

SCHOOL CITY OF HAMMOND
41 Williams Street
Hammond, IN 46320

Board Resolution # 2324-18

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the School City of Hammond, under Indiana Code § 20-26-7-47(c) is required, each school year, to review the usage of school buildings used in the school corporation to determine whether any school building should be closed for the ensuing school year and subsequent school years; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 20-26-7-47(d)(2) states that a school building may be closed if it is underutilized for classroom instruction purposes or other allowable uses specified by this section; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 20-26-7-47(e) lists allowable uses for such school buildings, including use for distinct student populations as long as at least 30% of the school building is utilized for such students, and storage, as long as at least 50% of the school building is utilized for storage; and

WHEREAS, the School City of Hammond owns three school buildings that will not be used for K-12 classroom instruction for the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, Wallace Elementary will be utilized 100% for early childhood services (ie. Headstart Services), with 50% used for instructional purposes and 50% for office space, and combining this student population into fewer school buildings is not reasonably feasible, and the occupancy cost of using 50% of the school building for office space is not more than comparable office space available in the district; and

WHEREAS, Morton Elementary will be utilized 60% for early childhood services (ie. Headstart Services), and combining this student population into fewer school buildings is not reasonably feasible; and

WHEREAS, Kenwood Elementary will be utilized 80% for storage, and on average, the storage space will be used to capacity, and the cost to use this building as storage is less than the comparable storage space that is available in the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees adopts this Resolution which approves the following action to be taken:

1. For each of the school buildings referenced above, each school building is being used and it is financially prudent to continue to use the school building, considering all community resources, for the allowable uses, as specified herein.
2. The Superintendent shall ensure that redistricting of students enrolled in Kindergarten through 6th grade from each of the school buildings identified will occur on or before Monday, May 6, 2024 with notification to parents concerning redistricted attendance areas for 2024-2025 school.
3. The Superintendent shall communicate to affected staff from each of the school buildings as to reassigned and/or notified about the unavailable position on or before May 31, 2024.
4. The Superintendent shall reassess the school of attendance for currently enrolled out of district students that are enrolled pursuant to the Policy 5111 and determine which school the out-of-district students are eligible to attend and notified parents of affected student on or before May 30, 2024.
5. For out-of-district students seeking initial enrollment, the Superintendent shall determine new enrollment capacities for each and each school on or before June 18, 2024.
6. The Board will establish the number of transfer students that can be accepted in each building and grade level. The Board will establish a date by which requests to enroll a transfer student must be submitted to the Superintendent. This date shall be submitted to the Indiana Department of Education and published on the Corporation Internet website.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and accepted by the School Board Members of City of Hammond this ____day of April 2024.

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL CITY OF HAMMOND

By its Board President

Attest:

By its Board Secretary