2020 Infrastructure and Efficiency Plan

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Why do we exist?

In Jefferson Parish Schools, we exist to provide the education our students deserve to succeed in life and make our world a better place.





How do we succeed?

All students graduate high school and are prepared socially, emotionally, academically, and financially for a career or college.

They're prepared to make our world a better place.

All students are on grade level in math and ELA when they complete 8th grade and all students complete 9th grade sufficiently credited.

All students are on grade level in math and reading when they complete 3rd grade.

All students are ready for kindergarten.

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What is most important?



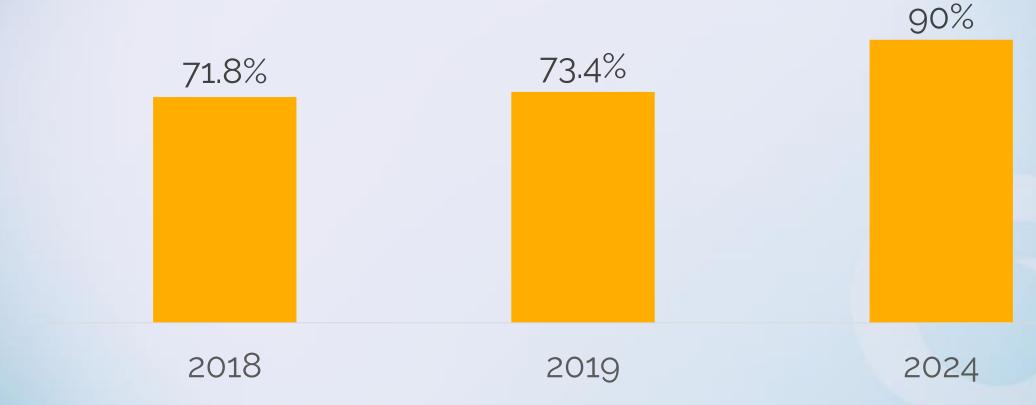
- Provide safe, healthy, and modern schools.
- 2. Hire, grow, and keep the best teachers
- 3. Hire, grow, and keep the best leaders
- 4. Use a robust curriculum with aligned assignments
- 5. Prioritize access, equity, and opportunity
- 6. Partner with families, community members, School Board members, agencies, and other stakeholders

First district performance increase in four years



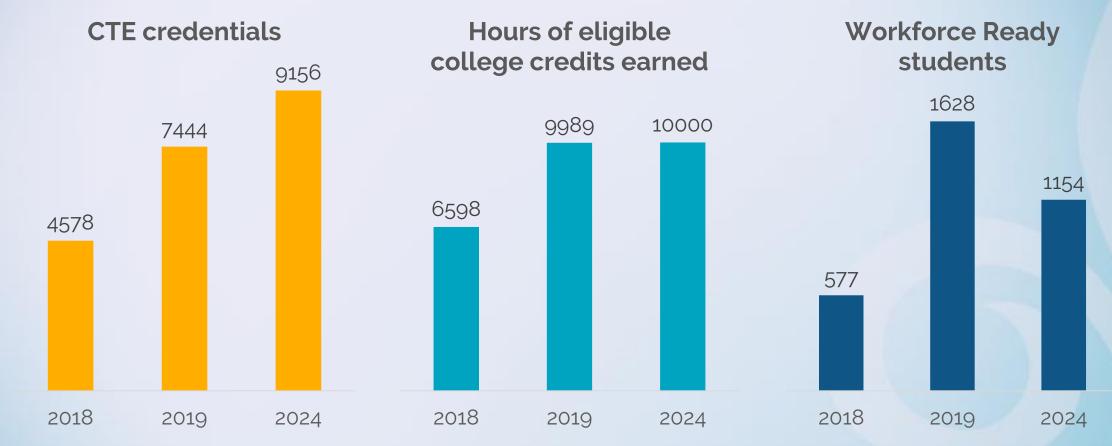


More kids are graduating...





...ready for a career or college





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Further considerations

- 1. All students in great schools
- 2. Good stewards of taxpayer dollars



We asked staff to share their feedback

What's most important for all students to get a great education in Jefferson Parish?

Top Five Responses:

- 1. Quality Teachers
- 2. Class Size
- 3. Curriculum
- 4. Technology/Equipment/Supplies
- 5. Student Discipline

What's most important in your role to be successful?

