

Board of Education of the City of St. Louis

April 27, 2022



The Planning Team:

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Background:

- In 2021, the Board of Education of the City of Saint Louis was grappling with the same tough question that presently challenges many cities across the United States:

How do you best maximize the 21st-Century education you are charged with providing for the children of your city?

***We believe the answer unique to St. Louis is,
a Citywide Plan for Education***

Why is there a need for a CWP?

- The current educational structure is obsolete and needs redesign.
- St. Louis, once among the 10 largest cities in the US, is now 65.th
- Population dropped from 700,000 to 300,000 in a short time.
- Even so, schools continue to open – and close – in the City.
- The Citywide Plan is necessary because the disconnect in the infrastructure will continue to impede success until addressed.
- The timing is right to have this discussion.
- The Board of Education is the only entity with the power to lead it.
- It will take everyone working together to make this Plan happen.

What the Citywide Plan IS:

- REIMAGINING education for all school-age children -- a concept introduced by the Board of Education of the City of St. Louis.
- Chance to BRING TO LIGHT actions being actively considered by decision makers, now and in the future.
- Opportunity to OPEN intellectually honest dialogue on how best to provide St. Louis children (and families) the education they deserve, no matter what school they attend.
- Collaborative process engaging all who share our vision for an intentional plan for education TODAY.

Initial Goals:

- Engage our community in a productive conversation about education in St. Louis.
- Shift the community mindset from being consumers of education as a commodity, concerned only with their particular choice -- to being citizens for a better educational system overall.
- Create a better version of public education for all school-age children.
 - Currently, public and charter schools are achieving varied measures of success.
- Increase the number of students who study in St. Louis City schools.
- Enhance economic development, which draws more families.
- Stand together and committed to developing 21st. Century Schools for all.

CITYWIDE PLANNING PROGRESS TO-DATE

COMMUNITY VISIONING

10/
2019

SLPS launched an 18-month Community Visioning process asking, "What does an 'Excellent School System' mean to you?"

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

1/
2021

The BOE made the difficult decision to close seven schools and make Carnahan High a middle school.

BOE RESOLUTION

2/
2021

The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis passed a Resolution calling for a pause on new school openings.

ALDERMANIC RESOLUTION

10/
2021

St. Louis Board of Aldermen pass a resolution in support of the Citywide Plan.

COMMITTEE LAUNCH

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2022

First meeting of a core group of key influencers. All full committee meetings are live streamed.

MSBA RESOLUTION

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2022

In an unprecedented move, the Missouri School Board Association passed a Resolution in support.

STAKEHOLDERS

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2022

One-on-one meetings with representatives of public, charter and parochial schools, civic, business, clergy. Work Groups identified.

WEBSITE

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2022

Committed to inclusion and transparency in engaging the whole community, a website was established.
www.slps.org/citywide

BOARD REPORT

BOE received an update on the planning process and plans for Work Group development.

MSBA CONFERENCE

3/
2022

Invited to present the concept to educators at the MSBA's Spring Conference.

