

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 79

Approved February 23, 2022

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council shares the Providence School Committee's desire to provide all of the City's students with 21st century learning facilities; and

WHEREAS, In support of this endeavor, it is necessary to offer students with progressive educational environments that will incorporate different types of collaboration and learning spaces to enhance students' daily experiences; and



WHEREAS, The Providence School Committee has completed a comprehensive application for Stage II approval by the Rhode Island Department of Education ("RIDE") consistent with the Rhode Island School Construction Regulations ("Regulations") that addresses the mutual goals of both the City Council and the School Committee; and

WHEREAS, 200-RICR-20-05-4.9.3(A)(6)(a) of the Regulations requires the submission of documentation demonstrating the City Council's support of the Stage II submission to RIDE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Providence City Council hereby support and approve the Providence Public School District's Necessity of School Construction Application to RIDE for Stage II approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage by the Providence City Council.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 17 2022
READ AND PASSED


JOHN J. IGLIZZ, PRESIDENT

Tina L. Martini
CLERK
ACTING

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 2/23/22

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 03 2022
FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE
David Matrone CLERK
ACTING

Council President Igliozi, By Request

THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE
Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution
David Matrone
Clerk
2-8-2022

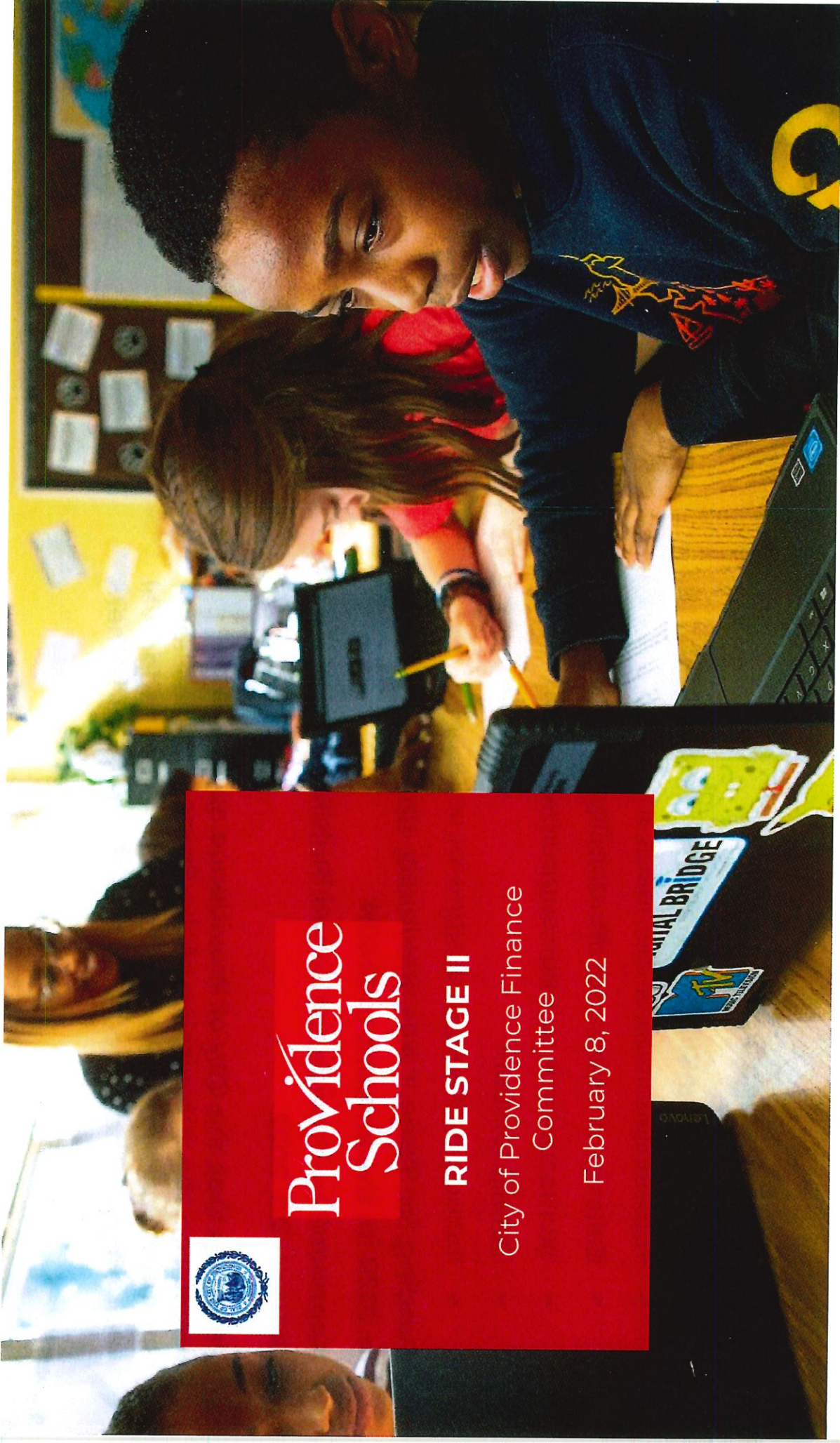


Providence Schools

RIDE STAGE II

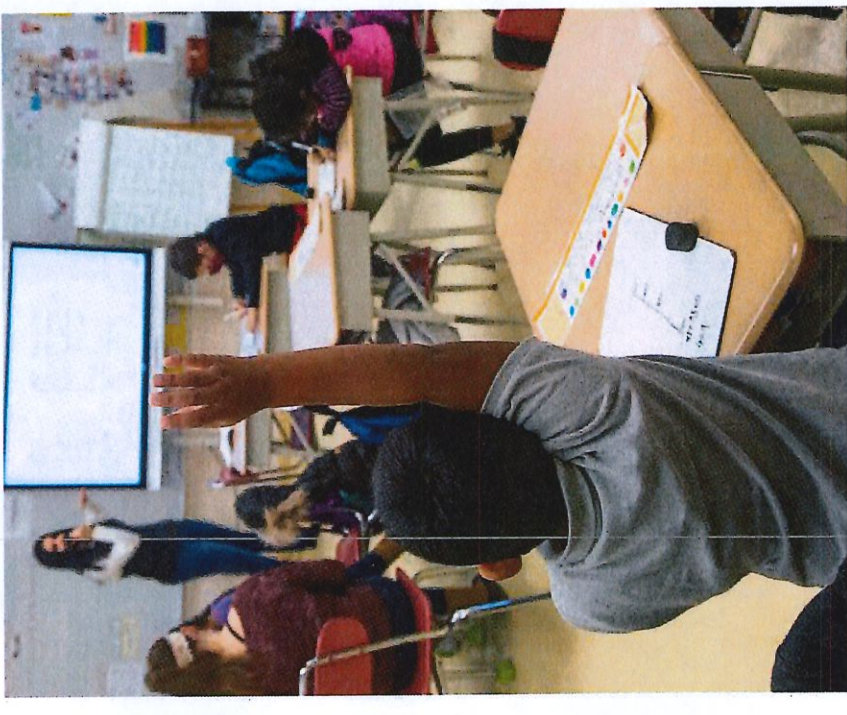
City of Providence Finance
Committee

February 8, 2022



RIDE Stage II Application

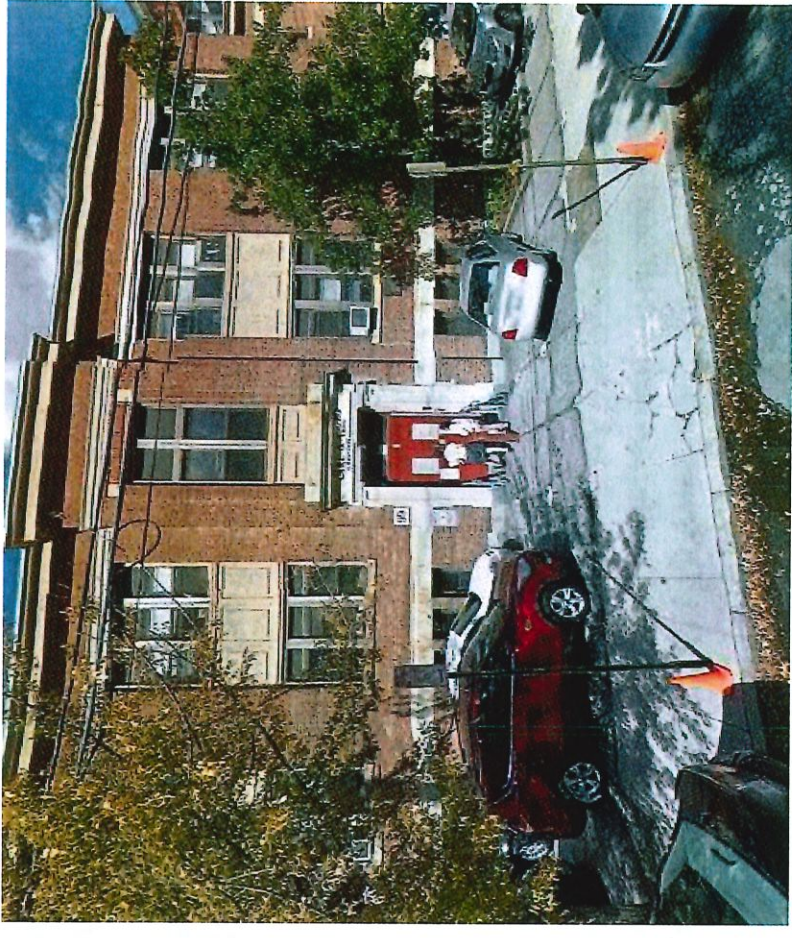
- **Continuation of the RIDE 2021 Stage I Application**
 - Further definition of the needs and cost
 - Balance of vision and affordability
 - Works towards solution supported by Community.
 - Details solution
 - Includes schematic designs for solution
- **Funding for Stage II was previously approved by voters in 2020 in the amount of \$140M**
- **Approved by Providence School Building Committee on January 20, 2022**
- **Requires that the City of Providence approves by resolution the submission of the Stage II Necessity of School Construction Application to RIDE for approval that ensures the projects receive 91% reimbursement**



Recap: The Current State of PPSD's Facilities

PPSD has over \$700M in facilities needs. How did we get here?

- **Significant deferred maintenance** have left Providence's school buildings in poor condition
 - In the seven-year period prior to the State takeover, Providence's average annual Housing Aid submissions were \$2M - it would take over 300 years to address identified deficiencies
- **From a 2017 facility review: 27 out of PPSD's 38 school facilities were in either "poor" or worse condition**