Top Five Responses:

- 1. School Leaders
- 2. Curriculum
- 3. Being a Quality/Dedicated Teacher
- 4. Planning Time
- 5. District Leaders/Equipment



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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

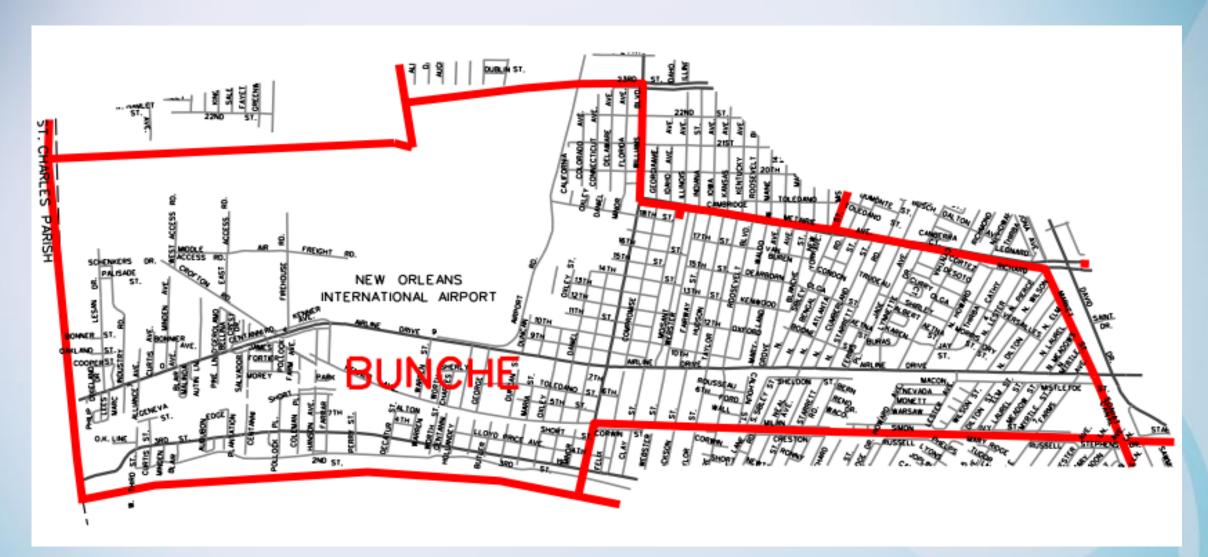


Washington Elementary absorbed into Bunche Elementary

School	Grades	Current Letter Grade	Current Enrollment	Hill Group Score	Hill Group Recommendation	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity	Distance Between Schools
Washington	PK-5 th	С	272	67	Combine and	56%	-	2.1 miles
Bunche	PK-5 th	C (Top Gains Honoree)	322	75	replace Bunche and Washington with a new school	47%	86%	

Bunche will get an Assistant Principal based on increased projected enrollment for 20-21.





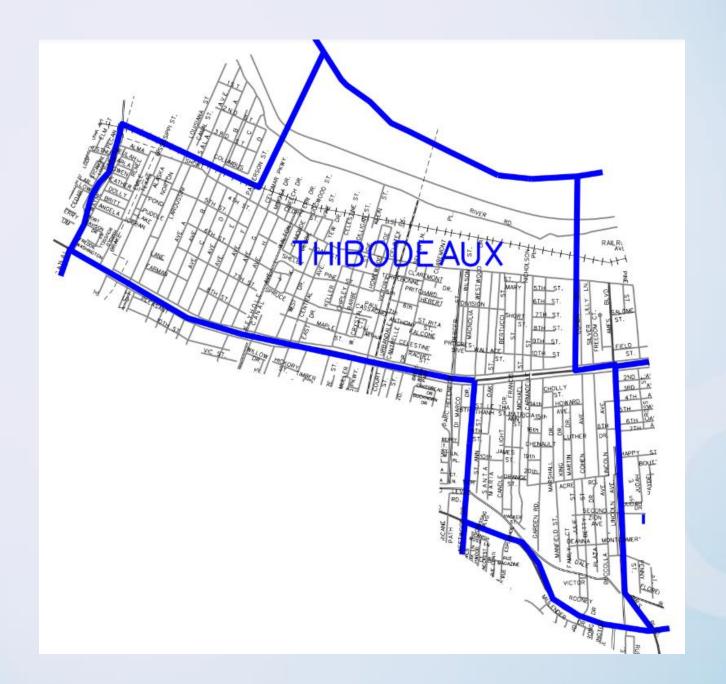


Thibodeaux Elementary moved to Pitre Elementary campus and named Thibodeaux Elementary

