

Meeting #5 (November 30) Homework:

Hello Committee Members, you may remember that at Meeting #4, we decided to watch the video on school closings. **The activity we still need to complete is creating Facility Belief Statements.**

CONTEXT: At the special Board of Education meeting on November 7, 2022, the Board members confirmed they want the committee to provide high-level recommendations to accomplish the three financial priorities discussed at our meetings. Our mission is to explore district facilities and inform the Board of Education as they make difficult decisions. To achieve a committee recommendation, we must to establish a foundation of belief statements and SMART goals.

TASK: Use the district Thought Exchange platform to write a belief statement that you believe will help drive the district when making decisions surrounding district facilities. Read through the belief statements from other committee members and rate each one out of 5 stars.

GOAL: At Meeting #5 (November 30th) we will rate the top 3 belief statements determined by the Thought Exchange Activity. After we decide on the ultimate belief statement, we will write SMART goals to accompany the belief statement to establish our foundation of belief statements.

Example

Step 1: You draft a belief statement utilizing Thought Exchange in preparation for Meeting #5

Facility Belief Statement: USD 497 believes that district facilities be fully utilized and well maintained to support the district's priorities and strategic plan despite declining enrollment and a revenue/expense gap.

Step 2: Utilizing Thought Exchange, rate each statement submitted by committee members

Step 3: At Meeting #5, vote on the ultimate statement and draft SMART goals.

SMART Goal #1: USD 497 will effectively and efficiently utilize district facilities measured by schools operating at 80% capacity by 2026.

SMART Goal #2: USD 497 will allocate capital outlay funds to maintain buildings efficiently, safely, and securely for all students at 80% of the architect's rating by 2026.

Thought Exchange Question – follow the [link](#) to access the Thought Exchange.



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From what you learned through this Futures Planning process, what do you see as the District's responsibility to maintain facilities?