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#### **The Facilities Master Plan**

What is it and how does it work?



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### The Facilities Master Plan (FMP) is the Beginning of Project Development



**From Ideas** 



To Implementation

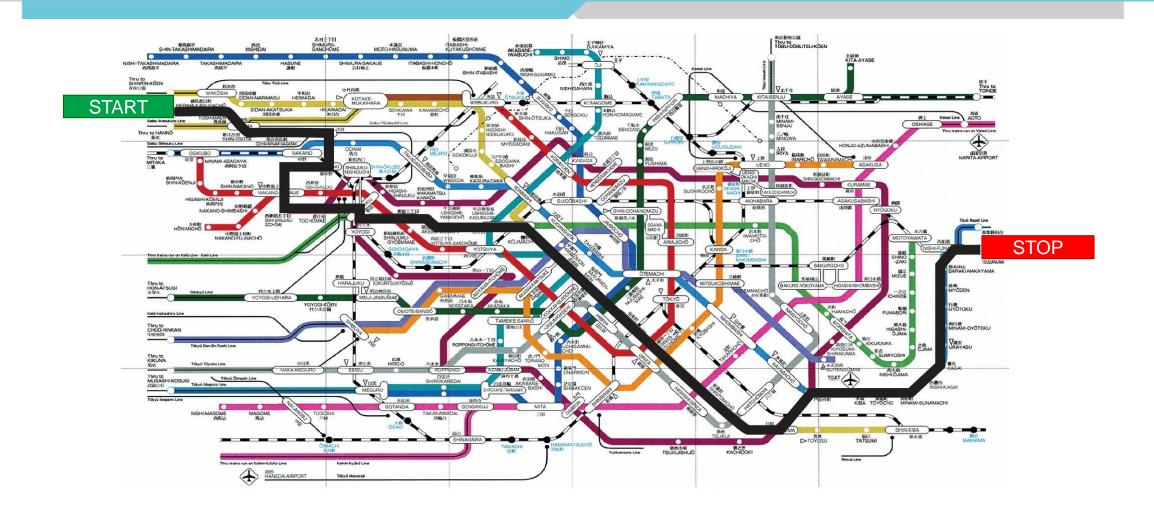
#### The FMP is Authorized by State Statute

Per Section 22-24-5.B(11) NMSA 1978, any district/state authorized charter school seeking capital outlay funding from the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) must have a current five year facilities master plan





#### Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get here?



# Why Plan for School Facilities?

- Districts and charter schools have scarce and competing financial resources.
- District may be at a crossroads:
  - Demographic shifts;
  - Too much space that costs money to maintain and operate;
  - Too little space and need additions or new schools; and/or
  - Facilities that are old and unable to support changing needs of modern education.
- Improving, upgrading, maintaining a school building or campus can be intimidating and overwhelming where to start?
  - Magnified when you have many school buildings and campuses to address

### **Benefits of the Facilities Master Plan**

- Plan is an organizational management and budgeting tool that identifies priorities and critical capital and system needs
- All information and data on facilities in one place
  - Building systems
  - Building condition
  - Capacity/Utilization
  - Floor and site plans
- Contains rigorous demographic and socioeconomic profile including trends and projections
- Data about facility use helps to organize existing or new space to accommodate program changes and needs
- Planning demonstrates a strategy behind facility improvement decision making in order to maximize taxpayer dollars

# **Components of a Facilities Master Plan**

- Facilities Master Plan composed of data, input, and resources:
  - What are the conditions of our buildings, their systems, and site?
  - How many students are in our schools and how many can we expect to serve?
  - What issues do the users of our buildings see (teachers, staff, students)?
  - How are we using our buildings? Do we have enough space, too much space, can we accommodate our program?
  - What resources do we have to address our needs?
  - How do we integrate preventive maintenance to prolong the life of our buildings?