 - Only three school buildings were rated as "good."
- The Johns Hopkins review team noted how decaying **facilities disrupted student learning** and **contributed to low morale** for all – students, educators, and community members alike



Recap: Revising PPSD's Capital Plan

PPSD realigned their capital plan with the Turnaround Action Plan, with a heavy emphasis on new facility construction and student-centric enhancements with student learning in mind.



- **Focusing on deep, transformational projects with bond funding to maximize state reimbursement (up to 91%) and minimize cost to taxpayers**
 - o Phase 1 includes Spaziano Annex, Pleasant View Classical High School, and Hope High School
- **Best-practice use of “swing space”**
 - o Phase 1 includes using the Narducci Learning Center (Windmill) to significantly speed up construction at other schools while minimizing costs and student disruption
- **Strategically leveraging new funding sources to address needed facility repairs across the district**
- **Effective coordination for the first time between the City, District, and RIDE’s SBA**

Background: Overview of PPSD School Facilities Funding

Providence has over \$700M in facility needs to meet basic warm/safe/dry conditions, much less the 21st century renovations our students deserve.

Phase I (\$160M) – IN PROGRESS

Current construction in progress

- \$100M Bond + \$60M in Pay-Go
- Major facilities renovations including Spaziano Annex, Windmill, Classical, Pleasant View, and Hope High School
- Must be completed by June 30, 2023.

