



# News Release

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## **Minneapolis Public School District seeks purchase offers for redevelopment of former headquarters at 807 Broadway NE**

November 29, 2012 (MINNEAPOLIS) The Minneapolis Public School District (MPS) has contracted with the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development to collaborate on the release of an Open Sale Memorandum to sell and redevelop its former headquarters located at 807 Broadway Street NE. On behalf of MPS, the City is managing a public engagement process to tap the community's ideas on a redevelopment plan, marketing the property to potential buyers, administering the call for purchase offers and assessing the responses.

The site housed the headquarters campus for Minneapolis Public Schools from 1930 until 2012. Prior to that, it was the home of the Minneapolis Mazda Lamp Works Division of General Electric, a light bulb manufacturer. The property includes five buildings onsite, as well as a surface parking lot across the street on 1100, 1110, and 1112 Quincy Street NE. The site totals 252,889 square feet of land, or about 5.8 acres. The five connecting buildings located on the property were built incrementally and include:

- Main administrative building (built in 1914, addition in 1920) – 187,446 square feet
- Garage addition (added in 1931) – 8,938 square feet
- Warehouse addition (added in 1959) – 9,000 square feet
- Bus barn (added in 1968) – 19,440 square feet
- Butler building (added in 1971) – 11,917 square feet

The functions of the buildings reflect the diversity of divisions within MPS' headquarters – including office and meeting space, storage, trades, vehicle storage and maintenance and related functions. In 2010, MPS made the decision to relocate to a newly constructed building at 1250 West Broadway Avenue and sell this property.

The property is zoned for Light Industrial (I1) with an Industrial Living Overlay. This flexible zoning combination allows for a range of potential uses, including light industrial, office, commercial, institutional, and/or residential.

An Open Sale Memorandum will be issued on Monday, December 17. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013. The City will administer the call for purchase offers and assess the responses.

Community input into the future plans for the site is an important component of the process to solicit purchase offers. The City and the School District are working with the neighborhood-led 807 Task Force to facilitate discussions around community priorities for the site and to keep them informed about the process.

The Open Sale Memorandum will be available on December 17 at [www.minneapolismn.gov/807Broadway](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/807Broadway) .

The Minneapolis Public School District is the sole decision-maker regarding the sale of the property. The primary objective and goal of this process is the successful sale of the property to a qualified third party for proper redevelopment or acceptable use of the property.

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