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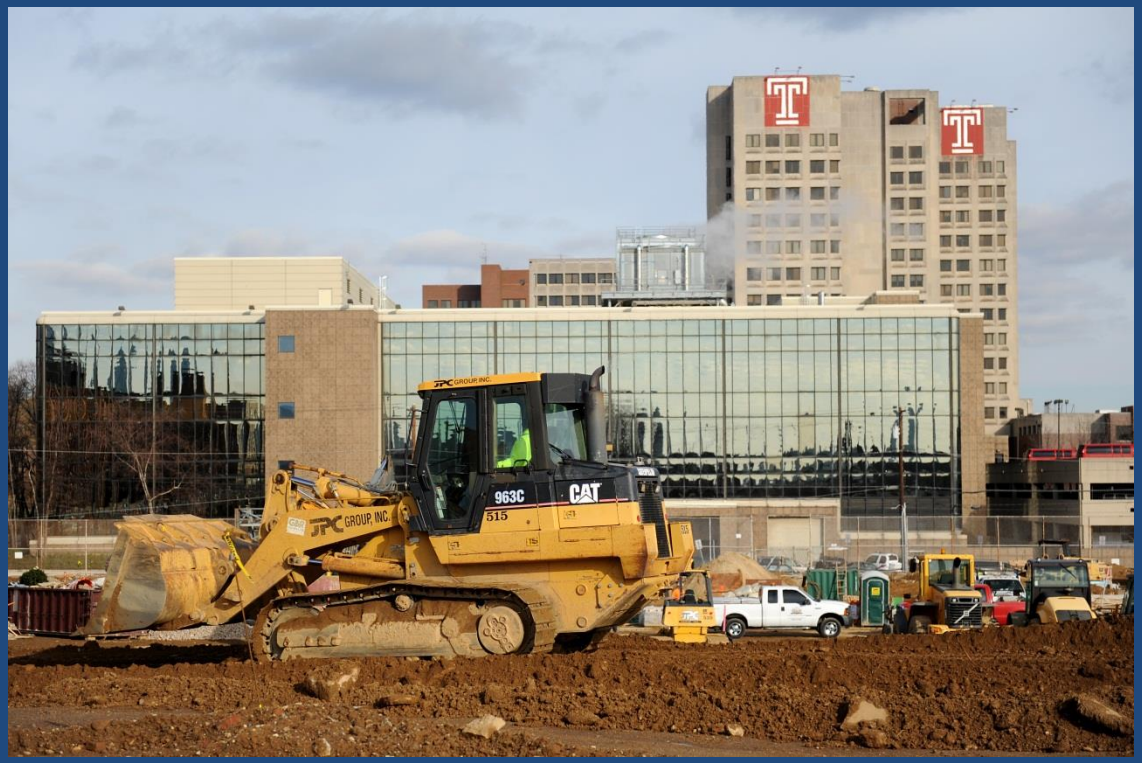