School	Grades	Current Letter Grade	Current Enrollment	Hill Group Score	Hill Group Recommendation	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity	Distance Between Schools
Thibodeaux	PK-5 th	С	269	64	Combine and	65%	-	1.1 miles
Pitre	PK-5 th	F	270	75	replace Pitre and Thibodeaux with a new school	39%	78%	

Thibodeaux will get an Assistant Principal based on increased projected enrollment for 20-21.



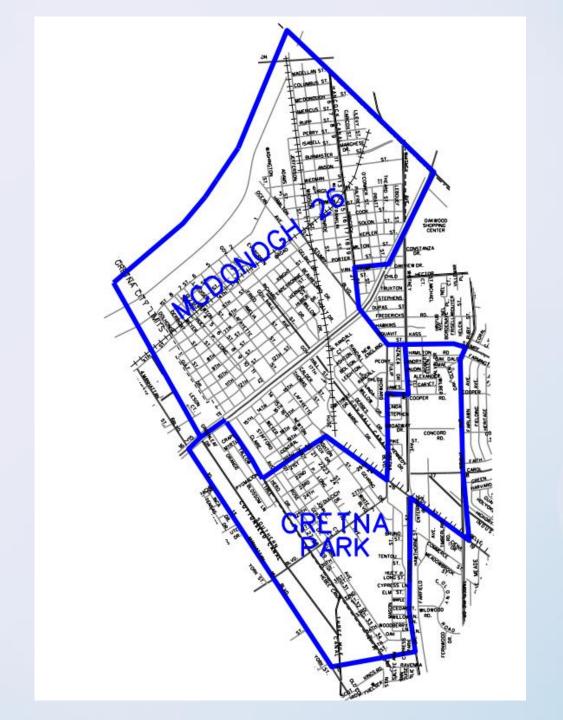




Douglass absorbed into Johnson Gretna Park and McDonogh 26

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 th	F	301	68	Combine and	90%	-	-
McDonogh 26	PK-5 th	D	262	75	replace Douglass and St. Ville with a	53%	73%	1.8 miles
Johnson Gretna Park	PK-5 th	С	654	71	new school	91%	92%	1.2 miles







Jefferson Elementary consolidated with Riverdale Middle at Riverdale Middle campus and named Jefferson Elementary

School	Grades	Current Letter Grade	Current Enrollment	Hill Group Score	Hill Group Recommendation	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity	Distance Between Schools
Jefferson	PK-5 th	С	337	60	Combine and	86%	-	0.4 miles
Riverdale Middle	6-8 th	С	857	67	replace Jefferson and Riverdale Middle with a new school	93%	92%	



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Expansion of the PK-8 model

Guiding principles of the PK-8 model:

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



Focusing on academic performance

Our 6-8th graders in our PK-8 schools outperform our 6-8th 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 6-8th graders in our PK-8 schools attend school more regularly than our 6-8th 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 5th grade students and families.

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

We also attracted ninety (90) more 6th 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 th
Harahan	PK-5 th
Hazel Park	PK-5 th
Jefferson at the former Riverdale Middle (6-8 th grade) campus	PK-5 th
Woodland West	PK-5 th

