

**THE RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK**

7800

CLOSING OF FACILITIES

The Board of Education will seek both professional and community advice concerning any contemplated closing of any school facility due to age, condition, size, or other considerations.

An advisory committee shall be formed at least six months in advance of a proposed closing, with membership comprising Board members, appropriate administrative staff, teachers, parents, community and business representatives, an architect(s) and/or other professionally-trained experts in evaluating building condition/use.

Such committee will prepare an educational impact statement. The study shall consider all or some of the following:

1. the age and condition of the building, and projected repair or rehabilitation costs to keep it in use;
2. enrollment projections and district demographic pattern;
3. projected short-term and long-range fiscal ramifications of the closing, including associated cost savings and expenses;
4. the capacity of other district facilities to absorb students, staff and programs displaced by the closing;
5. the impact of the closing on district staffing requirements;
6. the impact on student safety, including distances and routes traveled to and from school;
7. the historic value of the building; and
8. the relationship of the closing to the district's long-range plan.

The district shall publish a notice of the proposed closing in at least one newspaper of general circulation once a week for two weeks. The notice shall also be circulated to elected municipal, state and public officials who represent Rye.

After publication of the suggested notice and within 60 days of the issuance of the educational impact statement, the Board shall hold a public hearing to evaluate the proposed closing. Among the factors to be considered at the hearing are those discussed in the educational impact statement and alternatives may be presented by interested parties.

The Board shall render its decision on the closing of the building at a regular or special meeting.

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