



# Jefferson Parish Public Schools Infrastructure and Efficiency Plan

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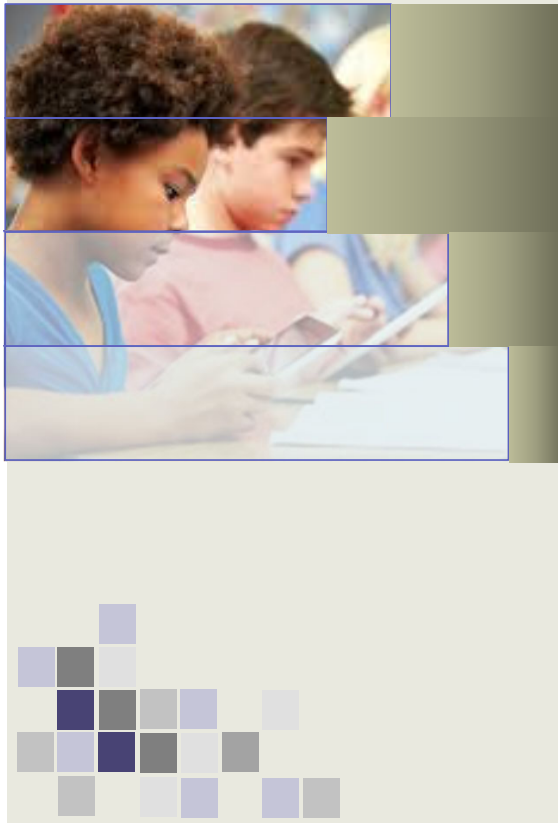
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# METHODOLOGY

- **Assess Progress/Changes Since the 2017 report**
- **Update Data**
- **Public Engagement**
- **Determine Planning Drivers**
- **Develop Options**
- **Develop Recommendations**
- **Finalize Recommendations**



# Combined Scores and Utilization Descriptions

SCORES	DESCRIPTION
> 90%	Excellent/Like New
80 - 90	Good
70 - 79	Fair
60 - 69	Poor
< 60	Unsatisfactory

UTILIZATION	DESCRIPTION
> 110	Inadequate Space
95 - 110	Approaching Inadequate Space
80 - 94	Adequate Space
70 - 79	Approaching Inefficient Use of Space
< 70	Inefficient Use of Space

# Condition and Utilization Scores for PK-5 Schools

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	CAPACITY	PREVIOUS COMBINED SCORE (45/55)	NEW COMBINED SCORE (45/55)	UTILIZATION
PK-5 Schools					
Airline Park	413	649	66	68	63.64%
Birney	567	639	70	70	88.73%
Boudreaux	583	669	74	75	87.14%
Bridgedale	496	528	66	67	93.94%
Bunche	257	689	74	74	37.30%
Butler	336	659	58	61	50.99%
Clancy-Maggiore	508	709	68	69	71.65%
Collins	303	498	89	89	60.84%
George Cox	403	468	71	74	86.11%
Gretna Park	643	719	69	70	89.43%
Green Park	436	669	66	69	65.17%
Greenlawn	516	679	68	70	75.99%
Gretna #2	351	373	66	67	94.10%
Harris	373	679	67	68	54.93%
Hart	358	518	67	67	69.11%
Hearst	645	699	64	68	92.27%
Janet	634	1,105	76	79	56.47%
Keller	617	729	68	68	84.64%
Kerner	393	649	73	74	60.55%
McDonogh	351	498	69	70	70.48%
Metarie	354	373	73	73	94.91%
Isaac Joseph	513	689	73	76	74.46%
Pittman	501	669	68	70	74.89%
Riviere	567	528	71	72	107.39%
Schneckenburger	330	518	75	75	63.71%
Solis	701	679	78	78	103.24%
St. Ville	396	488	62	64	81.15%
St. Pierre	336	478	61	66	70.29%
Terrytown	597	699	88	88	85.41%
Washington	234	478	65	69	48.95%
<b>Total/Avg</b>	<b>13,712</b>	<b>18,424</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74.42%</b>