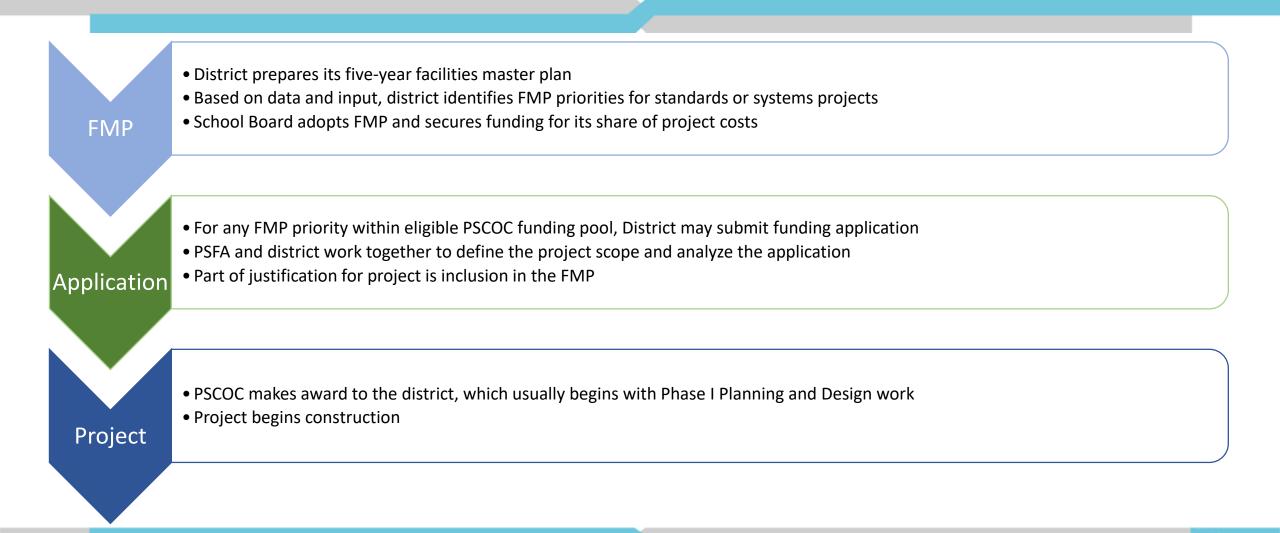
#### How does a Facilities Master Plan Work?

- Identifies short and long term district vision for its facilities
- Roadmap that guides district facility decision making based on data and input
  - What facilities only need general maintenance?
  - What facilities need renovation?
  - What facilities or systems need to be replaced?
  - How do we improve school security?
  - Do we need a new facility/do we need to close a facility or demolish buildings?
  - What are our technology/broadband needs?
  - Do our school sites need improvement?
- Reviews resources and timeframe for implementation of priority projects

#### **Plan Implementation**

- Identifies priorities and options for each school and district facility and projects needed to meet priorities
- Assign financial resources to each project
  - GO Bonds, SB-9/HB-33, Public School Capital Outlay Award
- Establishes a time frame for project implementation
- Integration of maintenance and capital planning
- Charter Schools use plan to assist in finding a suitable facility to accommodate their programs
- A Facilities Master Plan is a living document that district should review and update annually

#### The FMP and the PSCOC Process



## In Summary: Value of a Facilities Master Plan

- Identifies the condition and needs of <u>all</u> the district's facilities and recommends projects to address the needs
- Resources are limited maximizes the public dollar
- Decisions are based on data and input
- Builds upon district's strengths and addresses challenges
- Keeps the district focused in the event of leadership changes
- Rallies support for bond elections

"Better data = better decisions = better schools = students win"

-Quote from Alamogordo parent during its FMP process, 2014

#### **Facilities Master Plan: Examples of Use**

#### Lordsburg Municipal Schools

- Uses FMP to consolidate schools
  - Declining enrollment
  - Surplus Gross Square Footage
  - Re-built its high school at an appropriate scale and closed a school

#### **Clovis Municipal Schools**

- Uses FMP to address rapid growth
  - Overcrowded elementary schools
  - Moved 6th grade to middle schools to create space in elementary schools
  - Built a new middle school



# Facilities Master Planning: Specific Examples of Use

Identification of Systems Replacement – HVAC, Roofs, Floors, etc...

New School to alleviate overcrowding/rapid growth

Right-Size Initiative – Replace large building with poor utilization with smaller building appropriate for enrollment

**School Consolidation** 

New school to replace aging building in poor condition

Space needed for new programs – Pre-K, special education

Maintenance improvement

#### **Common Questions About the FMP Process**

- Our schools are ranked low/nothing has changed do we need to do an FMP?
  - Planning is a good business practice. Districts have their own resources and can benefit from planning to decide to how to allocate resources to facilities.
- Does the PSCOC assist with the cost of a FMP?
  - PSCOC offers matching fund assistance to districts to help pay a consultant for preparing the FMP
- Do we need to hire a consultant?
  - We do not require the district to hire a consultant but planning professionals can help manage the process.
- What if our FMP priorities do not line up with FAD?
  - It is acceptable if a district identifies priorities that do not line up with the FAD ranking but PSCOC prioritizes those projects within the eligible funding pool (highest need projects based on condition, life/health/safety, crowding).

#### **Facility Master Planning: Resources**

PSFA Website:

- Examples of FMPs for school districts/state chartered charter schools
- FMP Guidelines, Checklists, and Templates
- Master plan procurement resources (RFPs, Agreements)

https://www.nmpsfa.org/wordpress/

## **From Planning to Completion**



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#### **Questions or Comments?**



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