

## MEMORANDUM

To: New Haven Board of Education

From: Dr. Madeline Negrón, Superintendent

Date: June 9, 2025

Re: Resolutions to Surplus Two Vacant School Buildings

I am writing to notify the New Haven Board of Education of plans currently underway to surplus two vacant school buildings to the jurisdiction of the City of New Haven: West Rock Stream Academy located at 311 Valley Street and Quinnipiac Real World Steam Academy, located at 460 Lexington Avenue.

These vacant buildings are outdated for modern school purposes and have suffered deterioration that would require significant infrastructure improvements in order to restore them for public school use. Due to preliminary information from our facilities study, declining enrollment and significant budgetary constraints, further investment in these vacant buildings is not feasible.

Per Board policy, resolutions to surplus the two buildings will be presented to City-wide School Building and Stewardship Committee on June 13, 2025 and then recommended to the Finance & Operations Committee for its June 17, 2025 meeting, with final approval requested from the full Board at its June 23, 2025 meeting. Once approved, the district will perform a walk through to determine if there any items that can be saved before the resolutions are presented to the Board of Alders on July 7, 2025.

At that time, resolutions will include a request that the City dispose of any items remaining in the building after the walk through as well as, a strong recommendation that the Board of Alders consider allowing any proceeds from the sale of the properties to be allocated to the Board of Education Capital Budget to support specific school facilities, renovations and repairs throughout the district, such as, but not limited to:

- New roofs at Hillhouse, Career Wilbur Cross, Betsy Ross, HSC and Sound School
- Restoration of Wilbur Cross swimming pool
- Critical IT upgrades
- HVAC replacements and upgrades at multiple locations

The request will also indicate that the District's responsibility for utility and grounds maintenance costs will cease once the buildings have been accepted by the Board of Alders.

Please let me now if you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you.