

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Millburn Public Schools

INFORMATION ITEM

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Subject: First Reading-Facility Management and Building Programs- Policy  
4:150

This policy has been updated to show standards for naming buildings and facilities, standards for managing buildings and grounds, and standards for green cleaning.

## Operational Services

### Facility Management and Building Programs 1

The Superintendent shall manage the District's facilities and grounds as well as facility construction and building programs in accordance with the law, the standards set forth in this policy, and other applicable School Board policies. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate: (1) inspections of schools by the Regional Superintendent and State Fire Marshal or designee, and (2) review of plans and specifications for future construction or alterations of a school if requested by the relevant municipality, county (if applicable), or fire protection district. <sup>2</sup>

#### Standards for Managing Buildings and Grounds

All District buildings and grounds shall be adequately maintained in order to provide an appropriate, safe, and energy efficient physical environment for learning and teaching. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with periodic reports on maintenance data and projected maintenance needs that include cost analysis. Prior Board approval is needed for all renovations or permanent alterations to buildings or grounds when the total cost will exceed \$12,500, including the cost equivalent of staff time. <sup>3</sup> This policy is not intended to discourage efforts to improve the appearance of buildings or grounds that are consistent with the designated use of those buildings and grounds.

#### Standards for Green Cleaning 4

For each District school with 50 or more students, the Superintendent or designee shall establish and supervise a green cleaning program that complies with the guidelines established by the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council.

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The footnotes are not intended to be part of the adopted policy; they should be removed before the policy is adopted.

<sup>1</sup> Each district with a school having 50 or more students must have a green school cleaning policy (Green Cleaning School Act, 105 ILCS 140/). Many other State and federal laws control facility management and building programs. Good subjects for administrative procedures include management of custodial services, security, green cleaning, among others.

The Prevailing Wage Act is generally applicable to all construction projects (820 ILCS 130/). It requires, among other things, that: (1) all workers on a public works project be paid no less than the prevailing hourly rate, (2) the district specify in all public works contracts that the prevailing rate must be paid, and (3) all contractors must submit certain employment records to the district and the district must keep these records for not less than 3 years (820 ILCS 130/5).

<sup>2</sup> 105 ILCS 5/3-14.20 and 5/3-14.21.

<sup>3</sup> This provision is optional and the amount may be changed. The \$12,500 spending limit is one-half of the bidding threshold for purchases or contracts (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21, amended by P.A. 95-990 which increased the bidding threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000 or a lower amount as required by policy). This provision's intent is to ensure that the board is kept informed about significant renovations and permanent alterations. A board should discuss this provision with its superintendent before including it in the policy.

<sup>4</sup> Required by the Green Cleaning School Act (105 ILCS 140/) and Green Cleaning for Elementary and Secondary Schools (23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 2800). The *Guidelines and Specifications*, established by the Ill. Green Government Coordinating Council, state: "[a]ll schools may continue to use their current cleaning supplies, equipment and policies until ... such time as the supplies and equipment on hand as of May 9, 2008 are exhausted." See:

[www.standingupforillinois.org/green/school\\_cleaning.php](http://www.standingupforillinois.org/green/school_cleaning.php)

[www.standingupforillinois.org/uploads/20080122GCSAGuidelines.pdf](http://www.standingupforillinois.org/uploads/20080122GCSAGuidelines.pdf).

## Standards for Facility Construction and Building Programs 5

As appropriate, the Board will authorize a comprehensive study to determine the need for facility construction and expansion. On an annual basis, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with projected facility needs, enrollment trends, and other data impacting facility use. Board approval is needed for all new facility construction and expansion.

When making decisions pertaining to design and construction of school facilities, the Board will confer with members of the staff and community, the Illinois State Board of Education, and educational and architectural consultants, as it deems appropriate. The Board's facility goals are to:

1. Integrate facilities planning with other aspects of planning and goal-setting.
2. Base educational specifications for school buildings on identifiable student needs.
3. Design buildings for sufficient flexibility to permit new or modified programs.
4. Design buildings for maximum potential for community use.
5. Meet or exceed all safety requirements.
6. Meet requirements on the accessibility of school facilities to disabled persons as specified in State and federal law.
7. Provide for low maintenance costs, energy efficiency, and minimal environmental impact.

## Naming Buildings and Facilities 6

Recognizing that the name for a school building, facility, or ground or field reflects on its public image, the Board's primary consideration will be to select a name that enhances the credibility and stature of the school or facility. Any request to name or rename an existing facility should be submitted to the Board. <sup>7</sup> When a facility is to be named or renamed, the Board President will appoint a special committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation, along with supporting rationale, to the Board. The Board will make the final selection. The Superintendent or designee may name a room or designate some area on a school's property in honor of an individual or group that has performed outstanding service to the school without using the process in this policy.

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<sup>5</sup> The Health/Life Safety Code for public schools is found in 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 180. The Ill. Environmental Barriers Act (410 ILCS 25/) and the Ill. Accessibility Code (71 Ill.Admin.Code Part 400) ensure that "all applicable buildings are designed, constructed, and/or altered to assure the safety and welfare of all members of society and to be readily accessible to, and usable by, environmentally limited persons," (71 Ill.Admin.Code §400.110). Press boxes constructed on school property before July 1, 2009 do not have to comply with the Accessibility Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.46, added by P.A. 96-674).

A building intended for classroom or instructional use may be constructed only after voter approval at a referendum unless the building is: (1) leased by the district, or (2) purchased with funds from the sale or disposition of other buildings or structures, or with funds received as a grant under the School Construction Law or as a gift, provided that no funds (other than lease payments) are derived from the district's bonded indebtedness or its tax levy (105 ILCS 5/10-22.36).

A district may levy a tax for "fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, specified repair purposes," (105 ILCS 5/17-2.11). An expedited process may be available in emergency situations (Id., added by P.A. 96-252).

The Green Buildings Act requires all new State-funded building construction and major renovation projects to meet specified environmental requirements (20 ILCS 3130/, added by P.A. 96-73). Waivers may be granted by the Capital Development Board in certain situations (Id.). For environmental impact laws, see policy 4:160, *Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds*.

The inclusion and identification of the facility goals listed in the second paragraph are at the board's discretion.

<sup>6</sup> This section is optional and its contents are at the board's discretion.

<sup>7</sup> The board may want to include criteria for the committee, in which case the following is an option:

1. The committee will encourage input from the community, staff members, and students.
2. Consideration will be given to names of local communities, neighborhoods, streets, landmarks, historical considerations, and individuals who have made a contribution to the District, community, State, or nation.
3. The name will not duplicate or cause confusion with the names of existing facilities in the District.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.  
20 ILCS 3130/, Green Buildings Act.  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.46, 5/10-22.36, 5/17-2.11, 140/, and 230/.  
410 ILCS 25/, Environmental Barriers Act.  
820 ILCS 130/, Prevailing Wage Act.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 151, School Construction Program; Part 180, Health/Life  
Safety Code for Public Schools; and Part 2800, Green Cleaning for Elementary  
and Secondary Schools.  
71 Ill.Admin.Code Part 400, Illinois Accessibility Code.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:170 (Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and  
Land Surveying Services), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 8:70  
(Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

## **Operational Services**

### **Facility Management and Expansion Programs**

#### Facility Development and Expansion Programs

#### Managing Buildings and Grounds

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for managing buildings and grounds.

CROSS REF.: 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

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