



# Building Revitalization Collaborative (BRC)

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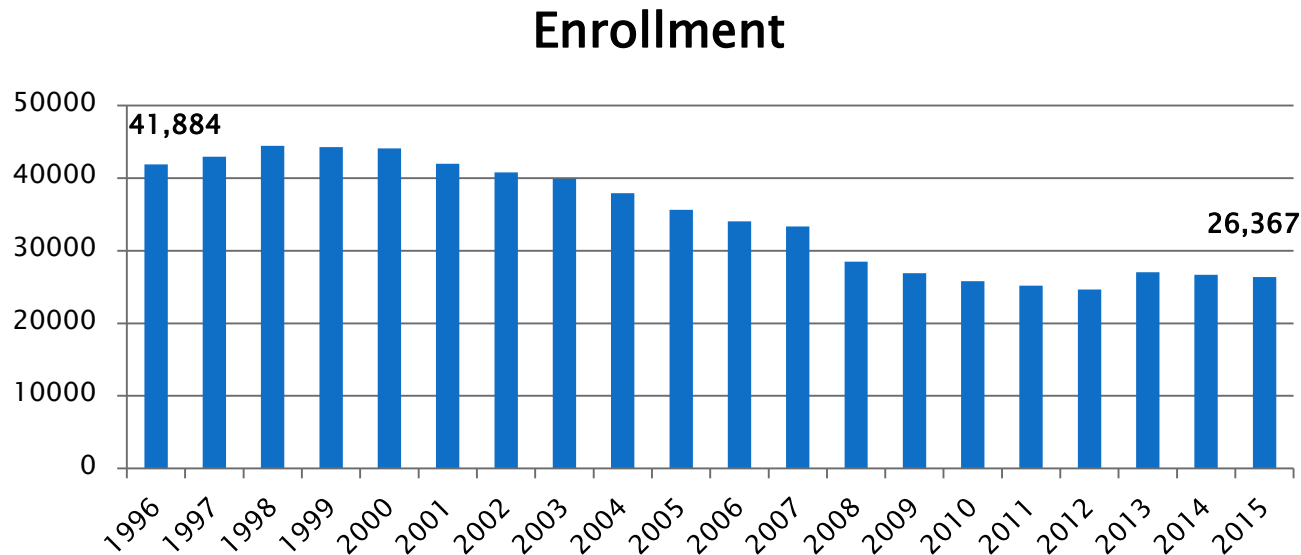
# Overview

- ▶ Develop community-driven revitalization strategies for the District's closed schools
  - Promotes financial strength for the District
  - Promotes well-being of the community and neighborhoods
- ▶ Recommend approval of the Building Revitalization Collaborative



# Background

- ▶ Enrollment has declined – down 37% since 1996
  - Driven largely by demographics, charter schools



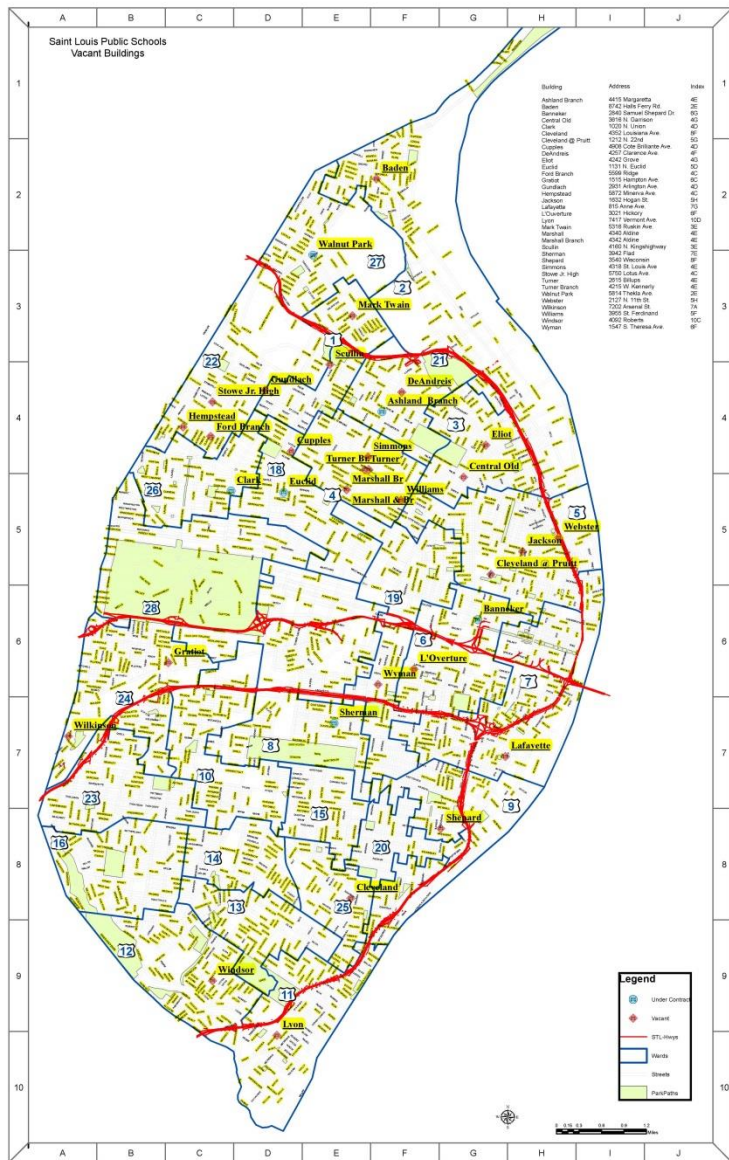
- ▶ District has closed 43 schools since 2003
- ▶ District currently utilizing 67% open school capacity

