

# FB Facilities Planning

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**FACILITIES PLANNING** The Board recognizes that the school unit's educational programs are substantially influenced by the physical environment within which they function.

It is the Board's goal to provide appropriate facilities needed for the number of students in the unit and to provide the kind of facilities that will best support and accommodate our educational program. To this end, there should always be a five-year facilities plan shared with the Board, which shall be updated every two years.

In planning facilities, the Board recognizes that capital outlay funds are limited. The Board shall establish priorities in order to make the best use of school facilities funding.

New buildings and/or renovations to existing buildings shall be in accordance with the organizational patterns established by the Board and shall be designed to fit current as well as anticipated instructional programs.

For each building project, a School Building Committee will be appointed and charged with the responsibility of facilities planning. The authority and responsibilities of this Committee shall be detailed by the Board at the time of appointment.

Architects employed by the Board are expected to plan for high educational utility and flexibility; access to and use by the disabled; sound economics; low long-range maintenance costs and energy efficiency; low insurance rates; and quality of design.

Decisions pertaining to the construction of educational facilities will be made after consultation with professional staff, students, parents and citizens.

All plans and procedures shall be in compliance with federal and state law. All stages of facility planning and construction shall comply with the Maine Department of Education regulations.

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