

Developing Guiding Principles

Overview of Guiding Principles

Facility planning in most instances demands the use of some type of **prioritization process**, because facility improvement needs are varied and often fall beyond the financial limits of the district to accomplish at one time.

Guiding Principles are used during the prioritization process to **ensure consistency in aligning facility improvement plans with the community's vision and priorities**.

For the Sheridan LRFP process, Guiding Principles will be established by:

- Creating and compiling collection of statements that reflect the collective vision, desires, outcomes, and priorities of the Sheridan LRFP Committee.
- Based on this, the consultant will develop draft Guiding Principles.
- Draft Guiding Principles will be reviewed and vetted by the committee and the broader community.
- Throughout this process, the School District Vision and Goals will be used as guiding framework.

Once the Guiding Principles are established, the project team and committee members will measure proposed projects against these principles for the purpose of evaluating and prioritizing projects in the LRFP.

Examples

The following example statements were developed by the Mt. Angel School District during their Long-Range Facilities Planning process:

- Mt. Angel School District strives to provide educational facilities that meet the needs of all students, staff, and the surrounding community. We seek to provide facilities that enable, inspire, and empower success.
- Mt. Angel School District is committed to providing facilities that are safe, secure, and inviting. Educational facilities shall meet the diverse needs of all students, teachers, and the broader community, while fostering the importance of student success.
- Mt. Angel School District facilities will allow flexibility to the varying curriculum and common goals shared by all. We also emphasize the need to facilitate these goals through well-designed facilities allowing common areas with ample capacity, appropriate flow, and welcoming aesthetics.

For the purpose of evaluating and prioritizing potential projects, these statements were further distilled down to the following:

- Enable, Inspire, Empower
- Safe, Secure, Inviting
- Flexibility, Capacity, Flow, Welcoming