

COMPARING THE LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN WITH THE RED PLAN PLUS

Category	Long Range Facilities Plan	Red Plan Plus
Construction Costs	\$293 million	\$329 million
Operating Budget Impact	Saves \$5.3 million per year	\$410,000 higher annual costs than LRFP
Schedule	Secondary student transitions completed by Fall 2011; elementary transitions completed by Fall 2012.	Secondary transitions completed by Winter 2014; elementary transitions completed by Fall 2014.
Outcomes: Middle School Programs	Designs schools to reflect middle school model (grades 6-8 in a separate school). Middle school education is currently used by 11 of the 12 largest Minnesota school districts, including Duluth.	Eliminates middle school program, creating grade 7-12 secondary schools.
Outcomes: High School Programs	Creates high schools of 1200-1500 students, expanding opportunities in traditional courses and increasing options in science, fine arts and other curriculum areas.	Reduces high school population to an average of 900 per building, reducing program choices.
Outcomes: STC	Housed on both high school campuses (Ordean and Denfeld).	Due to cost constraints, will be included only at Central.
Outcomes: Green	Increases walkability for middle and high schools to 20% of student body.	Increases transportation use by reducing walking, as nearly 100% of non-driving Central students will require buses.
Teacher Contracts	No changes required in master agreement.	Requires renegotiating the master agreement, which reflects middle school assignments and professional development.