Phase II (\$170M) – PLANNING STAGE

SBA stage II application in Feb. '22

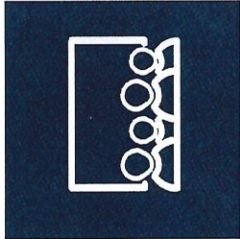
- \$120M Bond + \$20M in Pay-Go + \$30M potential FEI
- Stage II application may be approved by the Council of Elementary & Secondary Education in May 22, then require enabling legislation.
- Will include 21 Peace Street (St. Joseph's Hospital)
- Will include 2-4 additional like-new (Spaziano MS, Fogarty, Kizarian, Veazie)

State reimbursement results in potential for \$300M to be reimbursed directly from the state



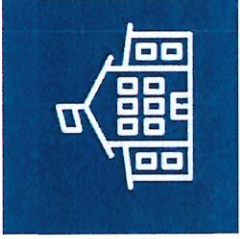
Impact of Phase I & Phase II Major Renovations

When combined, the these new, 21st century facilities will have a transformative impact for PPSD's students and their communities.



Significant # of Students Impacted

Over **33%** of PPSD students will be in fundamentally transformed school facilities.



Transformed School Facilities

Half of PPSD's **lowest rated facilities** (5 out of 10 that were rated as being in "Very Poor" or worse) will be transformed



Innovative, New School Models

PPSD will have **3 new PK-8** community focused schools, and will have added over 1,000 new dual-language seats

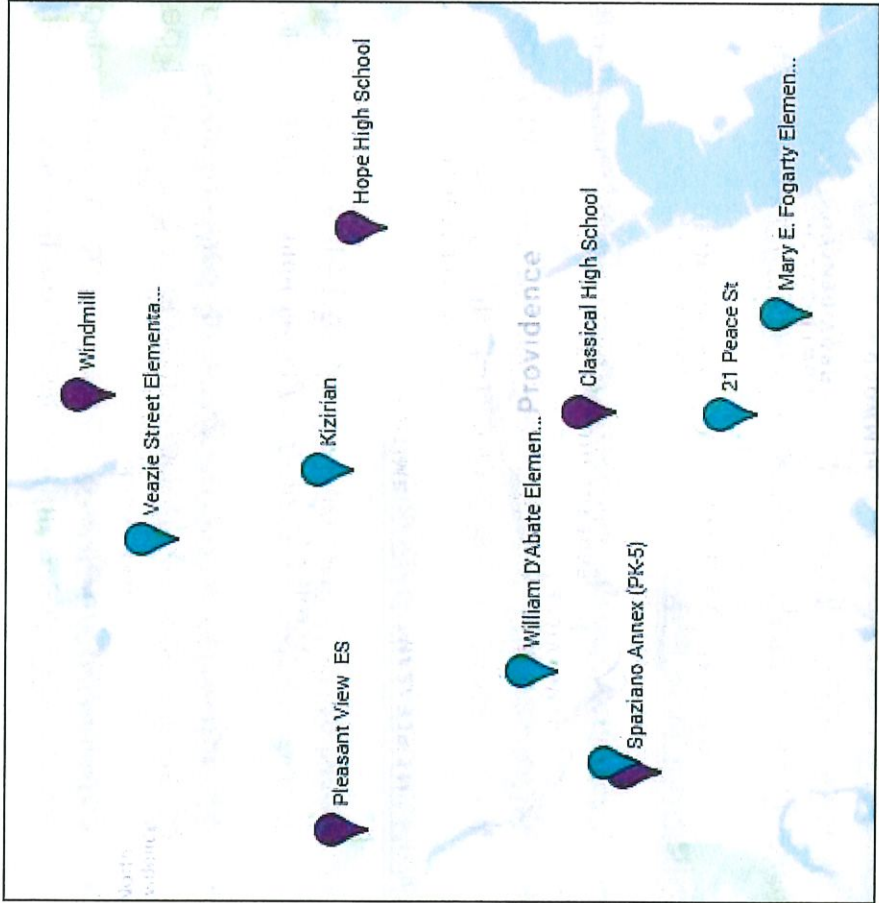


Communities Impacted Across Providence

The new 21st century facilities from Phase I and Phase II will **impact almost every corner** of Providence



Phase 1 & II Major School Renovations – School List



School	Target Completion	Estimated budget
Phase I (2019 Approval/2018 Bond)		
Windmill Street	Winter 2022	~\$30M
Classical HS	Spring 2023	~\$34M
Spaziano Annex*	Summer 2023	~\$44M
Pleasant View	Summer 2023	~\$22M
Hope HS	Spring 2023	~\$20M
William D'abate ES	Fall 2022	~\$7M
Phase II (2020 Approval/2022 Bond)		
21 Peace Street*	Fall 2025	~\$75M
Mary Fogarty ES	Fall 2026	~\$22M
Kizirian ES	Fall 2027	~\$25M
Veazie St. ES	Fall 2026	~\$25M
Spaziano 6-8	Spring 2025	~\$23M

*Brand new building



Background: Phase II Project Selection – Guiding Priorities

Through PPSD Cabinet Ed-planning conversations, we've established the following priorities to help inform our decision-making process for selecting projects for the remaining \$65M.

