

**Facilities Advisory Committee
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Criteria Matrix Guidance

The purpose of the Criteria Matrix is to assist the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) in developing broad priorities to present to the Board. The goal of this initial process is *not* to create a firm priority of specific projects but rather to review general projects that fall under Board approved categories and determine which of these many types of projects rise to the top in terms of importance based on board recommended criteria below.

As you will see, the initial project categories are not specific to a particular site or community, but are types of projects that are necessary across many school sites. After going through this initial prioritization process of these general projects, the Board will review and provide further input to staff. Based on this input, staff will use these recommendations and develop a list of specific projects for the FAC (and ultimately the Board) to review and further prioritize.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety refers to basic physical improvements that, if not made, would have the potential to cause serious health and/or safety concerns for students and/or staff. A “3” indicates a very high priority for a project suggesting that if this project is not completed it would put students and staff at potential risk. A “0” indicates that while the project may have benefits in other areas of the criteria matrix, it does not reach a level of concern for this particular area. An N/A means that there is not enough existing information to make a determination at this time.

Equity

Equity and equality are two strategies used in an effort to produce fairness, but they are not the same. *Equity* is defined as giving everyone what they need to be successful. *Equality* is treating everyone the same. In the matrix, Equity means investing resources in order to fulfill a need so that all students can be successful. A “3” means that a particular project will fulfill an essential need in the school/community and that a lack of investment will further exacerbate disproportionate resources across sites. A “0” indicates that while the project may have benefits in other areas of the criteria matrix, it does not reach a level of concern for this particular area. An N/A means that there is not enough existing information to make a determination at this time.

Student Achievement

Student Achievement refers to students being successful in preparation to be college and career ready. A “3” score means that a particular project will have a dramatic impact on the ability for students to achieve success. A “0” indicates that while the project may have benefits in other areas of the criteria matrix, it does not reach a level of concern for this particular area. An N/A means that there is not enough existing information to make a determination at this time.

Long Term Benefit to the Community

Long Term Benefit to the Community refers to projects that will have an impact not just on students and staff at the school, but for the entire community. A “3” score indicates that a project will likely lead to direct and significant long term community benefit. A “0” indicates that while the project may have benefits in other areas of the criteria matrix, it does not reach a level of concern for this particular area. An N/A means that there is not enough existing information to make a determination at this time.

Potential to Leverage Outside Funding

Potential to Leverage Outside Funding refers to projects that are likely to garner additional funding from non-bond sources. This can include state funding, emergency funding, joint use funding from municipalities, and/or private/foundation funding. A “3” score indicates a guarantee that additional funding will be available to the project. A “0” indicates that while the project may have benefits in other areas of the criteria matrix, it does not reach a level of concern for this particular area. A N/A means that there is not enough existing information to make a determination of the potential of additional funding at this time. An N/A means that there is not enough existing information to make a determination at this time.

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