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Shaping a strategy for Shaker's facilities: city • schools • libraries

Advisory Committee Meeting 2 September 22, 2021

# Welcome and Follow-up

Mayor David Weiss, City of Shaker Heights Jeff Grosse, City of Shaker Heights Public School District Amy Switzer, Shaker Heights Public Library



### Meeting 1 Follow up

- Answers to questions
- Use of input from first meeting
  - Communications and outreach strategy (key messages, tools and barriers)
  - Developing guiding principles and as direct input into the plan (challenges and opportunities, outcomes)

### Agenda

- Welcome and Meeting 1 follow up
- Educational Visioning Reflection
- Building the Vision Workshop Preparation
- Next Steps & Adjourn

# Educational Visioning Reflection

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### Educational Visioning Workshop

- Series of Educational Foundation Videos (Homework)
- Snapshot of our Schools
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Education and Facilities
  - What is Important/not Important to the Future of our Schools
  - Table Team Discussion
- What Works at our Schools, City and library
- What Could Be Better
- Schools in Context
  - o Table Team Discussion

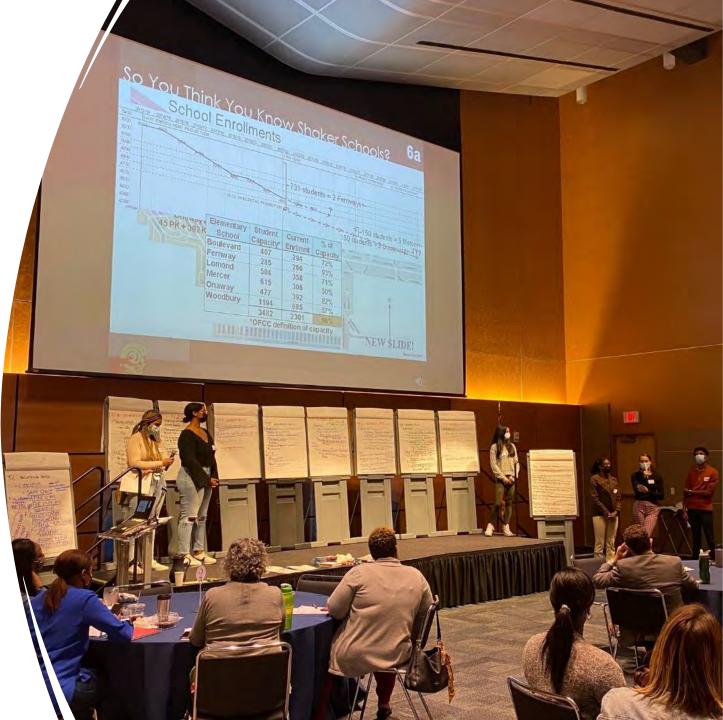


### Educational Visioning Workshop

- Who is in Charge Here?
  - Common Core, State Testing vs Innovative Effective Deliveries
  - Table Team Discussion
- Diversity, Equity + Inclusion
  - Table Team Discussion
- Schools and.....Library and City
- School Organization
  - o Table Team Discussion
- Visioning Session Closing Summary

#### **NEXT STEPS**

**Issue Visioning Session Report** 



### Select Shaker City and Library Facilities



Sussex Family Center

56,056

Building **Square Footage** 

Building Age

(years)



**STJ Community Building** 

Building Age

(years)

\*OFCC definition of capacity

Bertram Woods Branch

12,198

Building

Square Footage

100% Capacity

62

**Building Age** 

(years)

**Thornton Park** 

**Building Age** 

(years)



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#### 79

Average Building Age (years)

