



## Guiding Principles for Facility Planning

The following *Guiding Principles* have been formulated by the School District of River Falls to shape the development of a Facility Master Plan for the District. Based upon these guiding principles, the district will prioritize facility needs and develop plans for how to best meet community expectations related to school facility quality:

- 1) **District Mission Statement** -- Decisions will be grounded in our district mission to include, innovative personalized learning; student-centered; forward-thinking; in a safe and nurturing environment.
- 2) **Enrollment projections** -- Consider current and planned utilization in light of enrollment projections when evaluating the future and current needs of a facility.
- 3) **Adequacy** -- Identify space adequacy in relation to not just enrollment projects but also, educational innovation and advancements for 21st Century learning environments.
- 4) **Protect investments** -- Protection of the taxpayers' investment in the district's facilities through a long-term plan with an annual review cycle for maintenance, repairs and renovations to extend the useful life of existing facilities; coupled with the development of parameters for building replacement.
- 5) **Return on investment** -- The District will weigh the cost of improvements and renovations as they relate to return on investment while minimizing the property tax impact.
- 6) **Historical perspective** -- Consider previous facility investments per building as well as the rich tradition and pride in educational excellence in our community.
- 7) **Data** -- Use factual and current data related to existing conditions of its facilities to inform the need for repair/renovate.
- 8) **Collateral impact** -- Prioritize maintenance that prevents larger, more costly systemic repairs.
- 9) **Technology** -- Consider the rapid evolution of technology and implications for schools.
- 10) **Safety/Security** -- support safety and security measures at all District facilities through compliance with all safety codes and regulations.