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Capital planning is an endeavor that combines art and science in an effort to address current and projected capital needs while allowing enough flexibility to address unforeseen issues as they may arise. To guide the development of the annual capital plan, the Board will periodically establish capital planning priorities to identify areas for additional longer term analysis and for the commitment of capital resources.

The goal of the annual capital plan is to identify and forecast the need for long-term resources to help ensure a safe, healthy, and inviting learning environment in all schools. The plan addresses two facilities functions;

- 1) Major new construction needs, and
- 2) Maintenance and upgrades to existing facilities.

During the annual capital planning process, a needs assessment shall be completed by the Director of Schools or his or her designee to determine the design parameters for each newly proposed project. The parameters will be developed using the established grade level program standards.

Building use and condition are two primary criteria driving capital decisions. Use reflects the capacity of the school building with respect to current enrollment and projected growth as well as educational programming. Building condition simply defines the physical state of the school structure in terms of needed repair and deferred maintenance. Economics, Functionality, and Zoning Implications are additional factors to be carefully considered for new construction and capital investment.