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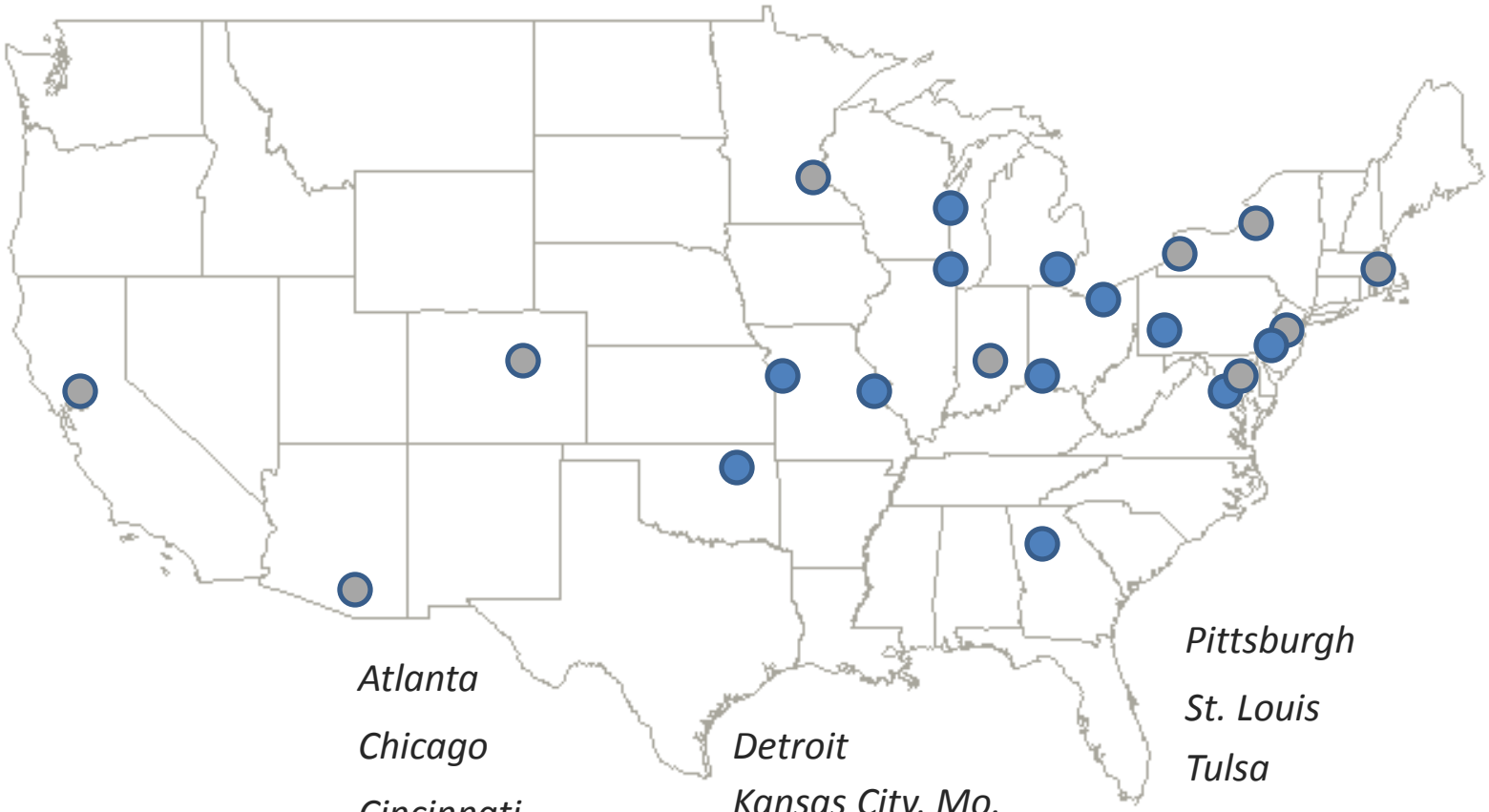
Where schools are closing



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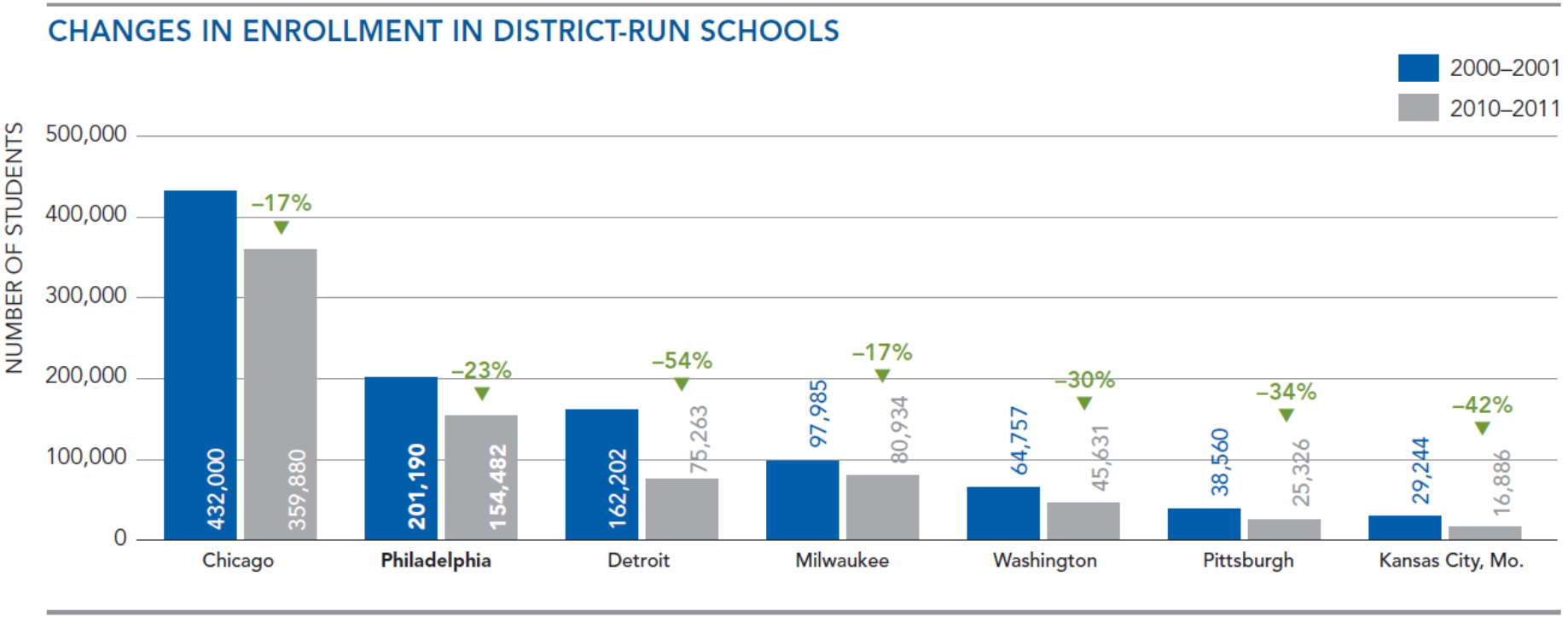
Why: Falling Enrollment



