



# *Facilities Modernization Plan*



## **Final Draft**

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# Why We Need to Modernize

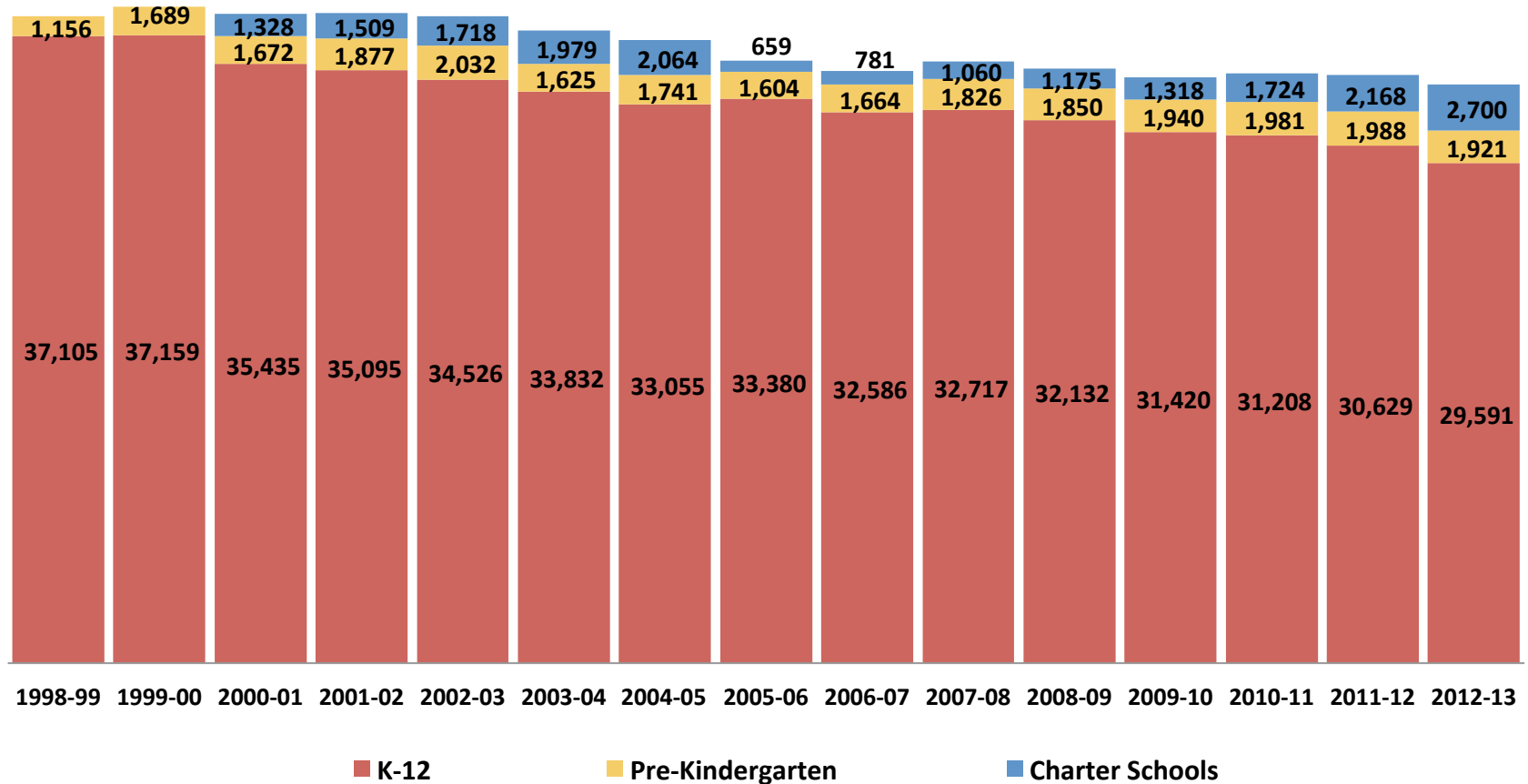
- **Better classrooms and facilities will improve student achievement**
- **Many school buildings are in poor condition**
  - Nearly half are more than 75 years old
- **We are losing students to charter schools and other districts**
- **We have much excess space**
  - Good buildings are underused
  - District facilities are well suited to programs currently housed in leased space

***Our District is spending millions of dollars each year to maintain excess space and outdated facilities—funds that should be used to improve teaching and learning.***

# Declining Student Enrollment

Combined Enrollment:

38,261 38,848 38,435 38,481 38,276 37,436 36,860 35,643 35,031 35,603 35,157 34,678 34,913 34,785 34,212



Combined enrollment decreased by 12% since 1998-99.