# Condition and Utilization Scores for PK-8 Schools

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	CAPACITY	PREVIOUS COMBINED SCORE (45/55)	NEW COMBINED SCORE (45/55)	UTILIZATION
PK-8 Schools					
Alexander	632	580	72	74	108.97%
Audubon	608	680	67	68	89.41%
Benson	718	910	73	74	78.90%
Bissonet	599	730	65	66	82.05%
Chateau	496	690	65	66	71.88%
Cherbonnier	277	580	80	82	47.76%
Joseph Moscona	532	538	56	58	98.88%
Ellender	646	990	73	76	65.25%
Ellis	574	690	56	56	83.19%
Estelle	669	1,000	75	76	66.90%
Gilbert	643	900	67	67	71.44%
Harahan	444	679	68	70	65.39%
Hazel Park	427	669	63	68	63.83%
Lincoln school for the Arts	445	570	82	82	78.07%
Matas	580	910	70	72	63.74%
Jefferson	619	924	64	65	66.99%
Ruppel Francaise	221	570	79	79	38.77%
Truman	498	1,200	84	84	41.50%
Woods	250	530	62	63	47.17%
Woodland West	714	861	77	77	82.93%
Woodmere	350	680	98	98	51.47%
<b>Total/Avg</b>	<b>10,942</b>	<b>15,881</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68.90%</b>



# Condition and Utilization Scores for 6-8 & 3-8 Schools

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	CAPACITY	PREVIOUS COMBINED SCORE (45/55)	NEW COMBINED SCORE (45/55)	UTILIZATION
Middle 6-8 Schools					
Adams	804	924	74	74	87.01%
Gretna	547	1,268	74	74	43.14%
Harris, TH	657	1,215	79	80	54.07%
Livaudais	531	1,268	72	73	41.88%
Marrero	609	1,083	71	73	56.23%
Meisler	679	1,400	77	78	48.50%
Worley	431	898	77	79	48.00%
<b>Total/Avg</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>8,056</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>52.86%</b>
Special Schools					
Douglass Community	104	343	66	66	30.32%
Strehle Community	151	670	73	75	22.54%
<b>Total/Avg</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>25.17%</b>

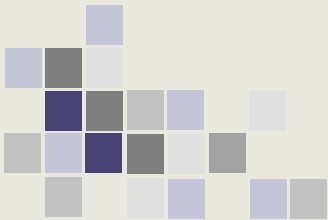
# Condition and Utilization Scores for PK-12, 6-12 & 9-12 Schools

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	CAPACITY	PREVIOUS COMBINED SCORE (45/55)	NEW COMBINED SCORE (45/55)	UTILIZATION
PK-12 Schools					
Grand Isle	83	520	79	81	15.96%
<b>Total/Avg</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>15.96%</b>
6-12 Schools					
Fisher	462	693	77	N/A	66.67%
Haynes	873	941	69	71	92.77%
Patrick Taylor	829	817	82	84	101.47%
Thomas Jefferson	522	743	68	68	70.26%
<b>Total/Avg</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>3,194</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>84.10%</b>
High 9-12 Schools					
Bonnabel	1,245	2,797	75	77	44.51%
East Jefferson	1,166	1,535	78	80	75.96%
Ehret	1,375	2,821	73	74	48.74%
Grace King	1,263	1,857	79	81	68.01%
Helen Cox	817	1,238	60	67	65.99%
Higgins	885	1,832	71	76	48.31%
Jefferson Virtual	120	480	N/A	N/A	25.00%
Riverdale	980	1,485	71	74	65.99%
West Jefferson	1,326	1,906	66	72	69.57%
<b>Total/Avg</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>15,951</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>57.53%</b>



## CHANGES 2017 - 2023

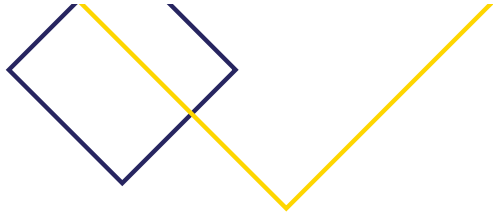
- Combined Score increase by an average of 1 - 3 points
- District enrollment decrease of approximately 2,000 students
- Facility Utilization decrease by an average of 15%
- **COMPLETED:**
  - 14 Elementary & Middle Schools Converted to PK-8
  - 3 Facility Consolidations
- Reduced Inventory



# 2023 Planning Drivers



- Provide equity of program opportunities to the highest degree possible
- Optimization of occupancy and staffing
- Based on educational suitability and physical condition data, address schools with urgent needs
- Address program needs
  - Career & Technical Education (CTE)
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Expansion of PK-8 where appropriate
- Implement transportation efficiencies
- Reduce operational costs