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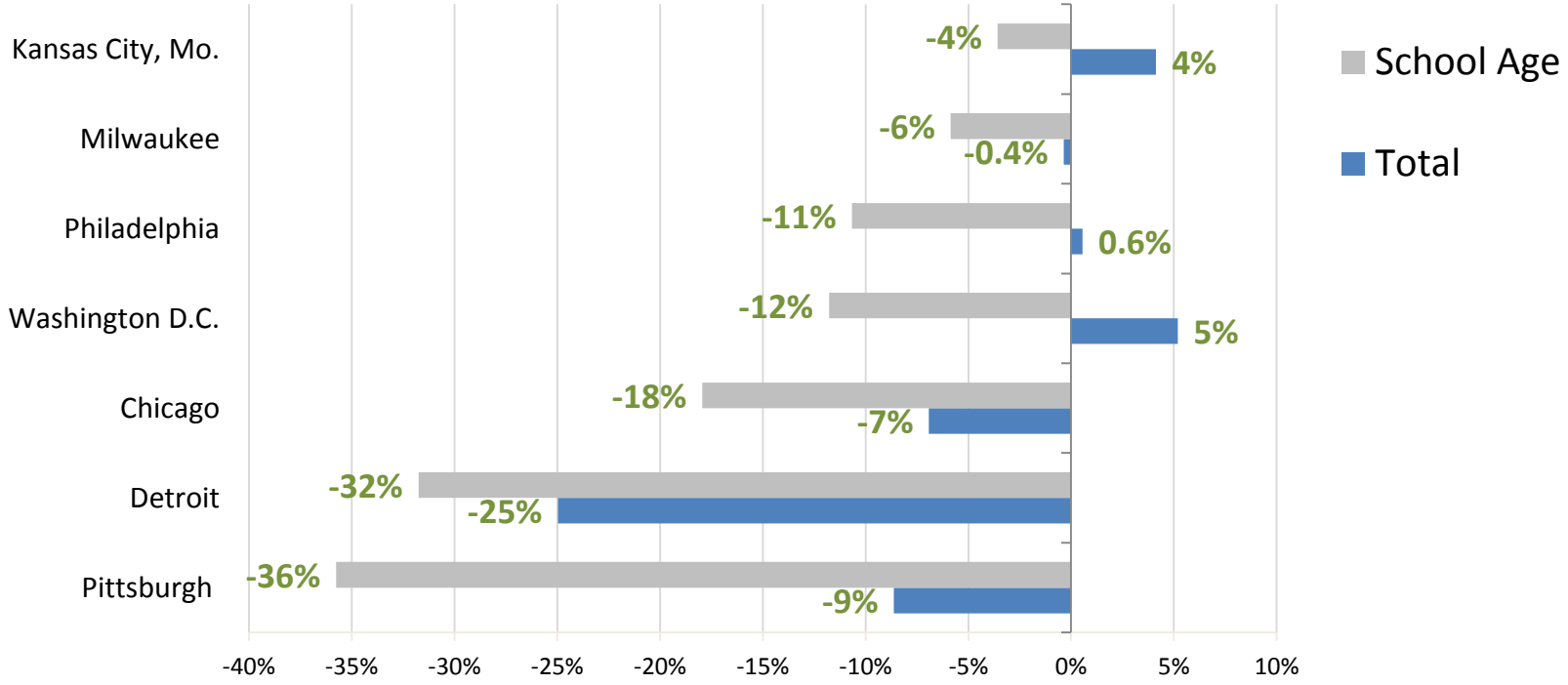
Why: Demographics