Highest Priorities:

- **Low-Academic Performance:** Based on prior and current performance (i.e. 1 & 2-star schools)
- **High-Facility Needs:** Based on the Facility Condition Index of the facility (which identifies a percentage that indicates the cost of repairing the facility vs the total value of the facility)

Additional Top Priorities:

- **PreK-8:** In alignment with the TAP and revised capital plan, identify sites that can be converted now (or in the future) to a PK-8, with a community school focus.
- **21st Century, Student-Centric Renovations:** Prioritize student-centric impact enhancements that will directly improve school climate and student performance.
- **Community Impact:** Impact as many communities as possible across Providence (and conversely, do not concentrate all new facilities in once community).



School Building Committee

School Building Committee reviews and approves identified capital improvement projects

Name	Role
Dr. Javier Montañez	Interim Superintendent, PPSD
John Iglioizzi	President, Providence City Council
Lawrence Mancini	Chief Financial Officer, City of Providence
Demo Roberts	Director, City of Providence Public Property Department
Joan Jackson	Senior Advisor to the Superintendent PPSD
Zack Scott	Deputy Superintendent of Operations, PPSD
Brian Darrow	Chief Strategy Officer, Rhode Island Department of Education
Scott Barr	Principal, Classical High School
Christina Gibbons	Principal, Roger Williams Middle School
Ramona Santos Torres	Community Representative
Melissa Hughes	Parent Representative
Kinzel Thomas	Board President Providence Public Schools



Phase II Projects – School Level Highlights

These new Phase II projects, currently under design, will further deliver the transformative learning spaces that our students in Providence deserve.



- **21 Peace Street**

- Brand new construction will become a state-of-the-art PreK-8 Dual Language School

- **21st Century Like-New Renovations** at Veazie St., Kizirian, Fogarty, and Spaziano

- Will include critical new building spaces including family welcome centers, student collaborative common spaces, and maker spaces.

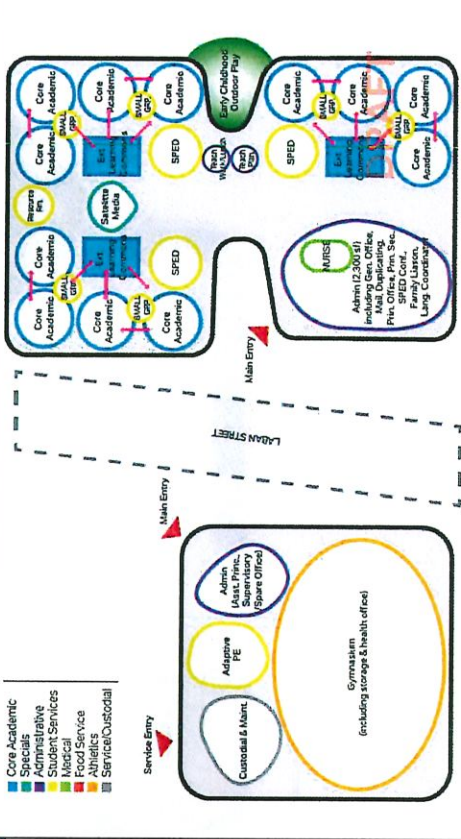
- **Spaziano renovation** will complete PreK-8 Dual Language campus

Phase 1 & 2 Spotlight: Revitalizing Spaziano

By combining funding sources from Phase 1 and 2 of the Capital Plan, Spaziano will be revitalized into a 21st century, PK-8 Dual Language Campus

The current Spaziano Annex site will be demolished replaced with a brand-new building hosting grades PK-5, and the existing Spaziano building will receive a “like-new” renovation and host grades 6-8.

