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Newtown Board Of Education Ad Hoc Facilities Planning  
Committee  
April 30, 2026

Council Chambers  
3 Primrose St.  
Newtown, CT 06470  
5:00 PM

*As stewards of Newtown Public Schools, we commit to conducting ourselves with honesty, integrity, and respect. Guided by Newtown's Core Values and the Portrait of a Graduate, we will strive to prepare every student to think critically and innovate with curiosity; adapt, persevere, and pursue goals with strategic focus; act with compassion, collaborate across differences, and communicate with clarity. We hold ourselves to the same attributes we seek to instill in our students, embodying them in our work together.*

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation: District Management Group "DMG"
3. Committee Debrief
4. Presentation: STV
5. Committee Debrief #2
6. Public Participation
7. Adjournment

*\*\*During the first Public Participation, the Board welcomes commentary regarding items on the agenda. After being recognized, please state your name and address for the record. Per Board Policy 9325, we request that speakers be respectful and limit comments to not more than three minutes, and we note that public complaints about employees are not permitted during meetings. All such concerns should instead be submitted to the Superintendent. During the second Public Participation, commentary may address the agenda or may introduce issues for the Board to consider in the future. The Board does not engage in dialogue during either public comment period. If you desire more information or answers to specific questions, please email the Board: [NewtownBOE@newtown.k12.ct.us](mailto:NewtownBOE@newtown.k12.ct.us)*



# District Visioning and Community Engagement

Newtown Public Schools  
April 30, 2026





# District Management Group

Helping Schools and Students Thrive

Since 2004, we have partnered with hundreds of school districts across the U.S. to help bring about transformational, sustainable improvement



**35**  
states



**Hundreds**  
of districts



**Thousands**  
of school & district leaders



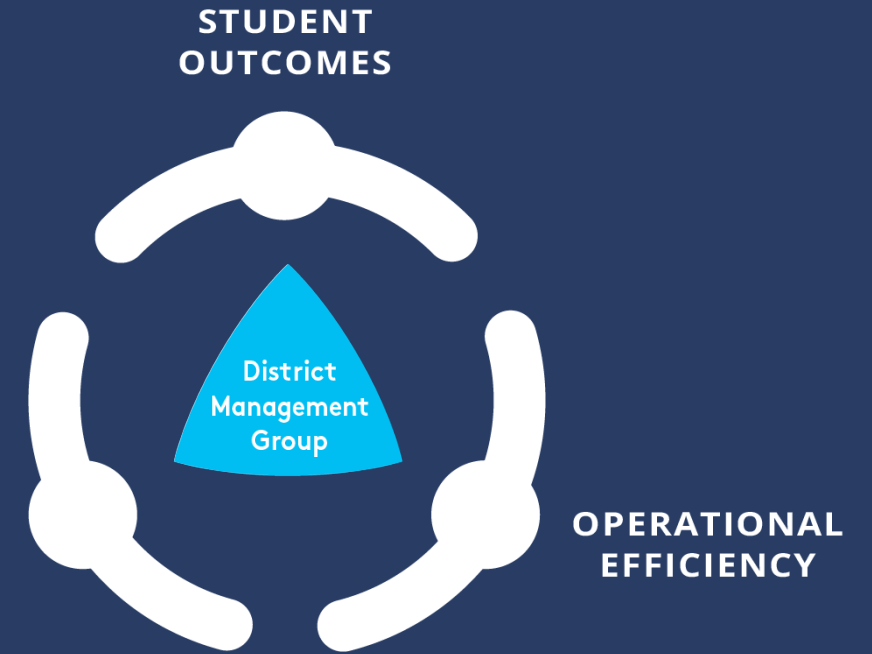
**Millions**  
of students supported





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Our mission is to achieve **systemic improvement in public education** by combining management techniques and education best practices.



