



# News Release

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## Minneapolis Public School District puts “for sale” sign up at former Northrop school

December 5, 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 the former Northrop school, located at 1611 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street. The [Open Sale Memorandum](#) was issued today. Offers must be submitted to the City on or before 4:00 p.m., **Tuesday, February 5, 2013**. Offers received after this date will not be accepted. MPS and the City strongly encourage the submission offers prior to this date since offers will be considered as soon as they are received and in the order received. Offers must include all of the content requirements specified in the Open Sale Memorandum (OSM) in order to be considered complete.

The City and MPS is conducting an open house of the property for interested parties on Thursday, December 13, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To make a reservation for a tour, please email [Jerry LePage](mailto:jerry.lepage@minneapolismn.gov), City Project Coordinator, at [jerry.lepage@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:jerry.lepage@minneapolismn.gov). 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 property consists of a full city block of 3.5 acres (155,279 square feet) bounded by East 46<sup>th</sup> Street, East 47<sup>th</sup> Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. The site includes the existing school building on the north end of the site and vacant land on the south end. The school building previously housed kindergarten through fifth grade for the Minneapolis Public School District. The property is zoned R3 Multiple-family district. It is located in the Field-Regina-Northrop neighborhood, in a residential setting surrounded by single-family homes, within blocks of neighborhood retail and parks. The property is three blocks west of Hiawatha Golf Course and Lake Hiawatha, two blocks north of Minnehaha Creek and Minnehaha Parkway, and six blocks northwest of Lake Nokomis.

The primary objective of this offering process is the successful disposition of property to a qualified third party for acceptable use of the property consistent with the current R3 zoning. MPS will consider offers for re-use of the building and/or redevelopment of the property. This is an “as is” sale. The City and Minneapolis Public Schools make no representations or warranties.

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. More information can be found at [www.minneapolismn.gov/northrop](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/northrop).

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