Why Two of These Five

The data behind the elementary parameters

NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NBISD has ten elementary buildings with 6,640 seats for 4,074 students. Five of them are small, older buildings that cost the most to run per student and score lowest on the District Sustainability Data Tool. The other five are newer, larger, and sit where the district is growing. The parameters focus on the first group.

The ten buildings side by side

Building	Built	Seats	Students	Utilization	FCI*	Op Cost/sqft	Non-Teaching/ student	Current Score
500-seat buildings, 28 to 76 years old, 2,500 seats, 1,533 students								
Carl Schurz	1950	500	321	64%	27%	$11.33	$3,339	1.55
Seele	1950	500	351	70%	30%	$12.42	$3,079	2.00
County Line	1986	500	296	59%	43%	$10.36	$3,470	1.30
Walnut Springs	1989	500	323	65%	27%	$10.80	$3,377	1.70
Memorial	1998	500	242	48%	30%	$10.65	$4,337	1.25
720 to 900 seat buildings, 1 to 17 years old, 4,140 seats, 2,541 students								
Klein Road	2009	900	408	45%	5%	$8.25	$2,480	2.60
Veramendi	2017	900	629	70%	0%	$8.79	$1,897	3.35
Voss Farms	2017	900	528	59%	0%	$8.52	$2,227	2.90
Lamar	2025	720	506	70%	0%	$9.04	$2,333	2.75
Legend Point	2025	720	470	65%	0%	$9.58	$2,459	2.90

Why exactly two

Our demographer projects K through 5 enrollment growing from 4,074 to about 5,100 by 2035–36. Closing two 500-seat buildings leaves the district inside the District Sustainability Data Tool's optimal utilization band (85 to 95%) at the end of the decade. Closing three would leave no room for that growth.

Close none
6,640 seats
61% Capacity today
77% Capacity in 2035

Close one
6,140 seats
66% Capacity today
83% Capacity in 2035

Close two
5,640 seats
72% Capacity today
90% Capacity in 2035

Close three
5,140 seats
79% Capacity today
99% Capacity in 2035

*FCI: Facility Condition Index

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