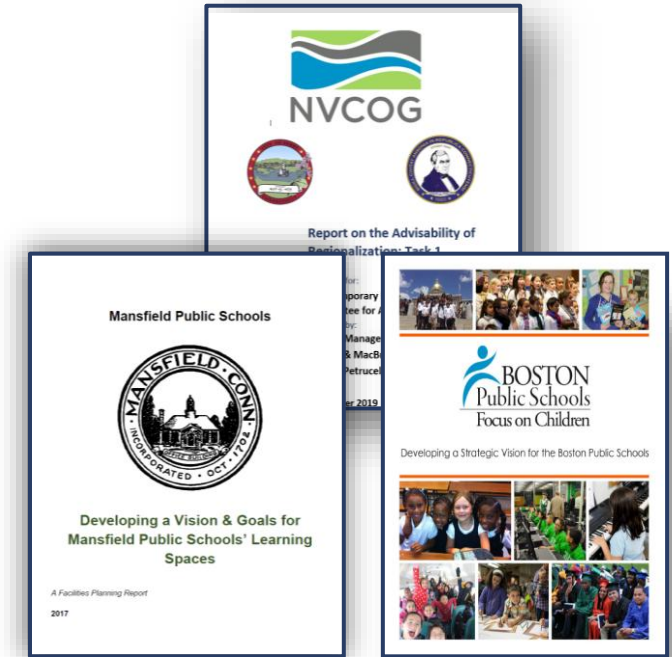
We believe that a district must focus on meeting all three of these objectives to achieve lasting results for students.



# Purpose of a Strategic Vision

## How do I...

- ➔ **Align operational decision-making** with the community's educational priorities?
- ➔ Set up my students for success **both now and in the future?**
- ➔ Ensure that **community input** is incorporated into decision-making?



***A customized strategic vision should serve all of these purposes***



# DMGroup's Approach to Strategic Vision Development

1

**20-year experience** working nationwide with hundreds of districts in 35 states.

2

**Extensive research** on optimizing school district operations and facilities to best support student outcomes.

3

**Customized approach** based on **in-depth analysis** of your district, history, and context.



# Distinguishing Features



**Focused, Results-Oriented, and Actionable** insights that give decision-makers the data they need to make informed decisions.



**Multifaceted Community Engagement** allows for multiple methods of participation, ensuring broad input and meaningful feedback from a diverse group of stakeholders.



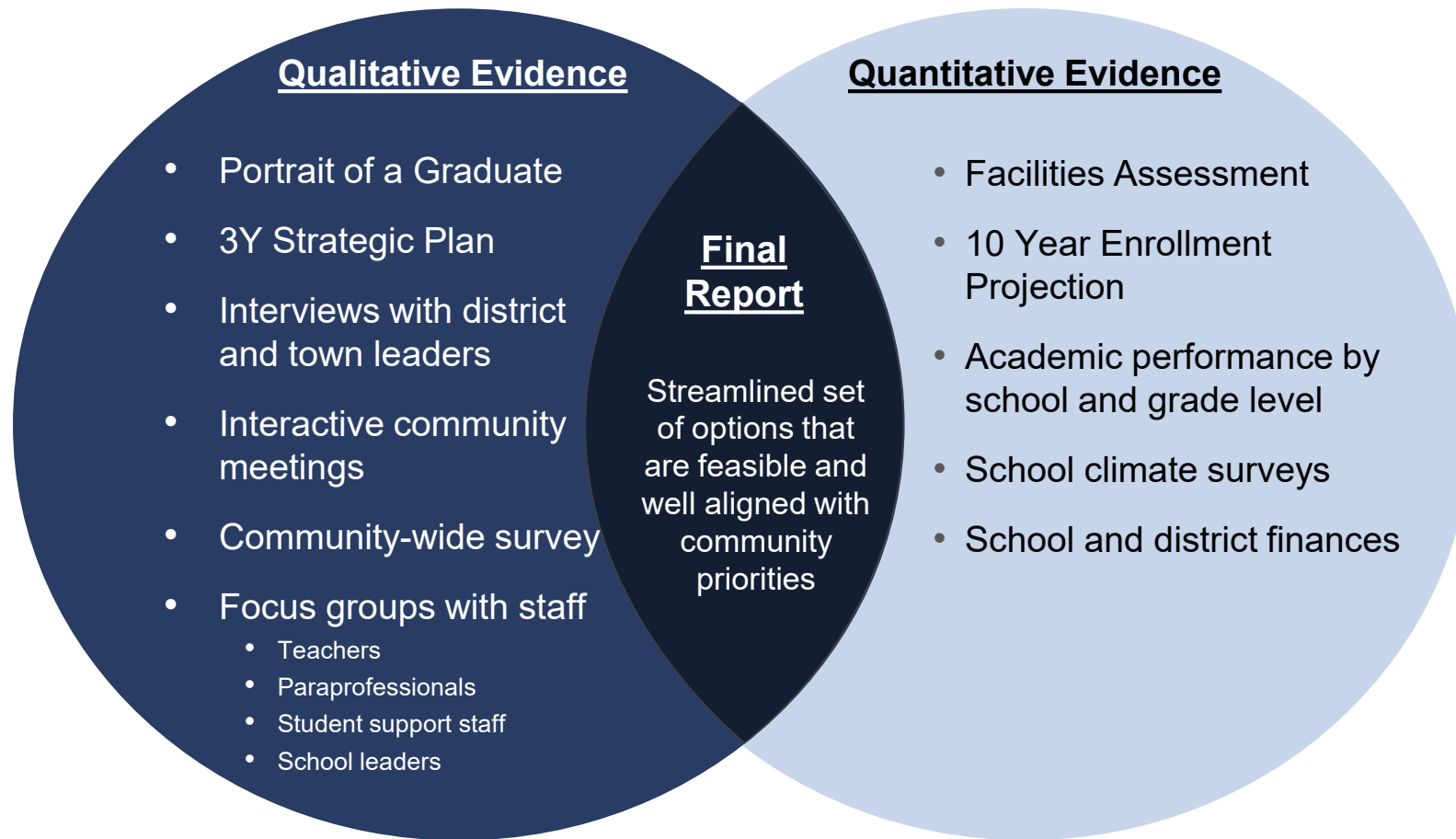
**District priorities** are codified to reflect the shared, fundamental set of beliefs and values of the district that drive long-term success in the district.