CHANGE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT POPULATION: 2000-2010



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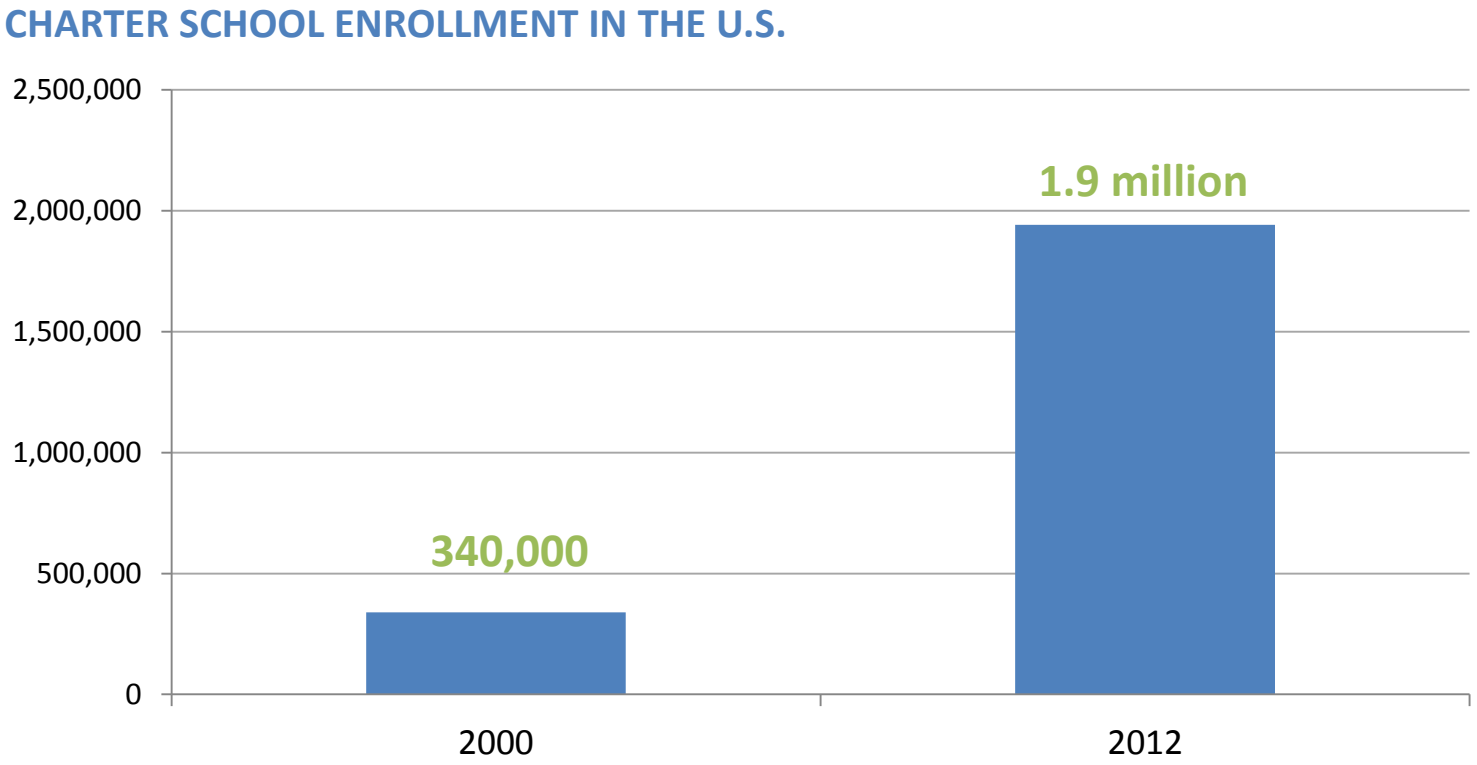
Why: Charters & Vouchers



SOURCE: National Center for Education Statistics 2000, Center for Education Reform, 2012.

