

Additional Detail, Dolphin Digest April 9, 2026

Hard decisions will have to be made as the district develops its decision framework. One of our parents attended the March 31 school board meeting and shared some priorities shared throughout, including some that board members highlighted, that neighborhood school members from any PPS school could consider bringing up in listening sessions:

- Neighborhood schools should be given just as much priority as other programs – or even more, given the value they serve in the community
- Prioritize feeder pattern that will allow students to stay together across elem/MS/HS transitions
- Avoiding additional impact on communities that have already undergone school structure upheaval in the last decade
- Consider that students of color historically bear a higher level of closure impact than white students
- Prioritize safe routes to schools, with compact boundaries and minimal travel needed to schools
- Minimize elementary changes that would alter which middle schools the students will attend
- Consider the blighting community detriment of mothballing a school building
- Consider whether neighborhoods have other community/library spaces and what community role the school is serving
- Consider the academic strength of schools being closed and those students are being moved to

Please attend the “rightsizing” listening sessions and share your important voice!!