

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the Matter of Schoolhouse Closing
Public Hearing and Special Meeting

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Directors of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625

In accordance with Minnesota Statute Section 123B.51, Subdivision 5, the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools, will hold a public hearing on the recommendation and proposal to close the following as schoolhouses: Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary, Galtier Elementary School, Highwood Hills Elementary; Jackson Preparatory Elementary School; John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary; LEAP High School; L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion Lower; Parkway Montessori and Community Middle School; and, Paul & Sheila Wellstone Elementary.

Hearing date and time: Tuesday, November 30, 2021, starting at 5:30p.m.

Hearing location: Conference Rooms A and B of the Administration Building, Saint Paul Public Schools, Independent School District 625, 360 Colborne Street, Saint Paul, MN, 55102

At SPPS, we believe all students deserve the full range of educational opportunities and student support that a robust, well-rounded education affords. A well-rounded education is one that meets the Minnesota state's educational standards by providing students with learning

opportunities that give them the skills to succeed in school, college and career. Barriers to providing all SPPS students with a well-rounded education at every school include declining birth rates and increased competition from schools outside of SPPS. This has resulted in an excess of 8,000 empty seats across Saint Paul Public Schools making many school programs unsustainable. As a result, the following school programs have been identified to be closed so that students can be relocated to programs that provide access to a well-rounded education:

Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary
707 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

Galtier Elementary School
1317 Charles Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

Highwood Hills Elementary
2188 Londin Lane, Saint Paul, MN 55119

Jackson Preparatory Elementary School
437 Edmund Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55103

John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary
740 York Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106

LEAP High School
631 N Albert Street, Saint Paul, MN 55104

L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion Lower
1305 Prosperity Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106

Parkway Montessori and Community Middle School
1363 Bush Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106

Paul & Sheila Wellstone Elementary
1041 Marion Street, Saint Paul, MN 55117

Those wishing to provide testimony for and against the proposal may sign up in advance using the District's form for submitting public comment at www.spps.org/boe or by e-mailing or

calling the Board Secretary (sarah.dahlke@spps.org / 651-767-8149). Those who do not sign up in advance will still be allowed to provide testimony. Individuals providing testimony are asked to speak for a maximum of three minutes.

The public may monitor the open portions of the meeting via live stream at www.spps.org/boe.

Dated: November 17, 2021 _____

Jeanelle Foster
Chair, Board of Education
Independent School District No. 625
Saint Paul Public Schools