

1 **A. PRINCIPLES**  
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3 The [Transylvania County Board of Education](#) (the “board”) strives to provide safe,  
4 orderly, and inviting schools for students and staff. The board also strives to provide  
5 other facilities needed to support the educational program. Long-range planning by the  
6 board and superintendent is essential for providing an educational environment that offers  
7 students the opportunity to receive a sound basic education and that supports student  
8 success.  
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10 **B. LONG-RANGE PLAN**  
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12 The board will adopt a long-range plan that identifies the facility needs of the school  
13 system and sets forth a plan for how to meet these needs. The plan will address the issue  
14 of whether to renovate existing facilities or build new facilities. The plan also will  
15 incorporate, where appropriate, creative options for meeting the needs of the educational  
16 program, such as expansion or reduction through modular construction, future alternative  
17 uses of space, the availability of community facilities, the use of temporary facilities or  
18 leasing arrangements, opportunities for capital lease financing of facilities through  
19 public/private partnerships, and sharing facilities with other school systems.  
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21 **C. PROCESS**  
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23 The following information will be considered in developing and adopting a long-range  
24 plan:  
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- 26 1. data that reflect the possibility of enrollment declines or increases as well as other  
27 demographic changes in the population of students that is or may be served;
- 28 2. a facilities inventory that includes the size of sites, building capacities, age of  
29 buildings, energy consumption, ability to utilize technology, the suitability of the  
30 space for its current or future purpose, and accessibility by the community; and  
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- 32 3. the availability or anticipated availability of innovations in construction or design  
33 that would allow existing buildings to be renovated or new facilities to be  
34 constructed at a lower cost, in a more energy-efficient manner, or in a way that  
35 would better meet the needs of the educational program.  
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38 The superintendent may utilize the services of consultants to obtain information necessary for the  
39 long-range planning process. All professional contracts must be approved by the board. School  
40 staffs, students, and parents should be involved in considering the needs for new and renovated  
41 facilities.  
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43 The board will work with the board of county commissioners when possible in developing a  
44 five-year capital outlay plan. The board and superintendent will endeavor to communicate with

45 other governmental bodies and the public in a positive and persuasive manner about the need for  
46 school construction and, consequently, the need for necessary funding.

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48 Legal References: G.S. 115C-47, -204, -276, -426.2, -521, -524, -530, -531, -532; 143-128.1C(1),  
49 -129; 153A-164; *Leandro v. State*, 346 N.C. 336 (1997)

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51 Cross References: Board Authority and Duties (policy 1010)

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