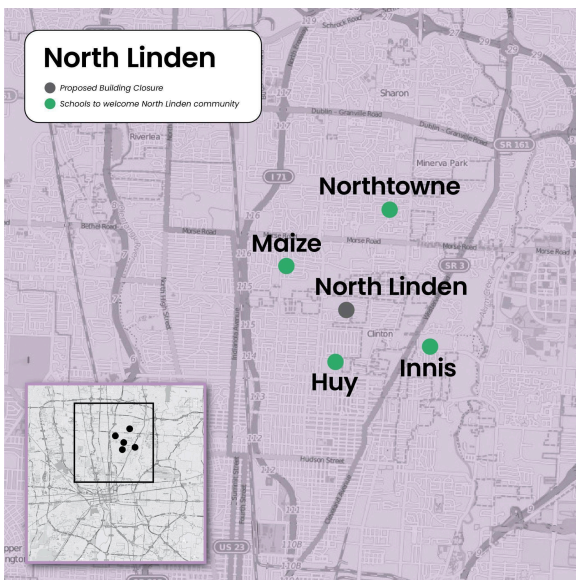
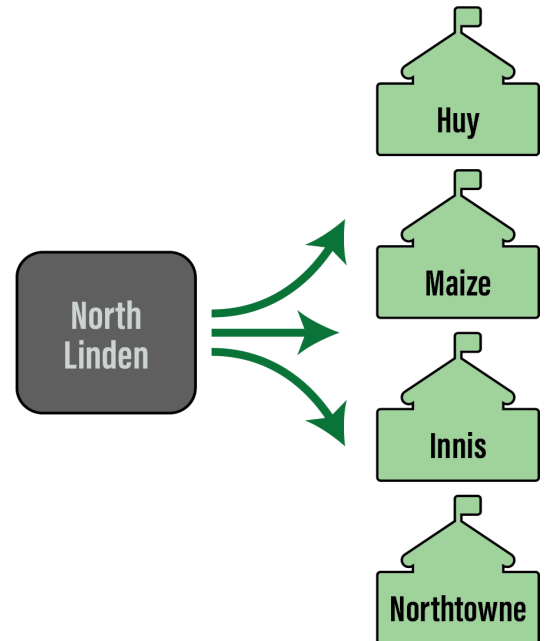


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NORTH LINDEN ELEMENTARY

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 **North Linden School**, which will now become a part of the Huy, Maize, Innis, and Northtowne School communities.

North Linden Elementary School (1949) can serve 400 students; however, as of the 2023–2024 school year, only 296 students are enrolled, with a current utilization rate of 73%.

North Linden, located on the city's north side, is a small, aging elementary school with limited services. Moving North Linden students to **Huy, Maize, Innis, and Northtowne** elementary schools will allow more access to full-time art, music, and physical education teachers and more services for English Language Learners and students with disabilities. Students will have the opportunity to receive these services close to home.