66 years – Middle School 104 years – Woodbury Elementary

#### 932,302

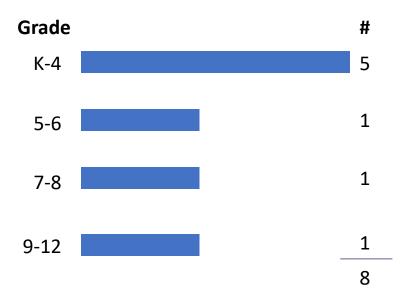
School Building Square Footage



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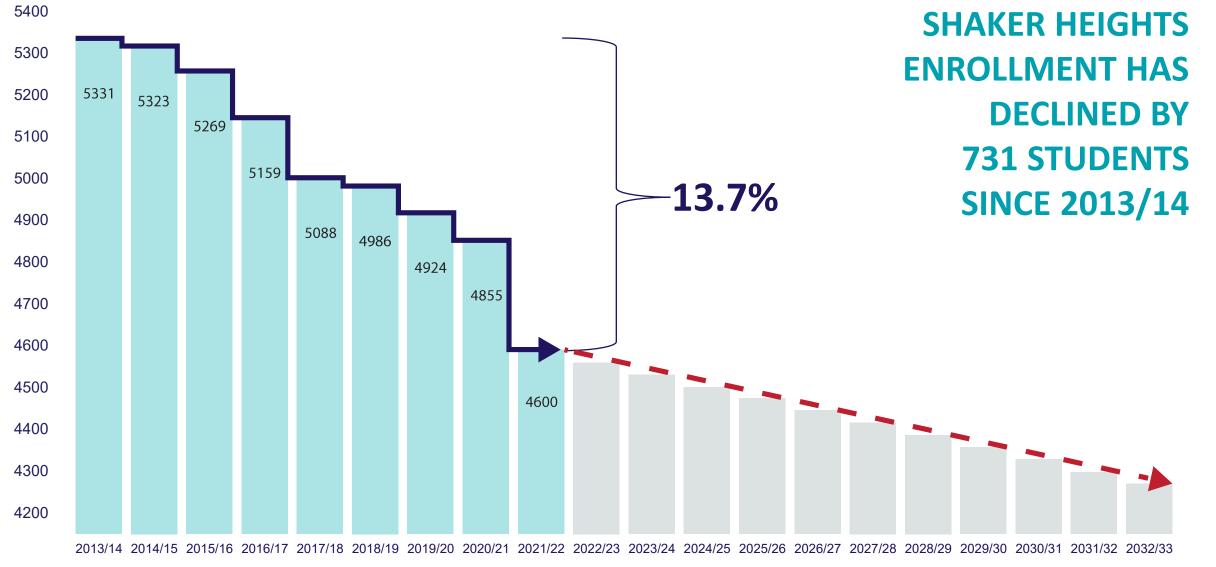
Total Site Acreage (Acres)