Source: District Budget Book

# Principles Guiding the Plan

## **Improved student achievement**

- High-quality learning environments
- Maintaining and improving school programs

## **Efficient allocation of resources, effective management systems**

- Efficient use of space
- Lower facility costs
- Flexible financing
  - Up to 98% of costs paid by New York State

## **Open communication, family and community involvement**

- Transparent process
  - More than 20 public and school-based events since Nov. 1
- Menu of options for students
- Long advance notice of changes for families
- Well-planned support for staff in building moves
- Ten-year plan will be adjusted as educational requirements and District needs change

# Major Changes Since January 10

## School No. 4

- Renovation shifted to phase 3, 2016-2017
- Program may size down to K-6 over next two years

## School No. 16

- Renovated in phases 2 and 4
- Students return to renovated K-6 school as early as 2015

## School No. 22

- Program remains in place through 2017-2018
- Students move to Franklin Campus or replacement building after that

## Swing space

- Temporary locations are being adjusted to match need

# Plan Overview

## **38 outdated facilities will be modernized**

- Students and staff will move to “swing space” while their building is renovated or rebuilt

## **9 schools are in good condition**

- They will get moderate renovation and regular upkeep
- Students and staff will not need to move

## **5 school facilities in poor condition will eventually be retired**

- Students and staff will move to a modern building designed to meet program needs
- Flower City School #54 will move from leased space to school facility #30 this fall
- No currently operating district building will close until 2015
  - Schools No. 22, 25, 36, and 37 will be retired between 2015 and 2020
  - We will work with the city neighborhoods on use and redevelopment options

## **We will continue to reduce the use of rental space over time**

**Timing and project specifics will adjust to match available funding, enrollment, and program needs**



# Plan Map

## 13 SCHOOLS






12 modernized  
1 gets regular upkeep  
1 retired (leased space)

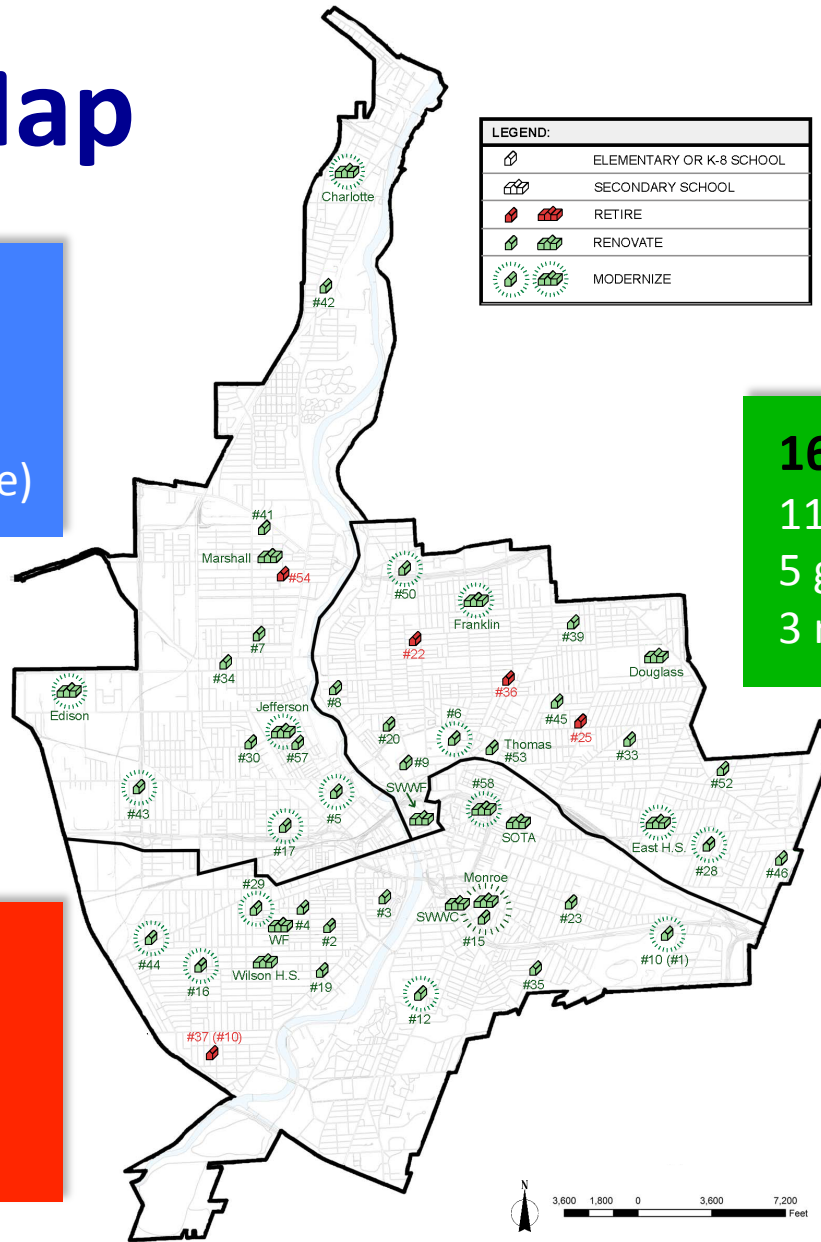
## 18 SCHOOLS

15 modernized  
3 get regular upkeep  
1 retired

## 16 SCHOOLS

11 modernized  
5 get regular upkeep  
3 retired

LEGEND:	
	ELEMENTARY OR K-8 SCHOOL
	SECONDARY SCHOOL
	RETIRE
	RENOVATE
	MODERNIZE



# What Our Plan Will Achieve

- 47 school buildings that are conducive to learning
- No substandard or temporary classrooms
- Efficient, safe and comfortable buildings
- Modern instructional technology
- Facilities that support the full range of student interests and needs, with added family and community services
- Space for music, art and PE at every school
- Sports facilities and fields for junior- and senior-high students
- Efficient and effective allocation of resources
- More attractive and inviting schools for families to choose



# Questions?