How: selection criteria

- Educational adequacy (physical)
- Academic performance
- Enrollment/population decline
- Percentage from outside boundary
- Academic program alignment
- Neighborhood impact
- Sharing staff/resources
- Building condition
- Utilization
- Neighboring schools
- Potential to reduce excess space
- Feeder pattern alignment
- Reuse options

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REPURPOSING

Efforts in 12 Cities

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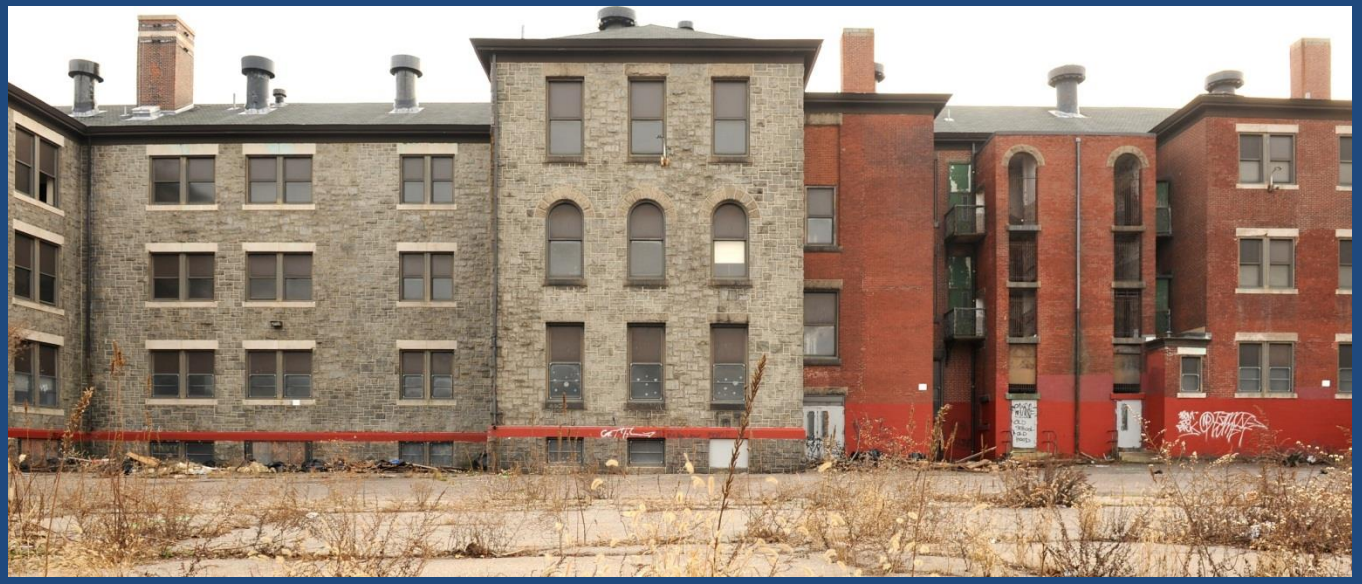
THE BUILDINGS

- Size: over 50,000 SF
- Age: more than 60 years old
- Location: Struggling neighborhoods