# Current Situation

- ▶ 42 schools sold since 2003:
  - 2003 – 2004: 21
  - 2005 – 2007: 12
  - 2008 – 2012: 9
- ▶ Using professional real estate services
- ▶ Current inventory – 35 closed schools
  - 26 listed for sale
  - 4 currently under contract
- ▶ Closed schools deteriorate rapidly
- ▶ Revitalization of closed schools benefits neighborhoods



# 35 Closed School Sites



Ashland Branch

Baden

Banneker

Central Old

Clark

Cleveland Old

Cupples

DeAndreis

Eliot

Euclid+

Ford Branch

Gundlach

Gratiot

Hempstead

Jackson

Lafayette+

L'Ouverture\*

Lyon

Mark Twain

Marshall

Marshall Branch

Pruitt\*

Scullin

Sherman+

Shepard

Simmons

Stowe

Turner

Turner Branch

Walnut Park

Webster

Wilkinson

Williams

Windsor+

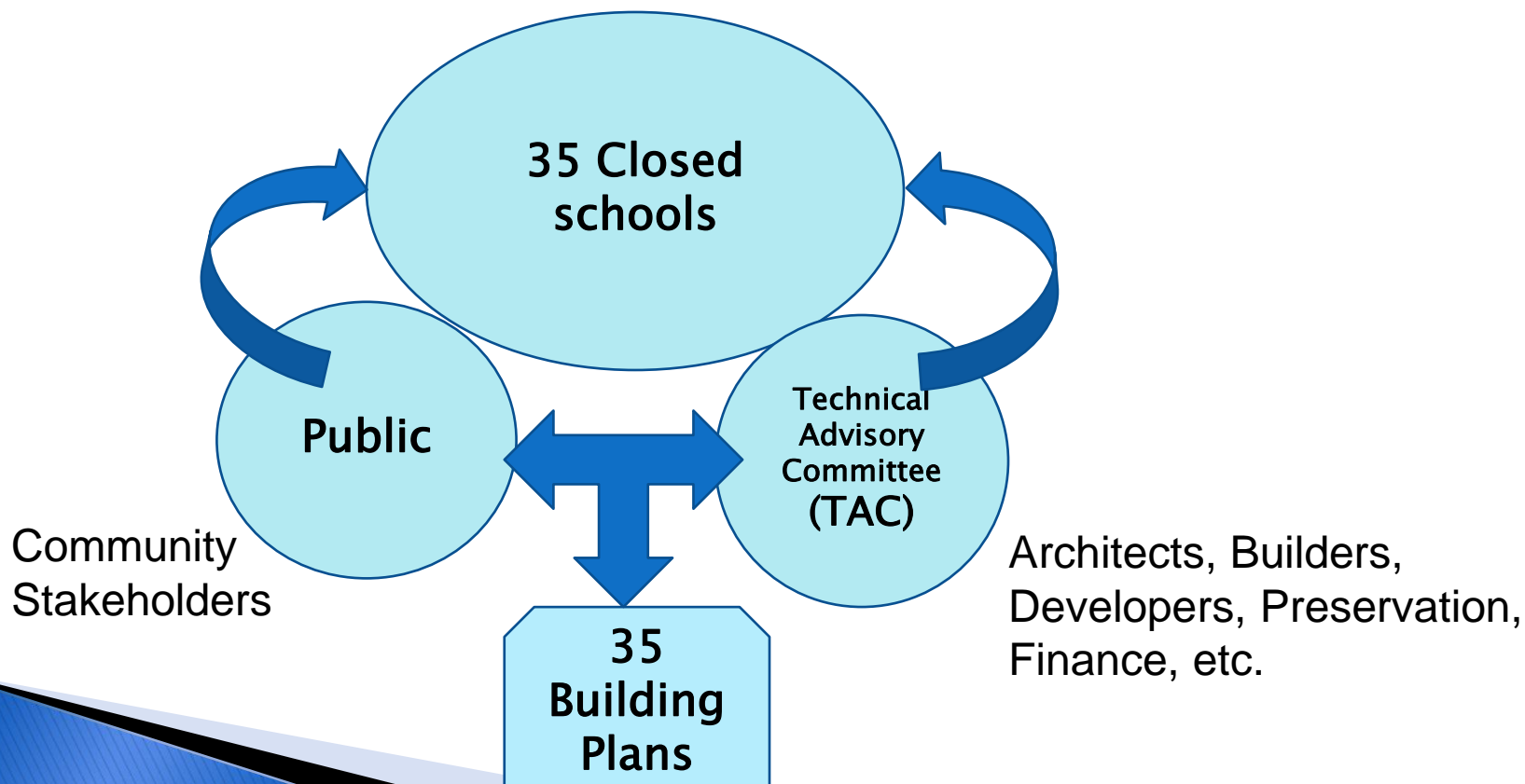
Wyman\*

\* Reuse plans in development

+ Under Contract

# Proposal

- ▶ Create Building Revitalization Collaborative
  - A public-facing platform engaging Community Stakeholders and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)



# Building Revitalization Process



# Enhanced Website

## Website

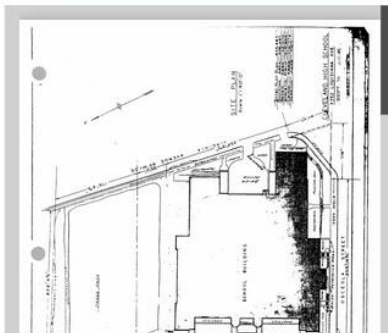
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### Surplus Properties

- ▶ Ashland Branch
- ▶ Baden School
- ▶ Banneker School
- ▶ Central High School
- ▶ Clark School
- ▶ Cleveland High School
- ▶ Cook School
- ▶ Elliot School
- ▶ Euclid School
- ▶ Gratiot School
- ▶ Gundlach School
- ▶ Hempstead School
- ▶ Lafayette School
- ▶ Lyon School
- ▶ Marshall School / Marshall Branch
- ▶ Scullin School
- ▶ Shepard School
- ▶ Sherman School
- ▶ Simmons School
- ▶ Stowe School