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

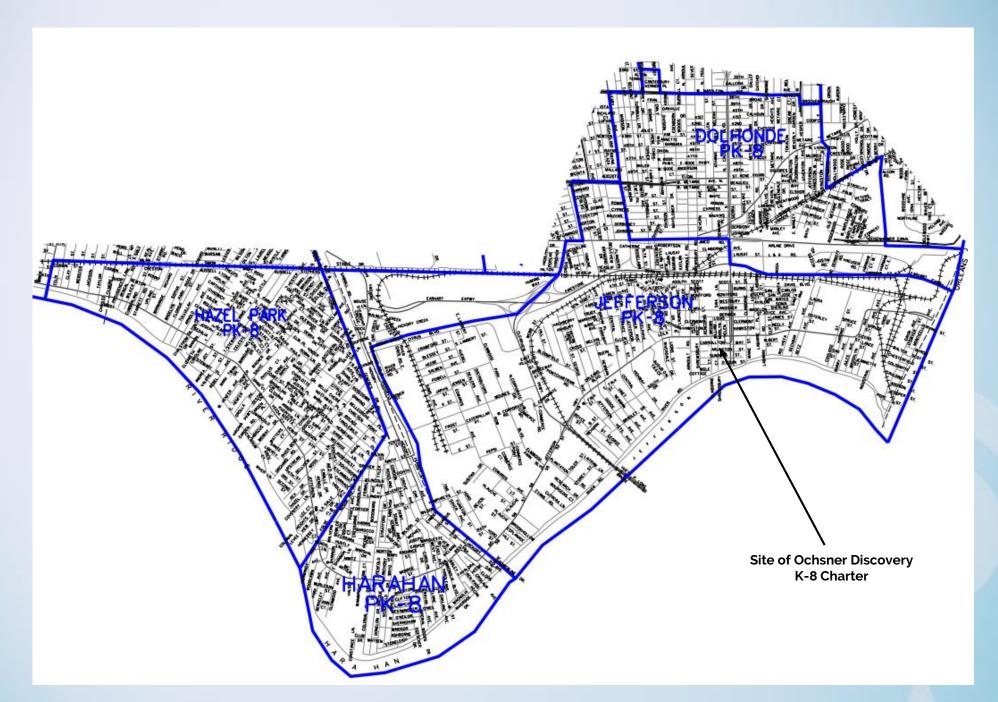


Expansion of PK-8 for 2020-2021

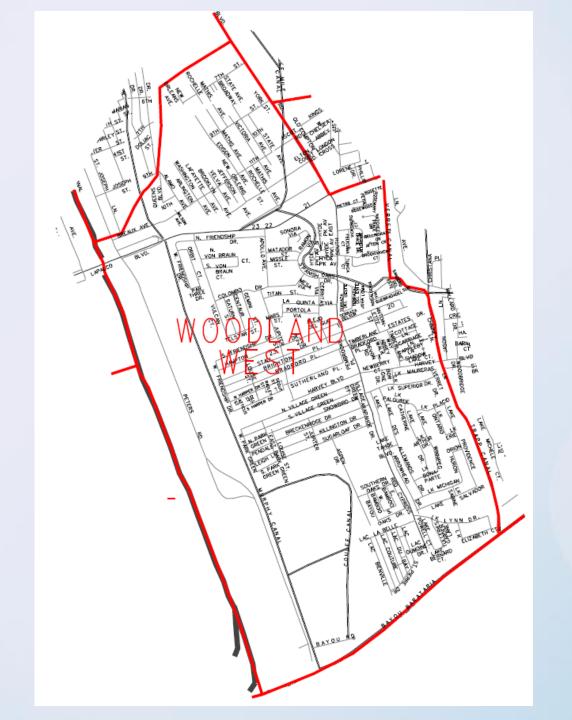
	School	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity
1	Dolhonde	524	516	97%	91%
2	Harahan	511	564	75%	82%
3	Hazel Park	380	502	55%	74%
4	Jefferson	337	797	86%	86%
	Riverdale Middle	857	-	93%	-
5	Woodland West	641	866	75%	94%

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











*Intervention and Honors Enrichment

- Based on teacher and parent feedback, we will create schedules at our K-8 schools and middle schools to address intervention and 'Honors Hour' enrichment for our K-8 students. Time for intervention and 'Honors Hour' will vary depending on grade level and student need.
- Intervention will be a designated time during the day for students who are behind grade level to receive additional content support and remediation.
- 'Honors Hour' enrichment will be a designated time during the day for students who are
 on grade level in their content to receive honors academic extensions.



Middle school athletics

The PK-8 transition will provide all 6-8th 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	Marrero Middle				
Middle	Lincoln				
Meisler	Meisler				
	Ellis				
T.H. Harris	T.H. Harris				
	Matas				
Truman	Truman				
	Woodmere				



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	1 b/5	709 [*]	All	139									
McDonogh 26	262	358	All	85									
Pitre	270	591	270									269	
Riverdale Middle	I XED	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 <u>same or higher letter grade</u> 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.