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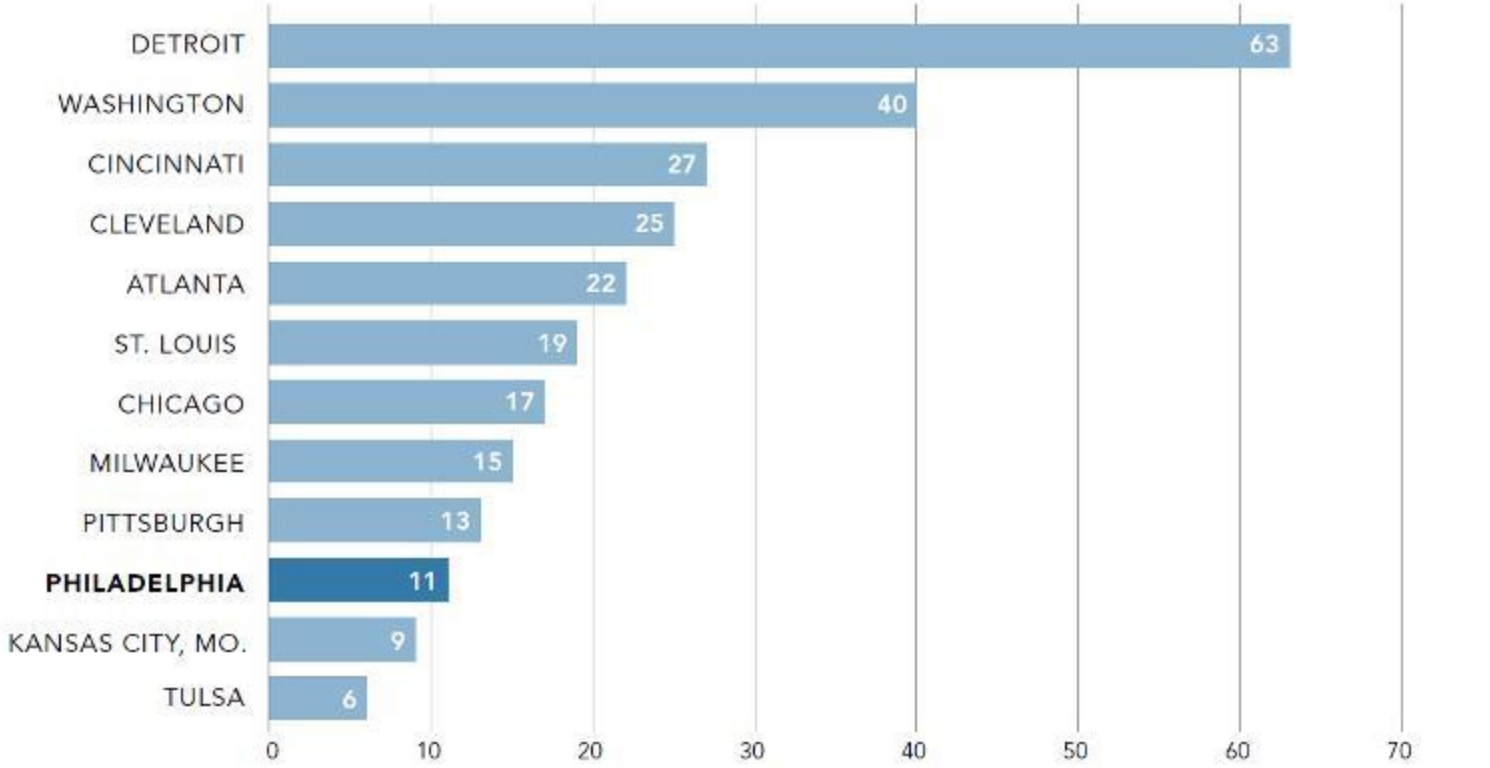
SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES SOLD, LEASED OR REPURPOSED: 2005-2012

These numbers include all properties that school districts sold, leased or repurposed between 2005 and 2012, regardless of whether they are actually being used for any purpose today.



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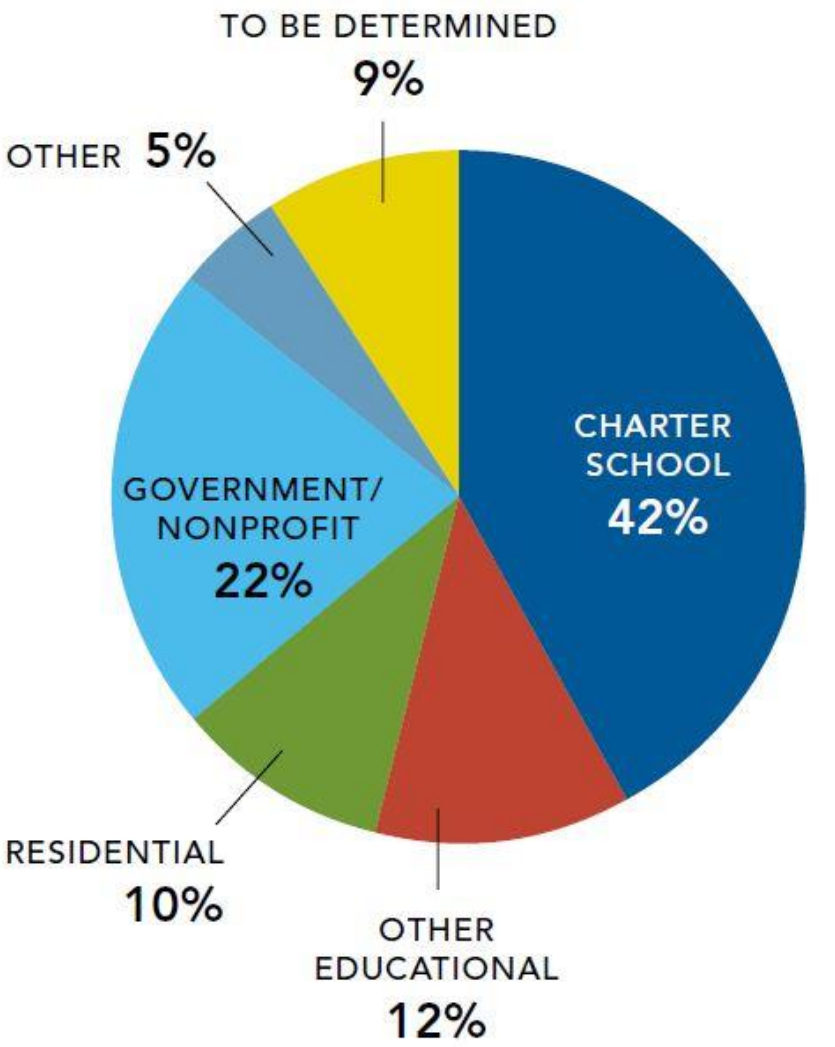
NEW USES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES IN 12 CITIES: 2005-2012



