The Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS), through its Repurposing Initiative, has taken an innovative and comprehensive approach to promote the reuse/redevelopment of 30 of its closed school sites. The Repurposing Initiative, which began as a yearlong community engagement and planning process to develop community-driven reuse strategies, has now sold/leased 19 sites, 1 site is under contract and 3 sites are repurposed for district use. Guided by community feedback and technical reuse assessments, KCPS continues to solicit proposals and promote opportunities to reposition school sites so that they once again serve as valuable assets for the Kansas City community.

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REPURPOSING INITIATIVE: OVERVIEW

SITE TOURS
Provided local stakeholders and parties interested in reuse of a site the opportunity to assess its condition and layout. Site tours also served as an opportunity to get initial feedback on community needs, concerns and reuse ideas.
COMPLETED IN FALL 2011

REUSE ASSESSMENTS
The district's technical team presented its assessment of the reuse potential for each site to the community, after which the district obtained additional community feedback that was used to develop reuse strategies and solicit reuse proposals.
COMPLETED IN FALL 2011

REUSE STRATEGIES
Reuse Strategies & Action Plans were developed for the sites, outlining the reuse assessment and a recommended reuse and disposition strategy. Vetted by technical and community advisory committees, the documents were submitted to the school board for approval/adoptions.
SUMMER 2011 - 2015

SITE DISPOSITION
KCPS has pursued disposition, through lease, sale or community partnership, to facilitate the successful reuse of the buildings and/or sites. Site disposition decisions factor in community feedback that is received during public proposal presentations.
SUMMER 2011 - PRESENT

New Uses, New Beginnings

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