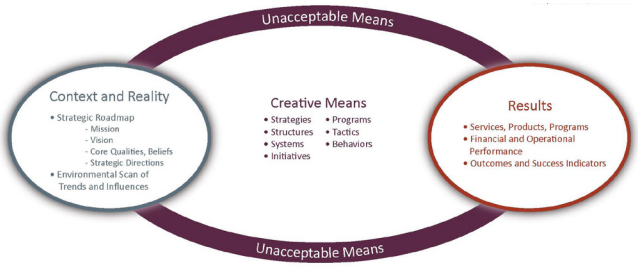
Guiding Change Document:
ISD 719 Facilities Planning Process

Mission:
Our mission is to educate all learners to reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community.



District Strategic Directions
A. Increasing measurable student growth and achievement
B. Continue financial accountability to community while using available resources to educate students and maintain class-size targets
C. Expand innovative programming to meet family needs
D. Expand and embed environmental focus across the district
E. Integrating technology for teaching and communications; increasing capacity to set standards for all learners using 21st century skills
F. Engage parents, families and community to strengthen a culture of respect and inclusion

Current Reality "The Why"

Need for a Facilities Plan

- Student enrollment growth is outpacing our projections. 250 additional students were projected for 2016/17 and as of Oct. 1, 2016, an additional 444* students were realized.
  - K-5, at capacity (avg. class sz. 23). Current enrollment is: 3,670
  - Gr. 6-8, at capacity (avg. class sz. 28). Current enrollment is: 1,979
  - Gr. 9-12, currently over capacity (avg. class sz. 32). Current enrollment is: 2,658 (including Bridges ALC)
- Schools are at or near capacity for curricular, core and co-curricular activities and athletics
- We must ensure that we meet expectations of the Strategic Plan, including having adequate space for our students for instructional programming (school operations, classrooms, gyms, the arts, co-curricular activities and athletics, early childhood programs, Kids' Company
- Need a plan for the future of developing and delivering educational services and student opportunities that are important to our community in preparing students for their futures

Need for a public process of consultation

- To educate and engage our public
- To increase public feedback and awareness
- Build trust through a process
- To develop advocates for our district and public education

** All enrollment #s are based on official Oct. 1, 2016 counts, as reported to the State of MN*

Unacceptable Means "The Not How"

We will not:

- Violate laws, policies, or agreements or program commitments
- Entertain options that are not aligned to our strategic plan
- Eliminate district programs, services and student opportunities
- Use portable classrooms
- Create unreasonable inequities within our buildings and programs

Results "The What"

Options to provide for:
Capacity for current and projected E-12 student enrollment through 2026/27**

- Include core space expansion where needed (e.g. kitchens, cafeterias, gyms, office space, storage, locker rooms)
- Incorporate and furnish small group breakout/21st century learning spaces into all schools
- Ensure all elementary schools would have dedicated space for art, music, and technology
- Create comparable facility and co-curricular spaces across the district to provide balanced opportunities for all students
- Must be aligned to the district's ability to deliver on the district strategic plan and strategic directions
- Must serve all programs and services (Early Childhood programming, Kids' Co., etc.)
- Adequate space for students for instructional programming, school operations and co-curricular activities and athletics, early childhood programs, Kids' Company

**Capacity now includes 10 year projections based on an updated demographic report (Dec. 2016) and district enrollment trends.

School Board approved 11-14-16
Updated 4-20-17