



# EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY

## FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) regarding Eagle Ridge Academy's Expansion and Site Acquisition

- ❑ When do we plan to purchase a new building?
  - Eagle Ridge Academy has been evaluating possible new sites since the summer of 2014, with the goal of being able to have approximately 12 months from the purchase of a building to the start of the 2016-2017 school year to complete construction. However, the Academy will stay at its current location if an appropriate site cannot be found or a purchase agreement cannot be negotiated to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.
- ❑ What criteria will be used for a new building?
  - Please reference the information contained in the meeting minutes of the Strategic Growth Task Force's 7/28/14 [here](#).
  - The most ideal building would be a one-site location housing all grades K-12 with approximately 160,000 square feet for classrooms and general use space, ample parking for both cars and school buses, along with green space for playground(s) and practice fields.
- ❑ Why are we looking at a new building?
  - In May of 2014, the Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors adopted a [resolution](#) to increase enrollment to between 1,200 and 1,600 students by 2024. After the resolution was adopted, the Board presented a [mandate](#) for the Strategic Growth Task Force (SGTF). The mandate states the purpose of the SGTF is to research and advise the Board on programmatic, financial, and location/facility needs. The SGTF is made up of ERA administrators, teachers, operations staff, parents, and Board members. Additional information, as well as agendas and meeting minutes of the SGTF, can be found [here](#). Based on the Board's resolution, and the plan to expand enrollment in the 2016-17 school year, a new building is necessitated for the planned growth.
- ❑ Who will make the final choice on a new facility?
  - The Board of Directors will be the final decision making body, with input from the Strategic Growth Task Force and the various sub-groups that are charged with providing analysis and recommendations to the Board.
- ❑ Will I get to see the new facility before we purchase it?
  - A Community Engagement Committee has been formed to ensure tours of a new building site occur and that information sessions are arranged. Further information regarding this Committee and its efforts will be available at the end of February, 2015.
- ❑ What will we do with the old building?
  - The current site will continue to belong to the Eagle Ridge Academy Affiliated Building Corporation until such time as all grades are able to move to a new site. As that transition is confirmed, the current site will be placed on the market for sale.