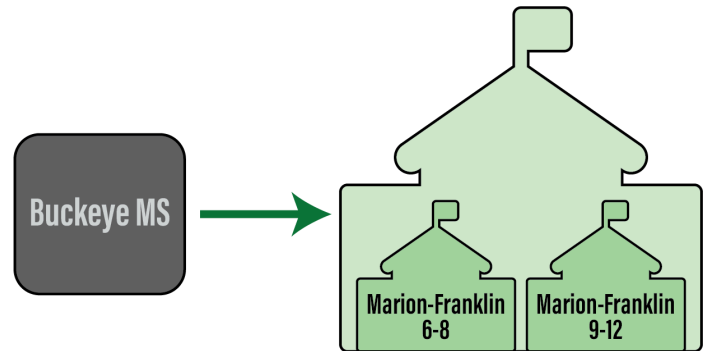


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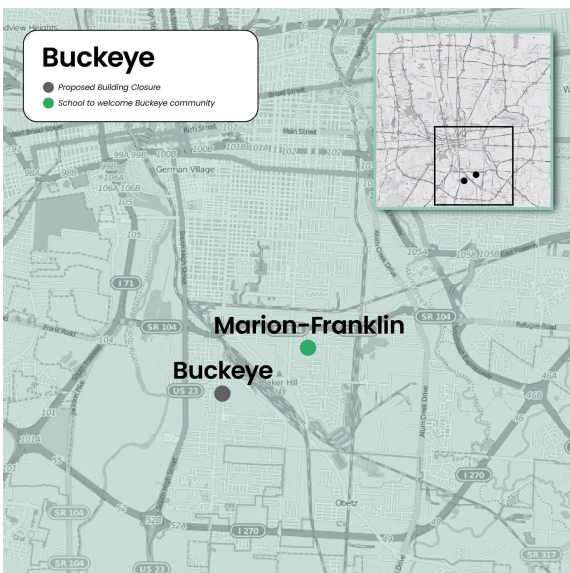
## BUCKEYE MIDDLE SCHOOL

In November 2023, thanks to the overwhelming support of Columbus voters, Columbus City Schools passed a \$100-million levy pledging to upgrade their facilities and reduce their footprint. The goal is to support the district's mission of providing a high-quality education for all students. Per Board Policy 7105, the Superintendent created a Community Facilities Task Force in early February 2024 to assess the realignment of district facilities. This task force consists of individuals with diverse backgrounds and experience.



The Task Force presented initial recommendations to the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 7. The recommendations focused on standardizing grade bands in buildings, increasing access to academic and extracurricular activities, providing equitable services to families and students, and honoring prior taxpayers' investments. The goal is to better understand the community's perspective on the initial recommendations and enhance collaboration through open dialogue. This will help align the facilities' master plan with the District's mission and enhance understanding of Columbus City Schools.

The Superintendent's Community Facilities Task Force recommends that the Board of Education close **Buckeye Elementary School (1962)** and welcome these students into Marion-Franklin High School, creating a 6-12 grade site with a middle school and a high school on the same campus.



**Marion-Franklin High School (1951) can** serve 1012 students; however, as of the 2023-2024 school year, only 405 students are enrolled, with a current utilization rate of 42%.

Buckeye, located on the city's south side, currently has 340 students enrolled. Realigning Buckeye Middle School into the Marion-Franklin school site will make better use of the building with an expected 70% utilization. Moving students from Buckeye to Marion-Franklin will provide a bigger building with the opportunity to provide stronger academic offerings, a theater and athletic facilities. This will give middle school students more extracurricular activities such as music, speech and debate, performing arts and athletics.