

Frequently Asked Questions

Wilson School District Feasibility Study

What is a feasibility study?

A Feasibility Study is the initial design stage of any project, which brings together the elements of knowledge that indicate if a project is possible or not. A feasibility study includes an estimate of the level of expertise required for a project and who can provide it, quantitative and qualitative assessments of other essential resources, identification of critical points, a general timetable, and a general cost estimate.

Why did the Wilson School District decide to conduct a feasibility study?

The purpose of the study is to provide the District with a comprehensive report to use as a valuable resource for long-term decision making about the District's educational facilities.

The study will provide enrollment projects as well as important information related to the current condition of all facilities and outdoor athletic facilities.

As enrollment continues to increase in our district, it will become increasingly important to consider the future of our facilities and their ability to meet the educational needs of our students. In addition, the safety and security of our students is our top priority and this study will provide the district with tangible solutions to security concerns that have been raised by our community, particularly at the High School campus.

When did the process begin?

We contracted with Crabtree and Rohrbach in Fall, 2018 for the feasibility study as a result of the need to address increasing enrollment, the desire to consider a new auditorium, an assessment of the safety and security of our buildings and possible upgrades to our athletic facilities.

How did you select the vendor to conduct the study? What is their background/experience?

Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, Inc. provides professional architectural services. The Company offers solutions, including architecture, master planning, interior design, sustainable designs, and construction administrative services. Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates serves commercial, community, and government clients in the State of Pennsylvania. The District has used the services of CRA for various projects in the past and they are a PSBA Strategic Partner organization.

What type of research did you conduct as part of the study?

The Wilson School District contracted with DecisionInsite to provide enrollment analytics. DecisionInsite provides enrollment studies for a wide variety of school districts ranging from districts with just over 800 students to the large, suburban school districts with student populations over 200,000 students. They currently serve more than 170 clients in 12 states.

The results of the DecisionInsite study were shared by Wilson School District administration with Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates (CRA), and although they are a separate and independent analysis from the Department of Education's projected enrollment, are critical for developing options. A summary of those results can be found [here](#).

Where can I find additional details about study/ process?

All project proposals, meeting minutes and presentations are located on our District website. They can be accessed [here](#).

How will decisions be made regarding the next steps in the process?

The School Board will continue to review and discuss the study and possible options. All final decisions will be voted on in public board meetings.

How can I get my questions answered/ express my opinions about the process?

We will be holding various community forums throughout the process. In addition we will be providing opportunities for online commenting/ questions. Those forum dates will be communicated with the public as soon as they are established.

What is the proposed timeline?

The timeline will be determined by the decisions the School Board makes regarding various proposed options. Once a final decision is made, a comprehensive timeline will be created and shared with the public.

What are the next steps in the process?

Community Forums will be held and continued discussion and conversation with stakeholders will take place. The components of the Feasibility Study will continue to be discussed in public board meetings as well as Board committee meetings.