

**Revised Draft – 3/08/05**  
**Superintendent’s Recommended Criteria for Building Consolidation**

In order to provide high-quality educational services district wide, the following criteria will be used to determine which school buildings will remain open or closed/consolidated in the event schools are closed or consolidated in the fall of 2006. Schools demonstrating the attributes identified in the criteria will receive a higher ranking for possible retention.

**Academics**

- Any school consolidations will maximize the opportunity to create and sustain school and community programs that are highly effective for all students.

**Demographics**

- School building is in an area of the city where capacity is needed for resident students and school supports long-range enrollment projections.
- School building has high percentage of students who could walk to school.
- School or school building contributes to optimal and equitable district wide distribution of school programs, school configurations, and grade-level capacity.

**Facilities**

- The building is of sufficient size to operate efficiently and the capacity is large enough to generate resources to serve students effectively.
- Building is in good condition (recent capital work has been completed, newer portables).
- Building can accommodate specialized educational programs.
- Building has capacity for future expansion and sufficient common space (e.g. cafeteria, auditorium, and gymnasium).