

**Section 4-13.1:1. When buildings unsuitable for present use; viewpoints from community; other uses considered.** — A. School division buildings may become unsuitable for their present use but may be used to benefit the school division or public in other ways. The superintendent reviews division schools and facilities on a continuing basis. The superintendent may recommend to the School Board that a particular school building should be retired, closed, or its use changed. In determining whether a school building is to be retired, the School Board may consider the following factors, among others:

1. the adaptability of the building for continued use for its present purpose
2. the suitability of the site of the building
3. the maintenance and upkeep costs of the building and site
4. the historic value of the building to the community

B. The School Board may invite the viewpoints of community residents and staff in making its decision to retire a school building.

C. If the School Board determines to retire or close a school building permanently, it will first consider other uses that the school division might make of the building prior to considering relinquishing possession of the building.

**Legal Authority** — Virginia Code §§ 22.1-79, 22.1-129, 22.1-135, 22.1-136, and 22.1-138.