- ▶ Turner School
- ▶ Turner Branch
- ▶ Webster School
- ▶ Windsor School
- ▶ Walnut Park School



[Click here for a map.](#)  
4352 Louisiana Avenue  
Saint Louis, MO 63111



### Cleveland High School

4352 Louisiana Ave. (Ward 25)  
Neighborhood: Dutchtown  
Year Constructed: 1915  
Gross SF: 235,285  
Acreage: 10.6  
Year Closed: 2006  
List Price: \$2,352,850  
Status: AVAILABLE

This property features a large, historic building with approximately half of the acreage undeveloped -- an incredible opportunity for a mixed-use redevelopment along Grand Avenue. The school was designed by W.B. Ittner and named for U.S. President Grover Cleveland.



## To Include:

- Mission/ Guiding Principles
- Page for each Closed School
- Community Feedback
- Closed School Action Plans
- Progress



# Pros and Cons

## Pros

- ▶ Spotlights what we are doing right
- ▶ Enhances effort
  - Publicizes
  - Invites fresh perspectives
  - Involves community stakeholders
- ▶ Utilizes internal SLPS resources

## Cons

- ▶ Community wishes may not match TAC guidance
- ▶ Potential costs for implementation
- ▶ Time commitment for TAC members

# Next Steps

- ▶ SAB approval of Building Revitalization Collaborative
- ▶ Recruitment of Technical Advisory Committee members
- ▶ Complete web and content development
- ▶ Public outreach via multi-media
- ▶ Begin phased process
  - Phase I – Site tours *(March – May 2015)*
  - Phase II – Community Forums *(June – August 2015)*
  - Phase III – Action Plan Development *(August – September 2015)*
  - Phase IV – Action Plan Implementation *(October 2015 and beyond)*



# Questions?