in reasonable shape (despite increasing age) but require a higher level of maintenance as they age. (average age is 50.3 years – as compared to 52.3 years prior to Walnut build)
2. Major upgrades are difficult to do as AFG funding is inadequate and cannot be carried forward; though Government is proposing increases in AFG. **Inflationary and contractor supply pressures; District surplus is not expected to support capital or facility upgrades.**
3. New Walnut Park School and sale of Lake Kathlyn and other property have helped mitigate increasing district facility costs.
4. Analysis of factors suggests emerging issues at
 1. Smithers Secondary, Muheim & Silverthorne Elementary - age issues
 2. Smithers High School - mechanical issues
 3. all facilities (other than Walnut Park) - interior wear issues
 4. all schools (other than Walnut Park) - building envelope and energy issues

Strategic Capital Planning



- ✓✓ Walnut Park – new school
- ✓✓ Disposal of surplus facilities
- ✓✓ Houston campus concept given the low enrollment?
- ✓✓ * Houston reconfiguration (primary and intermediate school)
- ✓✓ * Trades, technology & elementary ‘maker spaces’ across district? - In progress
- ✓✓ * Support early childhood learning facilities?
- * District-wide upgrading of learning commons - In progress
- * District-wide upgrading of classroom spaces - In progress
- * Improving building envelopes (exterior, more windows, energy efficiency) - In progress
- * Kitchen facilities upgrades to support food programs - In progress
- * Lighting Upgrades - In progress
- * Parking facilities: paving, drainage, re-design - In progress
- * Washroom facilities - In progress
- * Access & Controls, CCTV, PA Systems - In progress
- * HVAC Upgrades - In progress
- * Roofing upgrades – On going

- * Continue flexible learning space initiatives (learning commons, multipurpose, outdoor) ?



Capital Plan



Washrooms and Kitchens

~ **Done: Muheim, Twain**

Learning Commons

~ **SSS,**

Classrooms

~ **all schools**

Mechanical upgrades at SSS HVAC systems

~ **\$5.5 million (Capital funding)**

Building envelopes

~ **Muheim – (Capital Funding)**

Roofing

~ **\$500,000 – (Capital Funding)**

Upgrade to schools - LED lighting

~ **\$100,000 (AFG)**

PRIORITIES

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Recommendations



It is therefore requested the Board approve the District Facilities Report as presented.

The report supports the plan to prioritization of the following projects:

- ***flexible learning and classroom spaces***
- ***building envelopes***
- ***HVAC and mechanical systems***
- ***Washrooms and kitchen facilities***