

Gardendale Education Facility

- North Alternative Learning Center
- Gardendale Separate Day School



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Challenges

- ALC and Separate Day School sharing site
- Student needs vary widely
- Additional facility modifications needed to better serve students and faculty
- Merritt Island location not ideal
 - Serves students county-wide
 - Not centrally located for staff
 - Transportation challenges
- Recruiting and retaining staff

- Is this the right location for the separate day school?
- Is this the right approach to the separate day school?
- Are there private sector options available?
- Separate day school all BPS or hybrid with private sector?
- Best practice review of other school districts
- Transportation solution?
- Can we move programs closer to students, faculty?
- Is this the right location for the North ALC?
- What is the right investment to respond to immediate needs while thinking long term?



Today's Snapshot



- No private operator interest in separate day school
- High number of staff vacancies in critical positions
- Facility & technology investments needed
 - Create additional classrooms by renovating space to relocate offices
 - Security enhancements
 - Develop outdoor play areas
 - Additional furniture, fixtures & equipment (FF & E)

Now

- Review immediate facility/technology/site plan with new Assistant Superintendent Student Services & Student Services Team – week of 6/5
- Construction change order for additional facility & security needs – Board agenda 6/13
- Purchase FF & E - prepare purchase orders this week – move forward early next week
- Finalize plan for outdoor play area needs
- Evaluate plan against capital resources available



Soon

- Establish/negotiate incentive program for staff for SY 24
- Appoint leadership positions
- Recruit and on-board positions
- Strategic look at position allocations for Gardendale



Resources

- Capital Needs
 - Facility capital remains from last year's opening of Gardendale Separate Day School
 - Some IDEA funds may be available for some (TBD)
 - FY 23 FF & E student services capital available
- Staff Needs (TBD)

Future

- Are there better facility and/or program options?
- Determine long-term plan for capital, staff resource programming