STATE BOARD

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2022

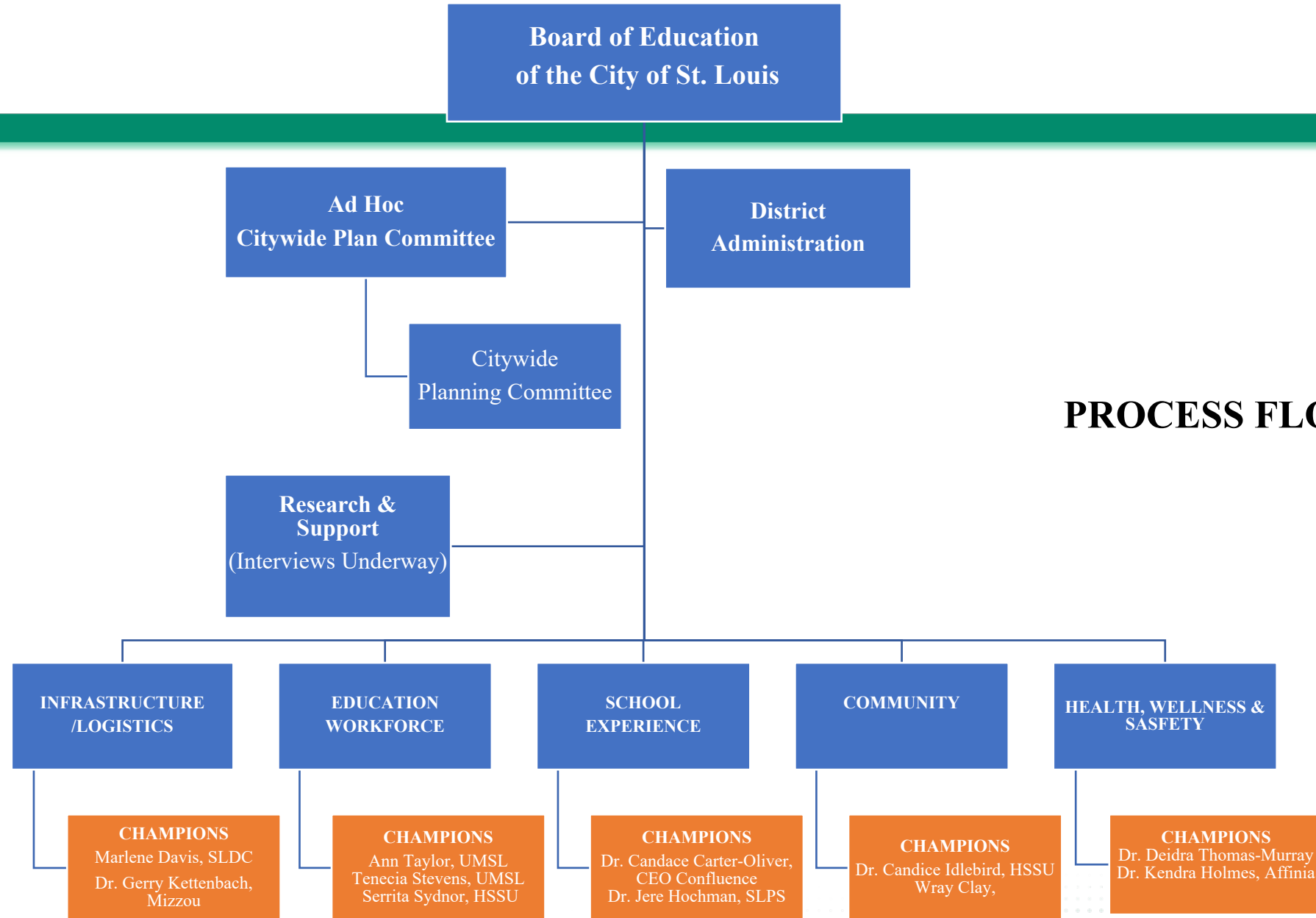
Invited to present concept to members of the State Board of Education as part of Dr. Adams' State of the District report.

APRIL MEETING

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2022

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN TODAY'S FULL COMMITTEE MEETING!

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PROCESS FLOW

Citywide Plan Workgroups

- **School Experience**
 - Explore what is happening in St. Louis schools and identify needed improvements
- **Health, Wellness & Safety**
 - Identify the in- and out-of-school factors that promote or impede physical, mental and emotional health of students
- **Education Workforce**
 - Study the City's education labor market to identify needed improvements in order to create powerful teacher/leader pipelines
- **Logistics**
 - Examine the current physical infrastructure of the City's public education system in order to build an efficient system that serves current needs and promotes 21st. Century schools.
- **Community**
 - Understand the relationship between the City and its public education system and identify policy solutions to support and strengthen both.



Next Steps – Full Committee Meeting Wed., June 29:

- Respecting everyone's summer vacation plans...
 - Continue meetings with stakeholders and adhoc members to solicit input and feedback.
 - Establish preliminary Work Group meetings (set by the teams).
 - Continue cultivating resources for support of Work Groups including subject matter experts.
 - Schedule at least **one meeting for each of the 5 workgroups.**
 - If you know of someone who would like to become involved, please have them connect to the feedback tab on the website, www.slps.org/citywide.

Please take a few minutes to take this brief survey!

This survey is still live!



THANK YOU!

