



**South Sioux City
Community Schools**

Cardinal Vision Report on Facilities & Future Planning!

South Sioux City Community School District is proud to release the Cardinal Vision Final Report, a comprehensive summary of the community-led engagement initiative **focused on addressing the district's aging and crowded** school facilities. Through a series of stakeholder community engagement workshops, school tours and community wide surveys, students, families, staff, and community members provided valuable insights to help shape the district's future.

"The Cardinal Vision process has been instrumental in gathering community voices to guide our district's direction," said Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent of South Sioux City Community Schools.

"The level of engagement and thoughtful feedback we received underscores the deep commitment our community has to our schools and the need to plan for long-term facility improvements."

Dr. Rony Ortega

Superintendent
South Sioux City Community Schools



Key Findings and Priorities:

1. Strong Community Engagement

- Over 73% of survey respondents were familiar with the Cardinal Vision process.
- The initiative successfully built trust and transparency, and many participants supported using this model for future district decisions.

2. Facility Challenges & Priorities

- Participants expressed concern about aging buildings, safety, security, and overcrowding.
- The top facility priorities identified were:
 - Safety enhancements
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Building a new elementary school to replace Covington & Lewis & Clark
 - Creating a new 5th/6th-grade intermediate center to ease overcrowding
 - Updating classrooms for modern learning

3. Educational & Strategic Goals

- Support for 21st-century learning spaces with flexible, technology-rich environments.
- Emphasis on preparing students for both college and workforce readiness.
- Strong consensus on long-term investments in school facilities over short-term fixes.



Recommended Plan:

The preferred option, Option CV4, includes:

- ✓ A new 5th/6th-grade intermediate center
- ✓ A new K-4 elementary school
- ✓ A new pre-K facility
- ✓ Career pathways programs
- ✓ Safety and accessibility upgrades across all schools
- ✓ Dakota City expansion & middle school infrastructure updates

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This \$127 million proposal, with an estimated \$40/month tax impact for a \$200K home, represents a community-driven investment in SSC's future.

Continued engagement will be essential to finalize locations, financing, and implementation.

For more details, visit cardinalvision.org