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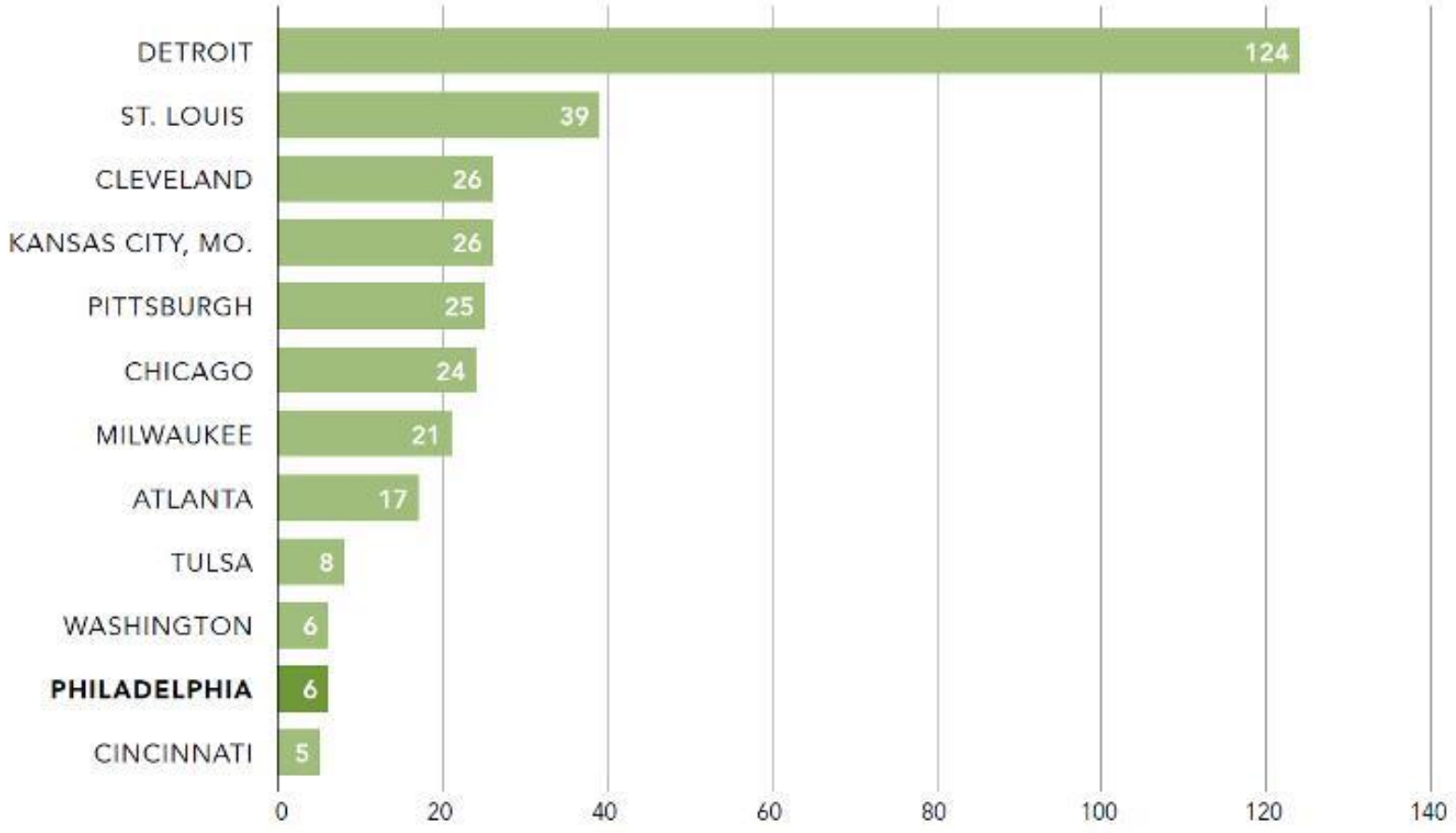
SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET: END OF 2012

In some cases, these properties have stood empty for a decade or more. Others were declared surplus only in the last few years.



