



Small Schools Study

February Update
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Committee Studying Financial, School Size Impacts on Student Achievement

The Small Schools Study Committee divided into two subgroups in February, with one studying financial considerations and one studying the impact of school size on educational programs and opportunities.

The financial subgroup analyzed the costs associated with operating small schools as well as the cost savings if closure were to be considered. The programmatic subgroup is beginning to create criteria associated with the size of a school and its impact on achievement; the ability to educate the whole child; student safety; the ability to retain quality staff; and the ability to fully deliver the mission of the district.

Two meetings are scheduled in February; one was held February 7 and one February 21, and two meetings will be held in March. During this time, both subgroups will continue to meet to identify these criteria and will conclude their work prior to spring break. These criteria will then be shared with Dr. Wilson, Superintendent.

For detailed information, visit the PSD web page at www.psdschools.org, go to District Committee Updates, select Small Schools Study, or email kevinh@psdschools.org.