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# CCSD Advisory **Board Meeting** January 26, 2021

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# The Pledge of Allegiance



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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## Advisory Board Regular Meeting Superintendent's Report

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

## Agenda

**District Updates** 

- → Priority 1: Accelerating Student Achievement
- → Priority 2: A Great Teacher in Every Classroom, Great Staff in Every Role
- → Priority 3: Safe Schools, Built for 21st Century Success
- → Priority 4: Financially Responsible, Fiscally Sustainable

**District Highlights** 



#### Accelerating Student Achievement: Planning for a Return to Hybrid In-Person

#### TENTATIVE Hybrid In-Person Return Date... April 12, 2021

#### **Putting our Entire Community First**

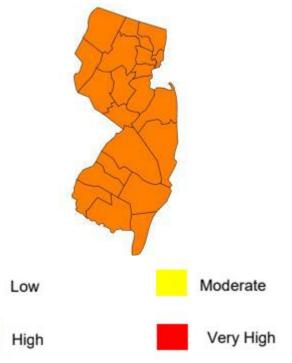
- Observing County & Camden City Transmissions
- Ensuring our Facilities are ready for staff &

students

Ensuring Students, Staff, and Families' safety is maintained when we return

#### COVID-19 Activity Level Report

New Jersey Department of Health Communicable Disease Service





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#### Safe Schools Built for the 21st Century: Winter Sports



#### Girls/Boys Basketball

- January 11 March 6, 2021
- → Condensed season (15 games)
- → Per NJSIAA, absolutely NO SPECTATORS allowed at games or practices
- → All varsity games will be lived streamed via District's Facebook page
- → Per NJSIAA, no post-season or championships
- → Coaches, players, and officials will follow District NJSIAA (state) and CDC guidelines

#### **Girls/Boys Indoor Track**

→ Due to the recent NJSIAA Winter Track modifications, WW/CHS will now participate in a limited number of track meets.



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**District Highlights** 





## Building a Stronger, More Sustainable School District For Our Children

January 2021

## **Progress in the Making**

#### After decades of underinvestment, we are now making major progress:

- Graduation rate up 20 points from 49% to 69%
- Student proficiency in math and reading has increased for 4 consecutive years
- Nearly \$500M invested in school facilities
- Brand new, state-of-the-art \$133M Camden High opening in fall 2021
- More parent choice than ever before: 60% of students in public charter and public renaissance schools, 40% in traditional public schools



#### How We Got Here

- Progress in our schools has been made thanks to the tireless efforts of our educators and partnerships with parents, elected officials, and faith leaders
- Public renaissance schools exist because NJEA supported the Urban Hope Act in 2012
  - NJEA should be commended for its commitment to Camden's kids
- Public charter schools exist because NJEA supported the original law that authorized charter schools in 1995

"[T]he state's largest teachers' union... endorse[s] the "Urban Hope Act." - NJ.com; Jan. 9, 2012

"We have always supported public school choice."

- Ginger Gold Schnitzer, the NJEA's chief lobbyist - NJ.com; Jan. 9, 2012

## **Current Condition**

- Many of our school facilities are aging and in need of repair
  - o Bathrooms are in an unacceptable state
  - Water fountains do not work; bottle water has to be trucked in
  - $\circ~$  Limited/failing air conditioning and heating systems
  - o Hazardous/structural conditions
- Financial challenges continue to rise: CCSD estimates a deficit of \$40M for FY22
- Path to stability starts with a focus on placing students in schools that can give them the best opportunity to succeed



Cramer School Water Damage In need of major repairs

#### **Current Condition**

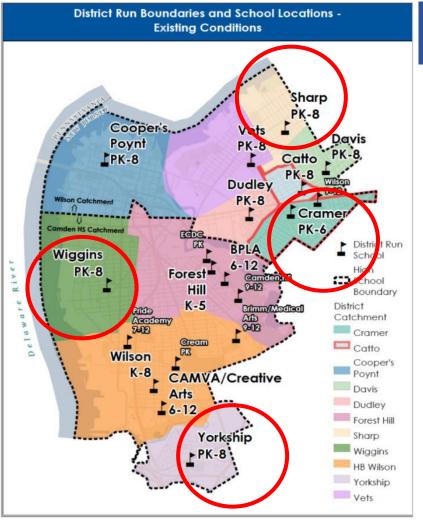


## **Principle Objectives of the Plan**

- Our students are entitled to the best facilities, education, and support
- Parents must continue to be able to choose the best school for their children
- School consolidations must put CCSD on a pathway to long-term financial success
- Families must be supported and ensured a smooth transition

## **Process to Develop a Plan**

- We engaged in a 6-month long effort to review all facilities and enrollment models
- We consulted over 500 parents, educators, faith leaders, and elected officials. The process included:
  - Enrollment projections
  - o 750 community surveys
  - o 12 planning committee meetings (including parents and educators)
  - o 2 community input forums



