



Update: Completion of The Long Range Facilities Plan

After more than five years of planning and construction, the Long Range Facilities Plan for Duluth Public Schools is delivering on its promise of providing 21st Century learning environments and expanded educational opportunities that will benefit our entire community for generations to come.

In addition to making significant investments in modern classrooms, technology and teaching resources, the Long Range Facilities Plan is improving security features, and providing greater energy-efficiency and more environmentally-friendly schools. These improvements are ensuring that students learn in safe, healthy environments, while taxpayers receive maximum benefit for each dollar invested in the Long Range Facilities Plan.

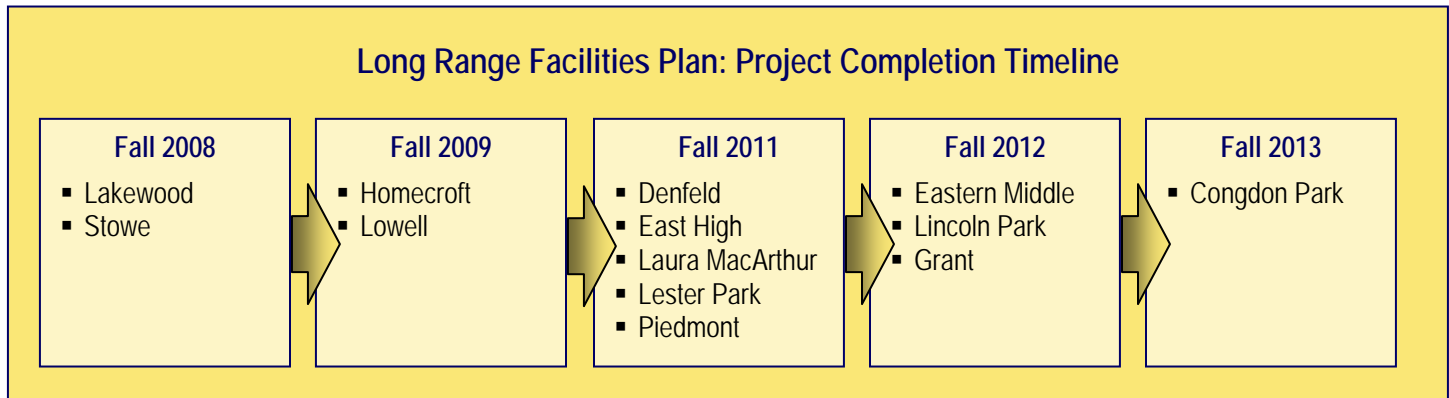
The Long Range Facilities Plan is Delivering Benefits for Students Today

Under the Long Range Facilities Plan, every Duluth school is receiving significant upgrades that will give students access to the latest learning resources and technology while also making the schools more efficient and cost-effective. Students at Homecroft, Stowe, Lakewood and Lowell are already benefiting from modern schools that feature improvements such as:

- Larger classrooms with brighter, natural lighting and plenty of space for students to learn
- Modern technology, including SmartBoards and expanded audio/visual resources
- Creative, flexible gathering spaces for individual and collaborative lessons
- Energy-efficient systems that reduce school operating costs and protect the environment
- Centralized entryways and upgraded security systems to ensure student safety at all times
- Separate bus and vehicle lanes to keep traffic outside of schools running smoothly and safely

The Long Range Facilities Plan is 90% Underway, On-Time and On-Budget

More than 90% of the Long Range Facilities Plan is under way, and we are on time and on budget. Four schools are already complete, seven schools are under construction and two schools are currently in the design phase, gathering input from parents, residents and community leaders. By the fall of 2013, all Duluth students will be attending modern, 21st Century schools.



And with all of this progress underway, Duluth taxpayers are getting maximum value for their investments in Duluth Public Schools. In fact, the tax impact of the Long Range Facilities Plan is actually lower than originally projected. In addition, economic conditions have allowed the District to expand the scope of the project to deliver more educational value for students at no additional cost to taxpayers.

For more information about the improvements underway at each Duluth school visit www.ChooseDuluthSchools.com.