

# 2020 Infrastructure and Efficiency Plan

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# School consolidations to optimize occupancy and reduce operational costs

In 2018, the Hill Group presented a report about their assessment of every facility in Jefferson Parish Schools. The assessment looked at the facility conditions, educational suitability, and technology readiness. Facilities were scored using the following rubric:

Hill Group Score	Description
> 90	Excellent
80-90	Good
70-79	Fair
60-69	Poor
< 60	Unsatisfactory

# School consolidations to optimize occupancy and reduce operational costs

In November 2019, we presented a building capacity report about every facility in Jefferson Parish Schools. The assessment looked at the number of classrooms, considered approved class size ranges, and backed out a portion of flexible classrooms. Facilities were scored using the following rubric:

Building Capacity	Description
> 95%	Restricted Capacity
71%-94%	Adequate Capacity
< 70%	Inefficient Capacity

# School consolidations for 2020-2021

## Douglass absorbed into Johnson Gretna Park and McDonogh 26

School	Grades	Current Letter Grade	Current Enrollment	Hill Group Score	Hill Group Recommendation	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity	Distance Between Schools
Douglass	PK-5 <sup>th</sup>	F	301	68	Combine and replace Douglass and St. Ville with a new school	90%	-	-
McDonogh 26	PK-5 <sup>th</sup>	D	262	75		53%	73%	1.8 miles
Johnson Gretna Park	PK-5 <sup>th</sup>	C	654	71		91%	92%	1.2 miles



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# Expansion of the PK-8 model

Guiding principles of the PK-8 model:

1. Increase student retention
2. Improve student outcomes
3. Limit student transitions
4. Attract new students and families

# Focusing on academic performance

Our 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders in our PK-8 schools outperform our 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders in our traditional middle schools.

Averages for 6-8th Graders	Traditional Middle Schools	PK-8 Schools	Difference
2017-2018 LEAP Assessment Index	56.6	75.8	+25.2
2018-2019 LEAP Assessment Index	56.6	75.6	+19
2019-2020 Benchmark Assessment Index	45.6	52.2	+ 6.6



# Focusing on attendance

Our 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders in our PK-8 schools attend school more regularly than our 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders in our traditional middle schools.

Averages for 6-8th Graders	Traditional Middle Schools	PK-8 Schools	Difference
2017-2018 Daily Attendance Average	92.78%	95.46%	+ 2.68%
2018-2019 Daily Attendance Average	91.98%	95.51%	+ 3.53%

# Focusing on retention

We kept more of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and families.

	17-18	18-19	Difference
Students who left the system between 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	550	386	+ 164

We also attracted ninety (90) more 6<sup>th</sup> grade students this school year who had previously not been enrolled in a Jefferson Parish public school.

# Five new PK-8 schools for 2020-2021

School	Current Grades
Dolhonde	PK-5 <sup>th</sup>
Harahan	PK-5 <sup>th</sup>
Hazel Park	PK-5 <sup>th</sup>
Jefferson <i>at the former Riverdale Middle (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) campus</i>	PK-5 <sup>th</sup>
Woodland West	PK-5 <sup>th</sup>

All of these schools will have an Assistant Principal based on increased projected enrollment for 20-21.



# Expansion of PK-8 for 2020-2021

	School	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity
1	Dolhonde	524	516	97%	91%
2	Harahan	511	564	75%	82%
3	Hazel Park	380	502	55%	74%
4	Jefferson	337	797	86%	86%
	Riverdale Middle	857	-	93%	-
5	Woodland West	641	866	75%	94%

Schools	% of 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students Not Retained in 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Dolhonde, Jefferson, Harahan, Hazel Park	16%
Woodland West	9%





# Middle school athletics

The PK-8 transition will provide all 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in both traditional and PK-8 schools the opportunity to play the following competitive sports:

1. Football
2. Volleyball
3. Baseball
4. Softball
5. Basketball
6. Soccer
7. Cheerleading

This plan incorporates afternoon tutoring/study hall for student athletes, when possible.



# Middle school athletics

Hub School	Regional Schools
Adams	Adams
	Bissonet
	Chateau
Benson	Benson
	Alexander
	Audubon
	G.T. Woods
Ellender	Ellender
	Estelle
Gilbert	Gilbert
	Cherbonnier
Gretna Middle*	Gretna Middle
	Woodland West

Hub School	Regional Schools
Jefferson*	Jefferson
	Harahan
	Hazel Park
	Dolhonde
Marrero Middle	Marrero Middle
	Lincoln
Meisler	Meisler
	Ellis
T.H. Harris	T.H. Harris
	Matas
Truman	Truman
	Woodmere

\*New hubs for 2020-2021



# Enrollment impact by school

School	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment	Current Students Staying	Douglass*	Dolhonde	Gretna Middle	Harahan	Jefferson	Marrero Middle	Meisler	Riverdale Middle	Thibodeaux	Washington
Bunche	322	616	All										272
Dolhonde	524	516	290							57	44		
Harahan	511	564*	341								96		
Hazel Park	380	502	309								91		
Johnson Gretna Park	645	709*	All	139									
McDonogh 26	262	358	All	85									
Pitre	270	591	270									269	
Riverdale Middle	853	797	177		153		50	302					
Woodland West	641	866	641			14			152				

\*Excludes out of district IB and Immersion students



# Worth noting that

All impacted students will attend a school next year with the same or higher letter grade than this year.

# School-based certificated employee support

1. All certificated employees with a satisfactory evaluation who are working at a closing school will maintain their employment, salary, and benefits.
2. Certificated employees will be transferred to another school site for the 2020-2021 school year. Employees will complete a preference form to select their top school choices, and Human Resources will work to accommodate the employees' preferences, to every extent possible.
3. All mutual consents will be orchestrated by Human Resources. Certificated employees will be able to change schools for the 2021-2022 school year, if they desire and reach mutual consent.
4. The Human Resources Department will ensure that certificated employees are transferred on or before May 29, 2020.
5. If certificated employees agree to work at a target school, they will receive a \$2,000 hiring incentive stipend. Target schools will be identified by March 6, 2020.

# Overall enrollment impact by school

School	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment	Current Students Staying	Clancy	Douglass	Dolhonde	Ehret	Gretna Middle	Harahan	Jefferson	Marrero Middle	Meisler	Riverdale Middle	T.H. Harris	Thibodeaux	Washington
Adams	533	793	All									92		75		
Benson	599	739	All	141												
Bunche	322	616	All													272
Dolhonde	524	516	290									57	44			
Harahan	511	564*	341										96			
Hazel Park	380	502	309										91			
Higgins	1,068	1,170	All				82									
Johnson Gretna Park	645	684*	All		139											
McDonogh 26	262	358	All		85											
Pitre	270	591	270												269	
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\*Excludes out of district IBO students

**Approximately 2,114 students impacted**  
(4% of all district students)



# Moving Westbank Community to Douglass campus and transferring French Immersion

- Westbank Community School will move to the Douglass facility and be renamed Frederick Douglass Community School. Douglass has twice the capacity of the Westbank Community facility and a higher Hill Group facility score.
- We will continue to provide French Immersion to the 16 students currently enrolled and housed at Douglass Elementary until the program phases out and the students matriculate through the remainder of the program. All French Immersion students currently housed at Douglass Elementary will be eligible for a transfer to Pittman Elementary for 2020-2021 with transportation provided.