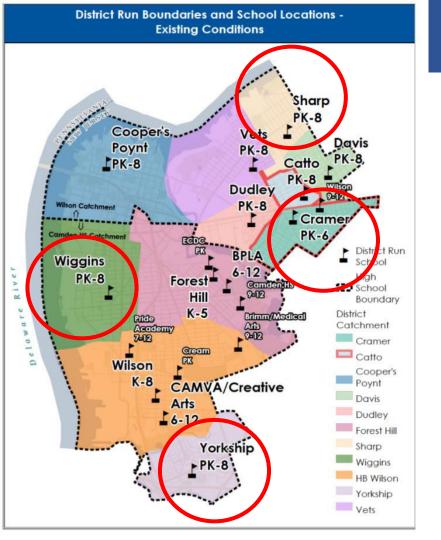
## The Plan

This Fall:

- Four schools will close: (1) Sharp, (2) Cramer,
  (3) Wiggins and (4) Yorkship
  - $\circ~$  All buildings are in need of repair
  - $_{\odot}~$  Three of the four buildings are 100+ years old
  - On average, these schools are 30% empty, wasting valuable capital and operating dollars







## **The Plan: Student Impact**

Every child will have a guaranteed District school option

- Sharp students  $\rightarrow$  Vets (K-5), Davis (6-8)
- Cramer students  $\rightarrow$  Davis (K-6)
- Wiggins students → Forest Hill (K-5), CAMVA (6-8)
- Yorkship students→ Cream (K-2); HB Wilson

(3-5); CAMVA (6-8)

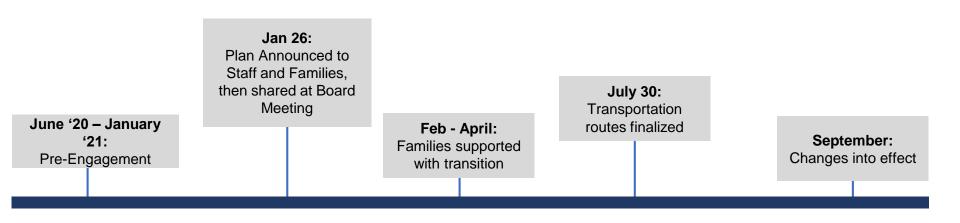
As always, parents also have a wide variety of public charter and public renaissance schools to choose from:

- Near Sharp / Cramer→ Mastery, Camden's Promise
- Near Wiggins→KIPP, Hope, ECO, LEAP, Freedom Prep
- Near Yorkship→ Uncommon, KIPP, Freedom Prep

## **Ensuring Families Have a Smooth Transition**

- Transportation will be provided to all impacted students
- Every district school student looking to go to a district school will be guaranteed a seat
- All impacted families will receive personal outreach via District staff
- School-Based Youth Services available to support students with transition
- Hotline available for families to call with questions or concerns by calling the District's Solution Center directly (856-966-2507)

#### **Timeline of Implementation**



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- → Priority 4: Financial sustainability, fiscally responsible

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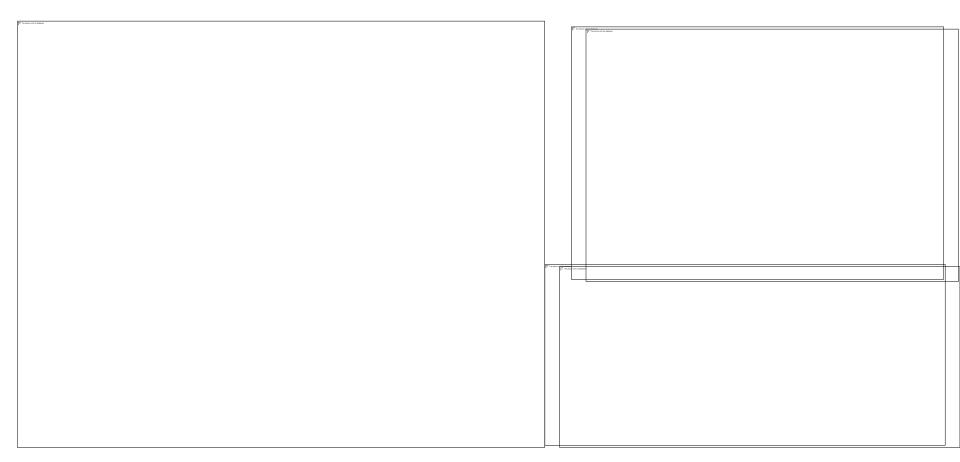




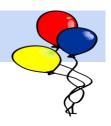
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#### **Reminder to Stay Connected**



Retirements



Name	Position	Years of Service
Maribel Alayo	Paraprofessional A / Pre-K	29
Felicia Jones	Paraprofessional A / Pre-K	28
Wannetta McKever	Paraprofessional A / Kindergarten	30
Maxine Scott	Teacher, Elementary	26
Elaine Worlds	Paraprofessional A / Special Education	28
Lawrence Zahn	Teacher, SPED - ICR	19