# Schools of Concern



School	Utilization <50%	Combined Score <65	Enrollment <400
PK-5 Schools			
Bunche	37%		257
Butler		61	336
Collins			303
Gretna #2			351
Harris			373
Hart			358
Kerner			393
McDonogh			351
Metarie			354
Schneckenburger			330
St. Ville		64	396
St. Pierre			336
Washington	49%		234
PK-8 Schools			
Cherbonnier	48%		277
Joseph Moscona		58	
Ellis		56	
Ruppel Francaise*	38%		221
Truman	42%		
Woodmere			350
Woods	47%	63	250
Middle 6-8 Schools			
Gretna	43%		
Livaudais	42%		
Meisler	49%		
Worley	48%		
High Schools			
Bonnabel	45%		
Ehret	49%		
Higgins	48%		
Other			
Grand Isle	16%		83
Douglass**	30%		77
Strehle**	23%		151

# Recommendations



## Group 1: Same or similar as District Plan

- Mildred Harris, Gilbert, Cherbonnier
- Janet
- St. Ville, Gretna Park, George Cox
- Washington, Bunche

## Group 2: Changes to District Plan

- Isaac Joseph, Truman, Collins
- East Bank High Schools
- West Bank High Schools

## Group 3: New Opportunities

- Woods, Benson, Bissonet
- Thomas Jefferson, Gretna, Livaudais, Marrero

# Recommendations

- Adjust boundary among Mildred Harris, Gilbert, and Cherbonnier to increase enrollment at Gilbert and Cherbonnier.
- **Close Mildred Harris.**



## Specifics

- These three schools currently have a total enrollment of 1,290 and capacity of 2,159 (utilization of 60%)

## Results

- Closing of Harris results in a total enrollment of 1,290 and capacity of 1,480 (utilization of 87%) This utilization will gradually increase as middle school age students in the current Harris zone choose the PK-8 option.
- Reduced inventory – Mildred Harris

# Recommendations

- **Convert Janet** from PK-5 to PK-8.



## Specifics

- Janet, currently PK-5 has an enrollment of 634 with a capacity of 1,105 (utilization at 57%)

## Results

- Converting Janet to a PK-8 will reduce the capacity to 1,050 due to the middle school scheduling factor.
- With an estimated PK-8 enrollment of 825 the utilization increases to 79%.



# Recommendations

- **Construct new K-8 school** at St. Ville site, redistrict with Gretna Park and George Cox.
- **Close George Cox.**



## Specifics

- Revise boundaries of St. Ville and Gretna Park to incorporate George Cox attendance area. Total current enrollment of 1,442.
- Construct new St. Ville with capacity of 800, Gretna Park current capacity of 720
- St. Ville students housed temporarily at Woodmere while new school construction is ongoing.

## Results

- After new school construction total capacity of new St. Ville and Gretna of 1,520 to house 1,442 enrollment. Results in increased utilization of 95%.
- Students moved to schools with higher combined scores
- Reduced inventory – George Cox

# Recommendations

- Combine Washington students with Bunche.
- **Construct new Washington PK-8 school** at Bunche campus
- Plan capacity and boundary for new school to minimize student transportation.



## Specifics

- Bunche current enrollment of 257 with a capacity of 689 (37% utilization)
- Washington current enrollment of 234 with a capacity of 478 (49% utilization)

## Results

- Bunche capacity of 850 with application of PK-8 scheduling factor. Estimated PK-8 enrollment of 800 (utilization 94%)
- Students temporarily moved to school with higher combined score, permanently located in new facility
- Reduced capacity – Washington Elementary

# Recommendations

- **Close Butler**
- Re-assign students to Isaac Joseph, Truman, and Collins.



