

7102 SITE SELECTION AND ACQUISITION

In selecting new sites for district facilities, the Board will consider:

- A. Location in relationship to hazards and nuisances.
- B. Size and appropriateness for proposed purpose.
- C. Fairness of price.
- D. A pupil distribution map showing the distribution of residences.
- E. Any existing buildings on the property.
- F. Statements from architects and engineers that the land to be acquired is suitable for the proposed use including environmental suitability.
- G. Recommendations of the County Superintendent and/or the New Jersey Department of Education - Bureau of Facilities Planning.
- H. Recommendations of the local planning board and appropriate state agencies e.g. CAFRA, Pinelands, etc.

The Superintendent, professional architects and engineers shall ensure that sites are developed in such a way as to enhance the educational program most effectively at the least cost.

The Board shall seek and acquire the review by the New Jersey Department of Education prior to acquiring any site for Board of Education purposes.

Site Development

The Board of Education believes that site selection and development should start from the premise that the school is an integral and inseparable part of the total community. Since the school is a community institution, it should reflect this relationship physically as well as ideologically.

The state legislature has charged local school Boards in this state with the sole responsibility for selecting school sites and this authority cannot be delegated. The processes of selection, however, concern the entire administrative and supervisory staffs,



and others with special skills and insights. The Superintendent of Schools, therefore, is instructed to establish such criteria and procedures as are necessary to assure the citizens, the Board of Education and other governmental agencies that the best possible sites are being acquired for the least expenditure of public funds.

Land Use

Every school site shall be master-planned for ultimate development. This planning should include the locations of all buildings, grounds and service facilities.

If all buildings or other facilities in the master plan are not constructed in the first phase, then a tentative set of increments should be developed.

Method of Financing

The purchase of school sites and buildings shall be financed by approved bonds, special assessments, and/or lease/purchase agreement.

N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4.2
N.J.A.C. 6:22-1.1 et seq.

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