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Increase Early Childhood Education (ECE) seats where demand exceeds space

• Pending demand and available funding of \$1.4 million, we will increase PK seats available in all elementary (PK-5 & PK-8) schools that have the physical space. We will also attempt to assign PK students to their home attendance elementary school.

Current	Current	Potential	Potential	Difference
Sections	Seats	Sections	Seats	
106	2,120	119	2,380	+ 260



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Expanded opportunities for the aforementioned Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings

Consistent with the Hill Group findings:

- Construct a new CTE comprehensive high school with capacity of 750 at a centralized site to be determined
- 2. Renovate and expand facilities at Bonnabel and Ehret to offer a CTE pathway at those schools

We would like to defer a further recommendation because:

- We increased our CTE credentials by 62% last year (4,578 to 7,444)
- We hired a new Director of Workforce Development in December 2019 who is conducting a site-based analysis of status and opportunities
 - Our CTE workgroup is still determining regional workforce needs

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Accommodates school choice for parents and encourages healthy competition for students

We are proposing two significant changes to expand choice for families:

- 1. Empowering families to access higher-performing elementary and middle schools
- 2. Empowering students and families with high school choice



Empowering families to access higherperforming elementary and middle schools

- Our present practice for Louisiana Public School Choice (Act 853) gives families
 opportunity to access higher-performing schools after the school year begins. Due
 to this timeline, only 83 students accessed a higher-performing school last year.
- For the 2020-2021 school year, we will move up this timeline and have a March 16-23, 2020 application period for the following Act 853 qualifying schools:

Benson (based on Roosevelt Middle)*	Livaudais
Bonnabel	McDonogh 26
Cherbonnier*	Terrytown
Emmett Gilbert (based on Ford Middle)*	T.H. Harris
Gretna Middle	Truman*
G.T. Woods	Woodmere*

*School configuration changed in 2019-2020 and qualifying schools are based on 2018-2019 performance



Empowering students and families with high school choice

Contingent on capacity, we will institute a 9th grade school choice opportunity program where families of 8th grade students may make a one-time application for the high school of their choice.

- Every high school can accept an additional 20% of their October 1st 9th grade enrollment (excluding ASAs, Ehret, and Riverdale given their selective enrollment and IB programs).
- Students accepted through the program may remain at the school they select until they graduate.
- Students must follow LHSAA guidelines and policy.
- Transportation will not be provided if students attend a high school outside their attendance zone.



9th grade school choice opportunity

Key Dates							
High school information nights	March 30-April 8						
Application period	April 15-24						
Conduct lottery for available seats	Week of April 27						
Distribute notification letters	May 4						

School	October 1 st 9 th grade enrollment	Available seats		
Bonnabel	500	100		
East Jefferson	366	73		
Fisher	76	15		
Grace King	434	87		
Grand Isle	10	2		
Helen Cox	311	62		
Higgins	278	56		
West Jefferson	487	97		



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Ensures greater efficiency in transportation costs

- Based on research and parent feedback, we will attempt, where possible, to start
 elementary schools earlier and high schools later. We believe this will support
 working parents of elementary students and lead to stronger outcomes for high
 school students. Based on schedules, schools will adjust their before and afterschool care programs accordingly.
- We will enforce designated hub stops to consolidate bus routes and maximize an
 efficient, tiered transportation system (including ASAs, specialty schools, and nonpublic schools). Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring students' safety to
 and from these designated hub stops. All JP-employed bus drivers with a
 satisfactory evaluation will maintain their employment, salary, and benefits.
- Unless otherwise specified, we will enforce the current Board policy (from August 2010) of eliminating bus transportation within one mile of a school.



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Addresses the increasing demand for seats in our Academies

- We will provide opportunity for Ruppel Academie Francaise students to matriculate into an ASA high school. Students will be granted automatic admission if they have a 2.0 GPA and score a combination of Mastery/Advanced in ELA and Math on their 7th grade LEAP.
- We will add an additional PK section at Airline Park Academy for 2020-2021 given the
 facility's available space. The additional section will consist of students from all ASAs,
 ranked by their qualifying test score. This additional section of students will move up
 a grade level every year.
- Beginning in the year 2025-2026, we will increase 6th grade ASA seats by 35 seats, and those students will move up a grade level every year.
- Depending on additional ASA enrollment, facility needs may need to be examined in a future year.

