# **Unpacking Act 149:**

Master Plans for Public Schools



Mt Abraham Middle High School





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Middlebury Union High School







About **TruexCullins** 

#### **Architecture and Interior Design**

Burlington, Vermont. Founded 1968 Staff of 38

#### School design expertise

focusing on: Vermont PK-12 Schools American International Schools Colleges & Universities





Williston Central School



Facilities Master Planning

What is involved?

How long does it take?

What is the state going to require?



Winooski Schools









East Montpelier Elementary School



#### **Design Team**

Architect-led

District/SU contracts with Architect

Architect contracts with:

Engineers

Cost Estimator

Specialty Consultants as needed



### **Owner Team**

**Project Leaders:** Superintendent Business Manager School Board Chair Facility Committee Chair

#### **Executive Committee**

Facility Committee includes: board members admin staff community members







Winooski School District



Mount Abraham Middle High School



## **Act 149 objectives**

District level vision for all school buildings

Established goals and capacity to meet them

Deep and authentic engagement with community

Educational mission, vision, and goals

Description of programs and services offered

Space utilization study





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#### Act 149 objectives (continued)

Identify new program needs or inequities

Enrollment projections

Facilities assessment

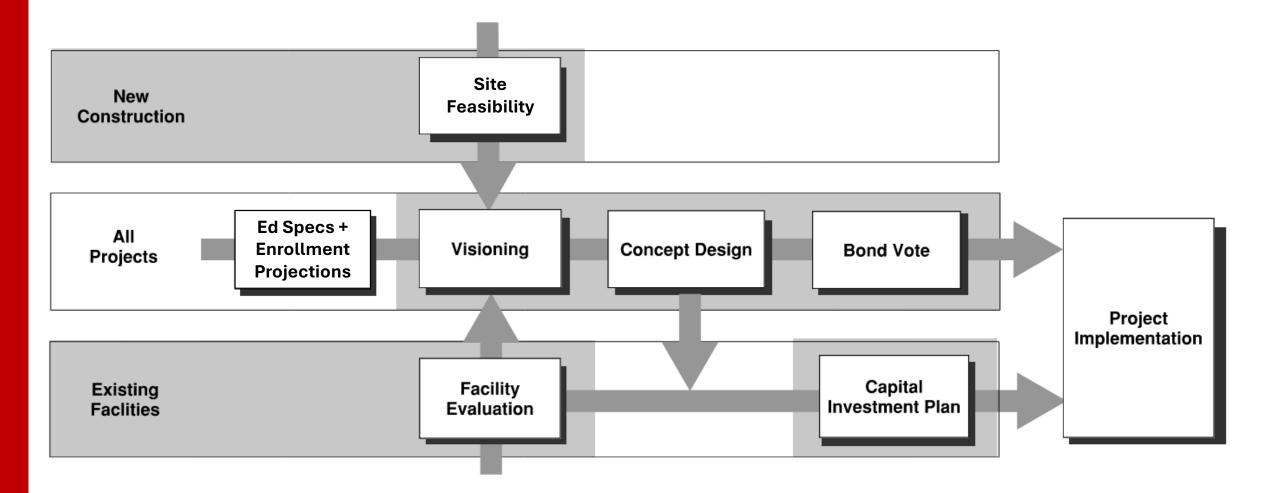
Design options to meet identified needs

