

Capital Projects Matrix

Since 2007 the district has utilized a Capital Projects Matrix to help prioritize large projects at schools and ancillary sites. The matrix is patterned after a tool used by Palm Beach County Schools in 2003 to prioritize school rebuilds eligible for funding from a bond issue. The matrix has worked well these past few years to help quantify our capital planning decision-making.

Projects may be campus-wide or just one building. The matrix contains measures of student capacity, prior capital investments, pending maintenance, utilities, condition assessment, and security. Each project receives a 1-5 rating for each measure according to the Legend; the measures are weighted based on the Board's priorities, with the highest weight given to "Cost of Maintenance Projects Pending" and to "CPTED Analysis." The matrix is updated each January.

The 2012 Matrix is attached, with all projects ranked. Projects highlighted in green are already in process; projects in blue are HVAC projects which essentially compete against each other for funding. Interesting points are:

- Sarasota HS buildings 5 and 42 scored highest in the 2007 matrix; SHS building 4 ranked fifth, behind just the SCTI and VHS campuses;
- the scores for the first four capacity-related columns have dropped considerably since the 2007, due to the decreasing COFTE; and,
- scores for SCTI-Main and Venice HS have already dropped during their rebuilds.

As useful as this tool has been, staff believes that after this year the matrix may no longer be functional, at least in its current format. Once the Sarasota High project is designed and underway there are no more large-scale projects affecting entire campuses – again, the focus of the design for the matrix. Also, campus-by-campus efforts to reduce our reliance on portables, to reduce utility costs, and to improve campus security will proceed according to analyses that are separate from the matrix model.