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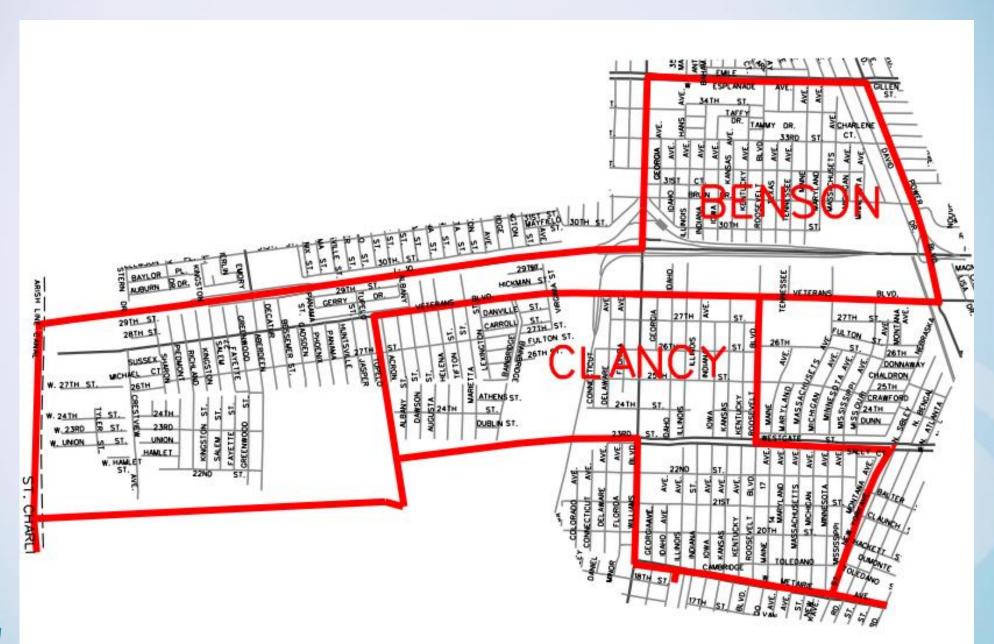


Redistricting Clancy to Benson

- 141 students transfer from Clancy to Benson
- This shift will ease overcrowding at Clancy and make more efficient use of the Benson facility
- Students transferred for 19-20 will not be impacted

School	Current Letter Grade	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity
Benson	TBD	599	739	66%	81%
Clancy	С	664	524	94%	74%







Redistricting T.H. Harris and Meisler to Adams

- 75 students transfer from T.H. Harris to Adams
- 92 students transfer from Meisler to Adams
- This shift will more evenly distribute students and make more efficient use of all three facilities

School	Current Letter Grade	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity
Adams	С	533	793	58%	86%
Meisler	D	981	844	70%	60%
T. H. Harris	D	866	819	72%	67%







Redistricting Ehret to Higgins High

- 82 students transfer from Ehret to Higgins
- This shift will allow students to attend a school that is closer to their home

School	Current Letter Grade	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment	Current Building Capacity	Projected Building Capacity
Ehret	В	1,802	1,747	70%	62%
Higgins	С	1.068	1,170	61%	64%







Enrollment impact by school

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Benson	599	739	All	141			
Higgins	1,068	1,170	All		82		



Overall enrollment impact by school

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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.



Behavior/mental health support

- We will ensure every school has a social worker at least five days a week. ASAs may receive a social worker fewer than five days depending on students' needs.
- We will expand the Leader in Me program with support from external funding.
- We will continue to develop partnerships with external behavior/mental health
 agencies. These agencies will be housed in our schools and support our students onsite with no cost to the district. To date, 29 schools have an external partnership, and we
 are working to increase the number of schools with external partnerships for next year.



Schools with current external behavior/mental health partners

Elementary	Middle	High/Other
Alexander	Gretna	Bonnabel
Audubon	Livaudais	East Jefferson
Benson	Riverdale	Ehret
Boudreaux	Worley	Helen Cox
Butler		Higgins
Cherbonnier		Riverdale
Ellender		Strehle Community
Emmett Gilbert		Westbank Community
Hart		West Jefferson
C.T. Janet		
Kerner		
Lincoln		
Pitre		
Terrytown		
Thibodeaux		
Truman		



11 schools to prioritize external behavior/mental health partners for 2020-2021

Elementary	Middle
Bissonet	Adams
Bunche	Meisler
Dolhonde	T.H. Harris
G.T. Woods	
Harahan	
Hazel Park	
Woodland West	
Woodmere	



Upgrade teacher technology

- Based on teacher feedback, we will begin a four year rotation for teacher Chromebooks, replacing outdated teacher laptops.
- We will also begin a process to update decade old Promethean boards in our classrooms.