Required for entry into Construction Aid program

Grant Funding subject to Legislative Approval



# **Planning Phases**



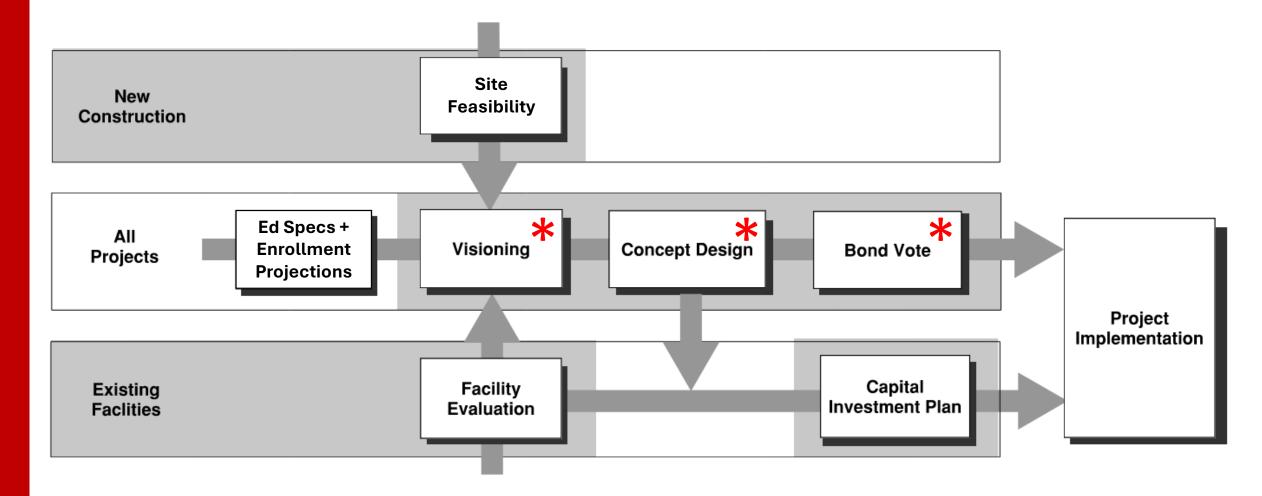


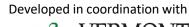
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# **Planning Phases**

#### **\*** Public Engagement Opportunities











### **Public Outreach**

Stakeholder vs Shareholder model

Start with the **Why** - Then with the **What** 

Never Squander Trust

Political capital must be spent

Communications Manager

Cultivate project friends, neutralize project enemies







### Educational Specifications and Enrollment Projections

Third Party Enrollment Projections

Listing of all programs and support systems

Include program objectives, learning modalities, students served, space and equipment requirements

Consistency across district = equitable access



Vermont Day School



**Facility Evaluation Renovations/Additions only** Detailed report Description of existing conditions **Recommendations for** modernization Prioritization of needs Costs for upgrades









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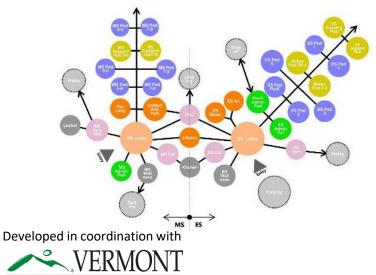
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Establish the basis for design

**Guiding Principles** 

Organizational Diagrams

Space Needs Program



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### **Concept Design**

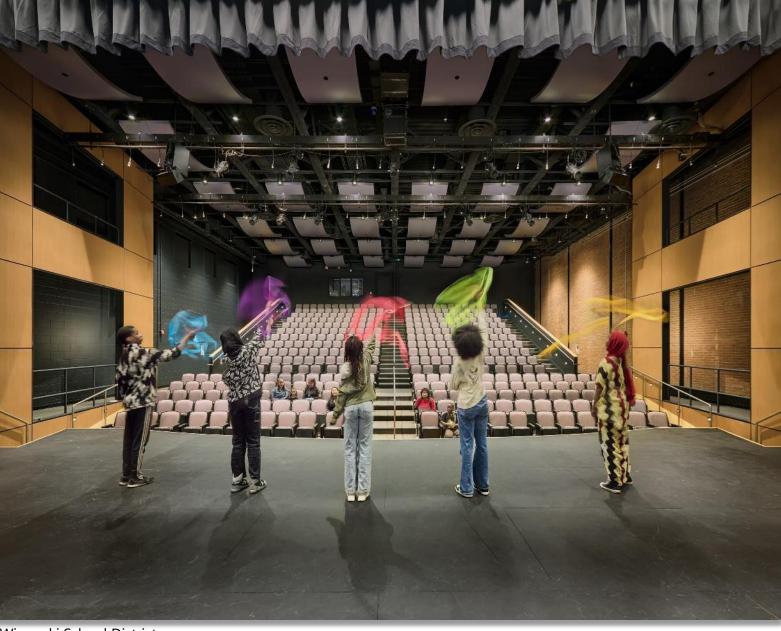
Configuration Options Site Feasibility Site Selection Concept Design Cost Estimating Project Budget



Milton Elementary Middle School







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