#### **School Buildings**

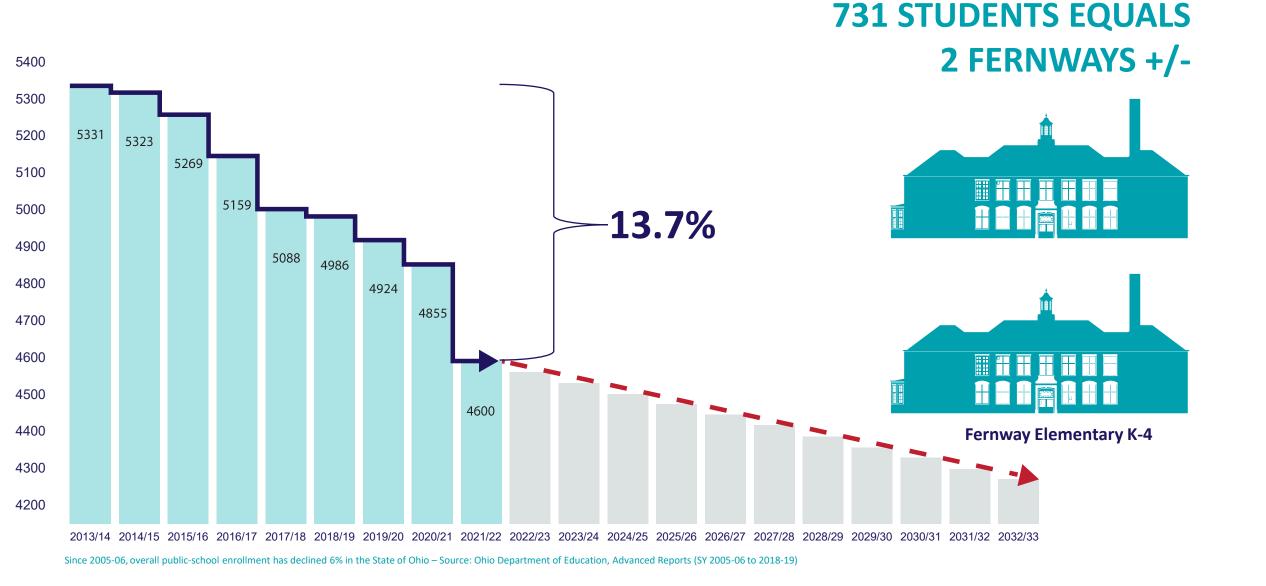


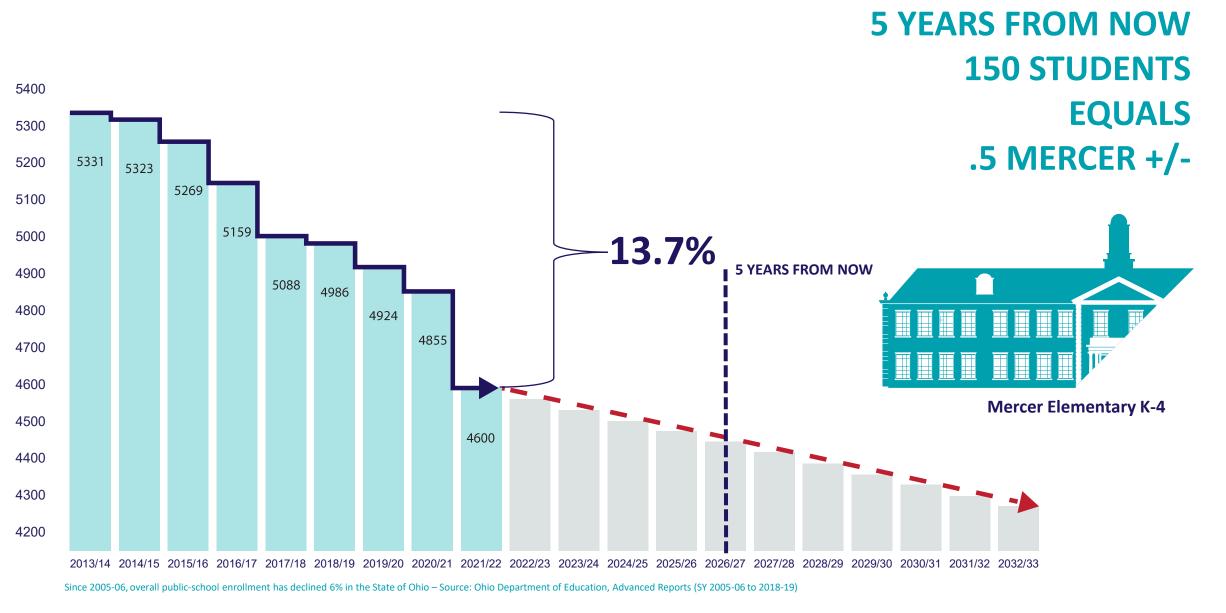
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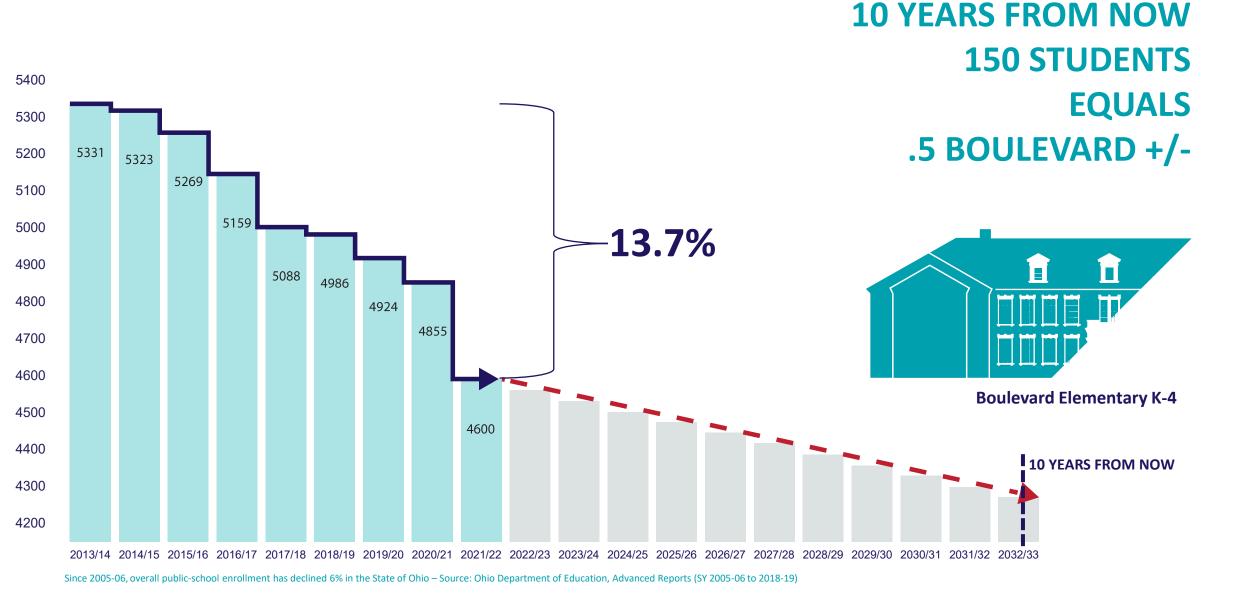
**Total Teaching Stations** 