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EVOLVING APPROACHES

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WEIGHING PRIORITIES

- Community support/acceptance
- Revenue
- Speed

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Sense of ownership
- Equity concerns
- Formal vs. Informal
- Getting the word out

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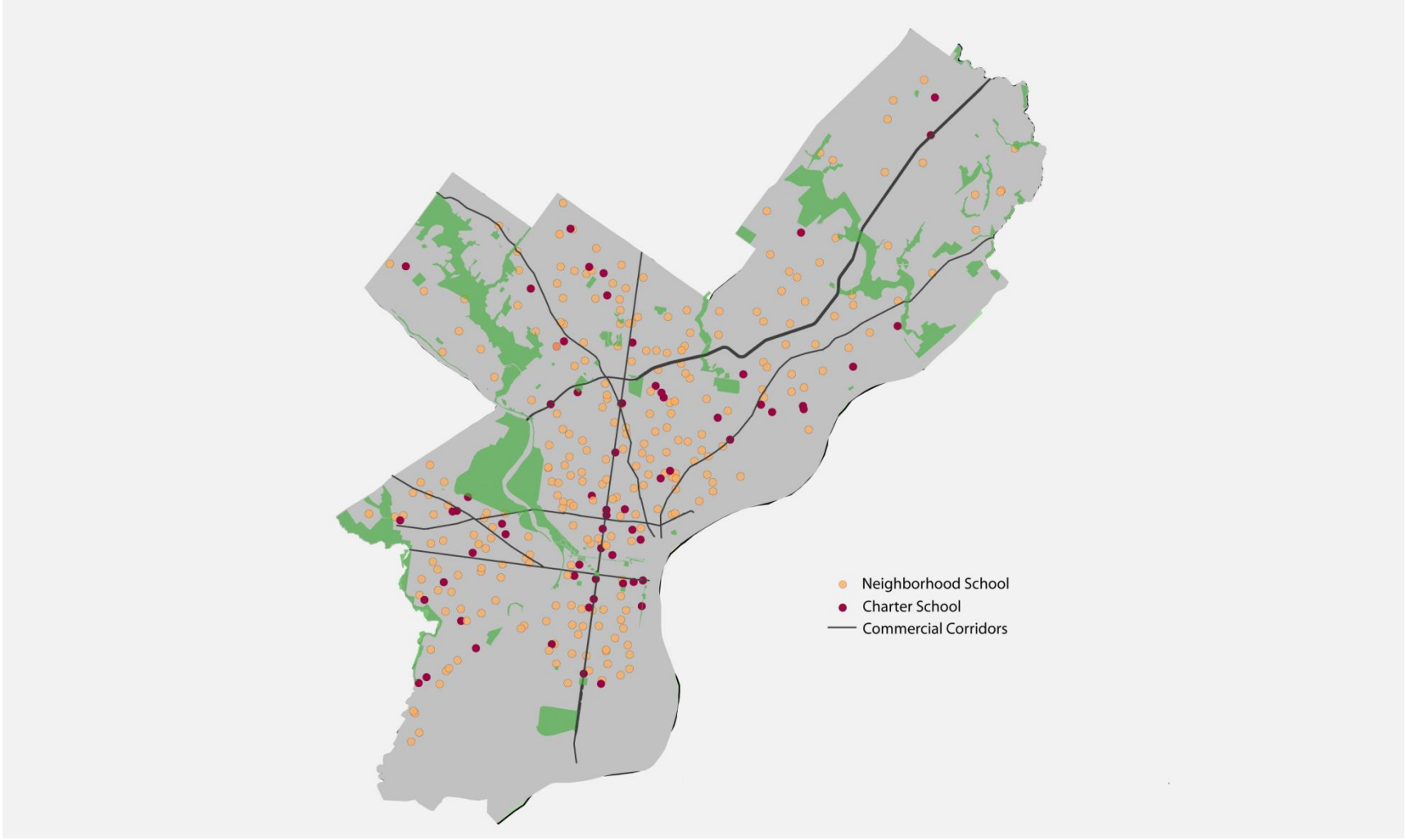
THE CHARTER DISCUSSION



SOURCE: Metropolitan Philadelphia Indicators Project

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Financing and more

- Funding sources
- Need for expertise
- Partnerships
- Ensuring success

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