**In-depth needs assessment** is used to ensure that the districts' long-term vision is based on clear, accurate, and shared understanding of the current state and needs.

# Our Process

Our process integrates **community voice** with **quantitative data** so that every option we present is both **grounded in evidence** and aligned with what **Newtown values**.



# Phases of Work



*Month 1*

**Goal:** Orient the Facilities Planning Committee and Build Momentum

**Tasks**

- Conduct project kickoff working session
- Align on goals and timeline
- Vet community engagement strategies

*Months 1 - 4*

**Goal:** Develop a shared understanding of community priorities, district needs, and operational feasibility

**Tasks**

- Gather community and stakeholder input
- Synthesize existing quantitative data
- Define feedback and data into guiding priorities for the Committee

*Month 5*

**Goal:** Establish a unified vision for the future of Newtown’s facilities and develop a roadmap for immediate next steps

**Tasks**

- Define broader vision for the district
- Compare potential paths forward
- Draft a plan for the district’s next steps



# Deliverables

DMGroup will deliver a **final report** that includes:

- ✓ A **unified vision** for the district's educational programming
- ✓ Analysis of how the district can achieve its **educational vision**
- ✓ A **focused set of potential paths forward**, including key considerations and tradeoffs
- ✓ **Next steps** for the district in determining a path forward



# Connecticut Experience

Enrollment,  
Facilities,  
and  
Operational  
Strategy  
Projects



Other  
Consulting  
Projects



# District Testimonials & Proof Points

*“DMGroup’s dedication to this work not only gave us insight into how we might move forward constructively but provided us with a structure to engage our community productively. I can’t picture how we would have been so successful thus far without their incredible effort.”*

School Committee Chair  
New England Suburban School District  
~5,000 students

*“Where District Management Group has really helped us is by identifying areas aligned to our priorities, where their data analysis showed we could really benefit.”*

Deputy Superintendent  
Northeast Suburban School District  
~3,500 students

*“DMGroup’s approach was comprehensive and exhaustive in a good way, bringing in the perspectives of all stakeholders in creating a plan. They emphasize the importance of the end goal which is a vision that is real, ascertainable, and with results that are measurable for each student.”*

Board of Education Member  
New England Rural School District  
~5,000 students

# DMGroup Partnership

DMGroup is excited to partner with Newtown Public Schools and has priced its services accordingly. DMGroup will provide:

- **Kickoff working session** with the Facilities Planning Committee
- **Up to 15 focus groups & interviews** with district and town leaders and staff
- **Community-wide survey**
- **Two interactive community meetings**
- Regular meetings with **Facilities Planning Committee**
- **Final report** synthesizing findings, weighing paths forward, and outlining a roadmap for next steps

**\$125,000**

*Total Project Cost (Including Travel)*

**5 Months**

*May – September 2026*

**Hybrid model**

*Onsite for Kickoff, Community Meetings, and Final Presentation*



# DMGroup Commitment

Newtown Public Schools is at a critical moment, facing complex challenges **that will impact the district for decades** to come. As partners, NPS can expect DMGroup to provide:



## Trusted Thought Partnership

We will help you navigate complexity with clarity so you can make decisions with confidence



## Transparent, Community-driven Process

Every stakeholder will have a meaningful voice, with multiple ways to share their perspective



## Recommendations that the Committee Can Act On

We will work with you to determine a clear path forward, not leave you with a report that sits on a shelf

# Q & A



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