Real estate decisions

Declare Surplus and Sell (Delegate authority to Superintendent to raze site before selling if needed)	Lease
Banneker Elementary	Jefferson Elementary
Homedale Elementary	Miller Wall Elementary School
Live Oak Manor Elementary	
Old Davis Elementary/Jean Lafitte	
Thibodeaux Elementary	
Waggaman Alternative School	
Washington Elementary	
Westbank Community School	
Westbank Regional Office	



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One time general fund expenses

- Demolition costs of vacant properties
- Athletic uniforms
- Physical education equipment
- School name conversion costs
- Moving costs
- Furniture
- Technology

\$3,140,800

(to be paid for with general funds)

\$2.6 million would be slated for demolition costs



Current financial situation

We entered this school year with an approximate \$16 million budget gap.

In an effort to limit impact on our classrooms, our students, and our teachers, we will reduce expenditures across the district, concentrating on central office reductions.



Expenditure reductions

- Reduce approximately 21 central office positions (third year of reductions)
- Reduce central office overall unit budgets
- Rework the Community Based Instruction program
- Transition the Adult Education program to Louisiana Technical System
- Streamline Child Nutrition and Print Shop operations
- Streamline ESL and Special Education staffing (per DMG report)
- Restructure the district's IB programs, eliminating elementary and middle school IB and improving high school IB effectiveness (per DMG study)
- Create and implement staffing formulas for librarians, custodians, hospital homebound teachers, school monitors, stadium staff, and 'bonus' positions
- Reduce general fund allocations to schools by 6%
- Adjust Title fund allocations to schools
- Utilize Medicaid revenues to offset existing costs



One time capital expenses

- Support K-8 conversion costs, including facilities and technology
- Build 15 classrooms at C.T. Janet
- Renovate classrooms at Thomas Jefferson
- Build new cafeteria, convert existing cafeteria into a library, and convert existing library into four classrooms at Bunche
- Add additional parking spaces at Haynes
- Replace chillers, pumps and towers at Ehret
- Replace chillers, pumps, and chiller pad at Marrero Middle
- Replace cafeteria roof at Bonnabel
- Replace a roof at Jefferson/Riverdale Middle
- Build 13 playgrounds at:

Birney	Clancy	Jefferson	Ruppel
Bunche	Collins	Lincoln	Solis
Butler	Hazel Park	McDonogh 26	Woods
Cherbonnier			

\$17,500,000

(to be paid for with new bonds and voted at April 2020 board meeting)



*Prioritized capital need projects

School	Priority	Delivery Method	Design	Sub Category	Scope	Project Budget
Gretna No. 2	1.1	Public Bid / Architect	Garrity Accardo	Improvement	Replace Windows at Cafeteria and	\$334,400.00
Academy					Renovations	
Livaudais	1.1	Public Bid / Architect	Pivotal Engineering	Mechanical Replacement	Replace Chiller, Pumps, and Electrical Plus	\$1,025,000.00
					Automation	
Matas	1.1	Public Bid / Architect	GVA Engineering	Mechanical Replacement	Replace Three Chillers, Pumps, and Chiller	\$960,000.00
					Pad Plus Automation	
Riverdale	1.1	Public Bid / Architect	Burgdahl Graves	Expansion	New cafeteria	\$2,150,000.00
Middle						
Riverdale	1.1	Public Bid / Architect	Meyer Engineers	Improvement	Repair Wood Floor and Paneling at Crawl	\$200,000.00
Middle					Space	
Pitre	1.1	Public Bid / Architect	Richard C Lambert	Roof/waterproofing	Replace Roof on Main Building	\$725,000.00

\$5,394,400

(to be paid for with available contingency funds from completed projects)



Our conclusions

1. All students in great schools

- Our students will attend higher-performing schools
- Our families will have greater access to PK seats and Advanced Study Academies
- Our families will have more school choice

2. Good stewards of taxpayer dollars

- Our district will save \$16,000,000 annually
- Our district will be more efficient with our facilities

