States: Our Critical (Yet Surprising!) Partner in Smart School Siting

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Over 50 ideas for “top ten” barriers
Policy and practices
Six case studies
Shows multiple benefits of community-centered schools
Reuse existing facilities and infrastructure whenever possible...
Mandate a meaningful participation from all stakeholders in the planning process
Promote sharing of facilities ...
Ask if size matters ... or is it location, location, location?
Modify standards requiring a minimum number of students ...
Put renovation options on a “level playing field”...
Evaluate state support of new construction and student transportation...
Help districts fully evaluate ALL costs …
Encourage regular maintenance and use of new technology...
Emerson School

Restore passive systems
• Re-open interior spaces
• Make windows operable
• Harvest daylight
• Re-use ventilation chimneys
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Add efficient new systems

- Geothermal field under parking lot
- 100% of cooling
- 80% of heating
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Take advantage of location
- Walk score: 91/100
- Multiple bus routes
- Greatly enhanced landscape
- New bike-share kiosk
For More Information...

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