



## Seattle Public Schools Sustainable Solutions

At Seattle Public Schools, we are holding true to our mission to ensure that we provide an excellent education for every student and working on a sustainable solution to address a significant budget shortfall.

### **Proposal for Consideration: Closing and Consolidating Four Elementary Schools in 2025-26**

In this proposal, Sanislo, Stevens, Sacajawea, and North Beach would close and merge with a neighboring school. This would keep school communities together and create strong, merged schools.

### **How Consolidation Ensures Educational Excellence**

By consolidating schools, SPS will enhance students' access to educational resources, while strengthening our financial stability. These resources include:

- Advanced learning, arts, music, and STEM opportunities
- Expanded social-emotional and mental health access and support
- Comprehensive special education services

### **Criteria for Closure and Consolidation**

- **Building Condition:** Each school's structural and system quality was rated; these scores range from 1.00 to 5.00 with 1.00 meaning 'excellent' and 5.00 meaning unsatisfactory.
  - **Learning Environment:** Schools were assessed for suitable, flexible learning spaces that meet educational and safety needs; 1 = Excellent, 5 = Unsuitable.
  - **Capacity to Serve Students:** Schools were evaluated on their ability to support SPS standards for classroom size, special programs, and essential resources.
  - **Regional Needs:** Regional enrollment trends and proximity to neighboring schools were considered to minimize disruption and support full consolidation.
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