## Specifics

- Close Butler
- Revise boundaries of Isaac Joseph, Collins, and Truman to locate students closer to school attended.
- Butler, Isaac Joseph, Truman, and Collins have a current enrollment of 1,650 and a capacity of 3,046 (54% utilization)

## Results

- Assuming equal distribution of Butler students, Isaac Joseph utilization increases to 91%, Collins to 83%, and Truman to slightly over 50%.
- Students moved to schools with higher combined scores
- Students re-located to schools closer to where they live
- Reduced inventory – Butler

# Recommendations

- Consolidate East Bank High Schools
- Adjust boundary among Grace King, Bonnabel, and Riverdale High Schools
- **Relocate Haynes Academy to Grace King campus**



## Specifics

- Bonnabel current enrollment of 1,245 with capacity of 2,797 (utilization of 45%)
- Grace King current enrollment of 1,263 with capacity of 1,857 (utilization of 68%)
- Riverdale current enrollment of 980 with capacity of 1,485 (utilization of 66%)

## Results

- Improved utilization of East Bank High Schools. Grace King students re-assigned to Bonnabel and Riverdale results in total enrollment of 3,488 with a capacity of 4,282 (average utilization of 81%, increased from current average of 57%)
- Re-located Haynes to Grace King with a capacity of 1,857 allowing for program growth and possible special program space
- Haynes located at facility with a higher combined score
- Reduced inventory - Haynes

# Recommendations

- **Consolidate West Bank High Schools**
- **Close Helen Cox**
- Adjust boundary among Higgins, Helen Cox, Ehret, and West Jefferson to improve facility utilization and locate students closer to their home school when possible



## Specifics

- Ehret enrollment of 1,375 with capacity of 2,821 (utilization of 49%)
- Helen Cox current enrollment of 817 with capacity of 1,238 (utilization of 66%)
- Higgins current enrollment of 885 with capacity of 1,832 (utilization of 48%)
- West Jefferson current enrollment of 1,326 with capacity of 1,906 (utilization of 70%)

## Results

- Improved utilization of West Bank High Schools. Closing Helen Cox results in a total capacity of West Bank High Schools of 6,559 and enrollment of 4,403 (average utilization of 67% increased from the current average of 56%)
- Possible improved transportation with boundary adjustments placing students nearest their school
- Reduced inventory – Helen Cox

# Recommendations

- Adjust boundary among Woods, Benson, and Bissonet to close Woods and balance enrollment.
- **Close Woods**
- Adjust feeder pattern, so Bissonet is in the Bonnabel attendance zone.



## Specifics

- These three PK-8 Schools currently have a total enrollment of 1,567 and capacity of 2,170 (utilization of 72%). Closing Woods reduces capacity by 530.
- Woods has the least enrollment and lowest combined score of the 3 schools

## Results

- Closing of Woods results in a total enrollment of 1,567 with a capacity 1,640 (utilization of 95%)
- Adjusting Bissonet feeder pattern will increase Bonnabel utilization.
- Reduced inventory – Woods PK-8



# Recommendations

- Adjust boundary among Livaudais, Marrero, and Gretna Middle Schools to re-purpose Gretna and balance enrollment.
- **Re-assign Thomas Jefferson to Gretna Middle School campus.**



## Specifics

- These three Middle Schools currently have a total enrollment of 1,687 and capacity of 3,619 (utilization of 47%)

## Results

- Repurposing Gretna results in a total middle school enrollment of 1,687 and capacity of 2,351 (utilization of 70%)
- Gretna, with a current capacity of 1,268 would decrease to 1,205 when applying the high school scheduling factor. Thomas Jefferson has a current enrollment of 743, allowing for the program to grow.
- Reduced inventory – Thomas Jefferson



## Unique Circumstances

- **Grand Isle**
  - Low Utilization due, in part, to recent events
  - Involve Community
  - Possible Staffing Changes
- **Douglas / Strehle**
  - Low Utilization due, in part, to specialized program
  - Possible program consolidation
- **Ruppel Francaise**
  - Utilization improvement due, in part, to annual grade level change

# Supporting Recommendations

## Program Enhancements

- Career & Technical Education
  - Determine Desired Program
  - Examine alternatives (new construction / school within a school / use of existing facilities)
- Pre-School
  - Determine Desired Program
  - Examine alternatives (school based classes / centralized facility / use of existing facilities / new construction)

## Future Planning

- Timeline / Phases
- School Size Considerations
- System wide plan for modernization / consolidation / new school construction



# Summary Recommendations

## REDUCED INVENTORY SCHOOLS

- Butler
- George Cox
- Haynes
- Helen Cox
- Mildred Harris
- Thomas Jefferson
- Washington
- Woods

## RE-PURPOSE SCHOOLS

- Grace King
- Gretna Middle

## NEW SCHOOLS

- Washington (at Bunche)
- St. Ville







Thank you!