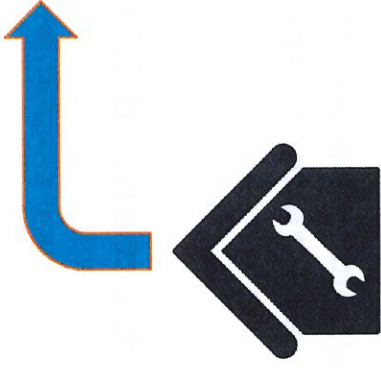
- **Replaces the worst rated building in PPSD with a new modern facility**
 - The Spaziano Annex, which had the highest Facility Condition of 71%, identifying it as a “replacement candidate”
- **Instruction is driving construction**
 - Classroom and schematic design focused on driving dual language programming
- **Will become the district’s first PK-8 campus**
 - Driven by community demand, with a community-focus



SPAZIANO SCHOOL - ED PLANNING - FIRST FLOOR
PROJECT NUMBER - 2136 - December 6, 2021

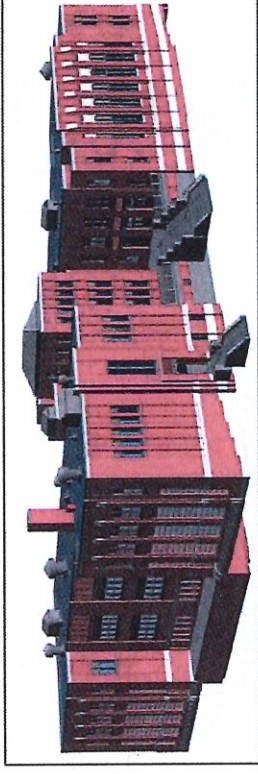
Benefits of Swing Space

Swing space enables the city to do construction faster, in a more cost effective manner, with less disruptions to students



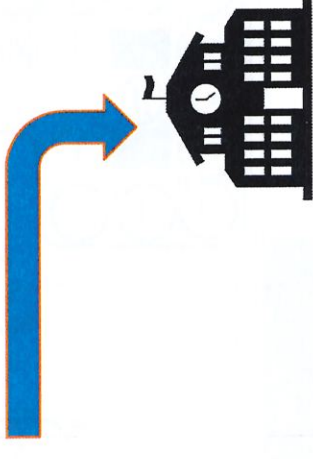
Major Renovations

- With more than \$700M in need, many PPSP facilities require major renovation. In order to avoid disrupting educational offerings, students will be moved to swing space.



St. Joe's + Windmill Swing Space:

- Planning and design underway for Peace Street and Windmill
- When school is in swing space, construction at home facility can occur more quickly and at lower cost (rather than after hours/over the summer which adds significant time and cost)
- Swing space facilities can then become part of the PPSP facility portfolio as either new schools or replacement for existing schools in poorly rated facilities.



Newer and Fewer

- As PPSP undertakes a once in a generation investment, the efforts include right sizing to projected enrollments.

Going Forward: Future PPSD Capital Plan and Facilities Actions

While we've established a strong foundation in our new capital plan, we know we still have significant work to do to address all of the facilities needs across our district.



- **Community Engagement and Submission of Approvals for**

Stage II: School engagement in support of Stage II application to the SBA in Feb. 2022. Will come before the K-12 Council in May 2022.

- **Develop Long-Term Master Plan Aligned with Educational**


Strategy: Develop long-term master plan to address facilities and enrollment changes aligned with Turnaround Action Plan

- **Identify Needs for Future Bond Funded Projects:** While we are making transformational changes, these only represent a fraction of our need




Going Forward: Planning for the Next Phase of PPSD Facility Planning


Building off the state, district, and city partnership established in Phase 2 of PPSD’s capital plan, we will work together to begin to develop a “Phase 3” long-term facilities master plan anchored in improving student outcomes and community need.




Revitalize Mt. Pleasant
Develop a clear strategy for investing in and fundamentally revitalizing Mt. Pleasant



Align to Community Need
Evaluate the PPSD facility footprint and how it aligns to future enrollment projections



Expand Pre-K
Incorporate the expansion of high-quality Pre-K with a clear facilities strategy to support Pre-K



Leverage Additional Resources
Leverage additional funding sources such as the Facilities Equity Initiative and additional PayGo funding

