

Bainbridge Island School District
School Configuration Committee

Guiding Principles

February 2013

The primary purpose of all economically or demographically driven strategic change is to utilize available resources to provide the students of Bainbridge Island with the highest quality educational opportunities in alignment with the district's mission, vision, and guiding principles.

-- School Board Charge to the School Configuration Committee

To accomplish this purpose, the members of the School Configuration Committee should consider the following guiding principles when formulating their recommendations.

The committee should analyze and consider...

1. Educational Programs:
... Maintain or enhance educational programs and opportunities for students that support the district's mission, vision and guiding principles.
2. Educational research and trends:
... Base its decisions on educational research and trends that are driving changes in the content and delivery of educational programs and services.
3. Operational Costs:
... Maximize opportunities to increase efficiency and operational cost savings that can be redeployed for staffing and educational programs.
4. Facility Costs:
... Consider both short-term and long-term facility usage and costs, giving weight to options that will support operational efficiency, educational flexibility, and the best investment of taxpayer dollars.
5. Short-term vs. Long-term Implications:
... Balance transition costs with long-term desired outcomes. Any change will incur one-time costs; however, priority should be given to options that are likely to result in the best school environment and extended cost savings.
6. Feasibility:
... Establish configuration options that are feasible, given the current size, condition, and location of school facilities.
7. Historical and Geographical Context :
... Consider the historical and geographical factors that contributed to the current location of schools.
8. Community Values and Input:
... The perspectives and values of the Island community, providing numerous opportunities for constituent groups to receive information and state their opinions.