Since 2005-06, overall public-school enrollment has declined 6% in the State of Ohio – Source: Ohio Department of Education, Advanced Reports (SY 2005-06 to 2018-19)





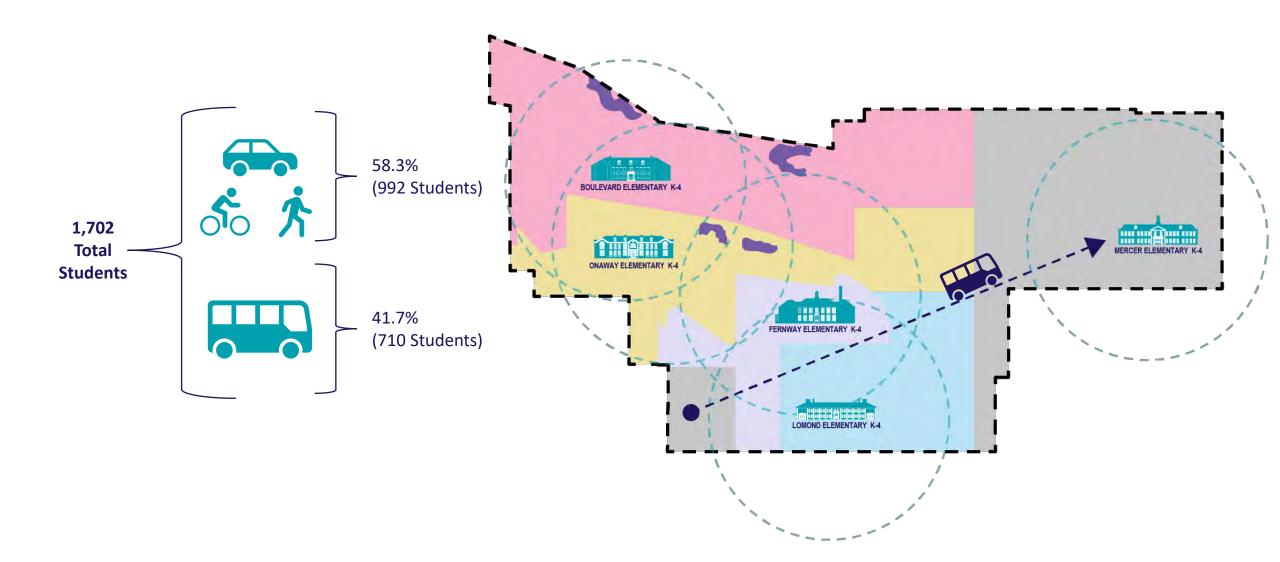




ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	STUDENT CAPACITY*	CURRENT ENROLLMENT	% OF CAPACITY
Boulevard Elementary K-4	407	294	72%
Fernway Elementary K-4	285	266	93%
Lomond Elementary K-4	504	358	71%
Mercer Elementary K-4	615	306	50%
Onaway Elementary K-4	477	392	82%
Woodbury Elementary 5-6	1194 <b>3482</b>	685 <b>2301</b>	57% 66%

\*OFCC definition of capacity

### K-4 Transportation



# Reflection from Advisory Committee members



### **Questions or Comments?**



### **Foundational Concepts**

- Enduring Place Capitalize on the existing strengths of Shaker
- **Space Efficiency** Provide a master plan that will reflect the best use of space, enrollment trends, and academic needs
- Enhanced Performance Identify strategies to transform underperforming and/or underutilized facilities
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** Create a plan that focuses on diversity, equity, people and community
- Magnet Community Creation of schools and community facilities to draw residents to Shaker
- Accessibility Access for all to the Shaker facilities
- Shaker Assets- Retaining community neighborhood facility assets
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education Creating facilities that promote 21<sup>st</sup> Century educational concepts
- **Pre-K Education** Value and enhance Pre-K options in the community
- **Dream Big** Transformative change to the schools, city and library

# Building the Vision Workshops Preparation



### **Publicity Outreach Toolkit**

- Publicity Toolkit Overview start here, this explains the items in the toolkit
- Rack card (printed can be picked up at City Hall and Library, PDF can be attached to emails etc.)
- Frequently asked questions
- Social media images (sized for Facebook and Twitter)
- 8.5 x 11 sized flyer
- 11x17 sized poster
- Bulletin (can be printed out and used in church or other programs)

#### Workshops Turning ideas into action! Are Shaker Heights schools, libraries, and city facilities important to you? Do you want to guide their future direction? Join us as we begin to implement the vision! learn more at ForwardTogetherShaker.com in person opportunities October 13 October 14 6-8pm October 14 11am-1pm Middle School 4-6pm Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gymnasium **Chelton Park** Community Building 20600 Shaker Blvd. 3450 Lee Rd. Chelton and All in person workshops are the same format (drop in), so choose a time and location most convenient for you and come anytime during the two hour event. COVID protocols will be in place, please visit website for details. virtual opportunities **October 7** Or offer input through an 12-1pm Virtual Workshop, register at online survey on the website, ForwardTogetherShaker.com available October 4-17. Forward > Together haping a strategy for Shaker's facilities city • schools • libraries

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### **Building the Vision Workshops**

- Round 1 engagement opportunities (Oct 4-17)
  - October 7, 12-1pm and 6-7pm, Zoom Virtual Meetings
  - October 13, 6-8pm, Middle School cafeteria
  - October 14, 11-1pm, STJ Community Building
  - October 14, 4-6pm, Chelton Park
  - Online survey open October 4-17

Please spread the word about the opportunities to get involved!

### **Engaging Youth**

- Online survey (teachers allow time during class)
- Focus Group (school leadership groups)
- Display (HS cafeteria, study hall etc.)

### **Building the Vision Stations**

- 1. Overview and Foundational Concepts
- 2. Proximity in Facilities: Locations
- 3. Enhancements in Facilities: Purpose and Needs

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- 4. Equity in Facilities
- 5. Efficiency in School Facilities: Configurations
- 6. Innovation in School Facilities: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

### Station 1: Overview and Foundational Concepts

- Information: General background overview and concepts
- Prompt: Do these foundational concepts resonate with you?
- Engagement: Rank each on scale from fully support to fully oppose with stickers

### Station 2:

**Proximity in Facilities: Locations** 

- ace a sticker on your favorite community facility.
- Information: Facilities map, walkshed data, school locations, school capacities, library and city facilities locations
- Prompt: How important are the current facility locations to you? Why?
- Engagement: Blue dots on facilities in critical locations, green dots on facilities which could be relocated and why (postit notes)

### Station 3:

**Enhancements in Facilities: Purpose and Needs** 

- Information: Current facilities assets
- Prompt: Specific questions about facilities
  - Shaker Middle School (renovate, new, uses, etc.)
  - STJ Community Building (renovate, new, uses, etc.)
  - Bertram Woods Branch (renovate, new, uses, etc.)
- Engagement: Collect comments on post-it notes applied to the board

#### Station 4: Equity in Facilities

- Information: Demographics mapping, busing figures, guiding principles
- Prompt: How can our community facilities be more equitable?
- Engagement: Collect comments on post-it notes applied to the board



#### Station 5: Efficiency in School Facilities: Grade Configuration

- Information: Current configurations, impact on facilities, Educational Visioning feedback
- Prompt: How do you feel about a different way to organize the grades?
- Engagement: Reacting to a proposed option based upon the visioning work using stickers or other engagement technique

### Station 6: Innovation in School Facilities: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

- Information: Educational evolution, example classrooms, impacts on physical space
- Prompt: How do you envision our schools in the future?
- Engagement: Collect comments on post-it notes applied to the board. Visual preference survey.

### Your Involvement

- Use the Publicity Toolkit to personally invite people in your your personal and professional networks to participate
- Please volunteer to join us at one of the in-person events to help staff a station.
- Provide your own feedback by participating in one of the various events

### Next Steps



### **Next Steps**

- <u>Tentative</u> Advisory Committee meeting schedule
  - Early November (Nov 3, 7-9pm)
  - Mid-November (Nov 17, 7-9pm)
  - Mid-January (week of Jan 17)
  - Early February (week of Feb 7)
  - Mid-March (week of Mar 14)
  - Late March (week of Mar 28)
- Hoping to be in person for November meetings

### Homework

- **Promotional.** Help us get the word out about the upcoming opportunities for engagement.
  - We need volunteers to help drop rack cards and promotional information off at local businesses. We will be sending out a sign-up sheet
  - Send emails and personally ask people in your networks to get involved
- **Engagement.** Are you interested in helping us take this engagement out into the community?
  - We need volunteers during Oct 4-17 to help with pop up engagement events and to conduct small group "meeting-in-a-box" kits
  - We will end out a sign-up sheet. Tameka will be coordinating and conducting an orientation session for those interested in conducting "meeting-in-a-box"
- Send Brian your photo and bio for the visual roster

### You're Invited: Joint Meeting

- September 30, 6:30pm
- High School Auditorium (large auditorium)
- Will be introduced to the boards (City Council, School Board and Library Board)

# **Thank You!**

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