

School Facilities Master Plan

The School Facility Master Plan is an ambitious, multi-year school construction recovery plan undertaken by the Recovery School District and the Orleans Parish School Board to rebuild public school facilities in New Orleans following the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent flooding.

The mission of the Master Plan is to ensure that all public school students in New Orleans attend school in a new, renovated, or refurbished building.

OPSB and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved the Plan in November 2008.

FEMA SETTLEMENT AND OTHER FUNDING

In 2010, OPSB and BESE reached a lump sum settlement of \$1.8 billion with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fund recovery projects.

Why was this settlement significant?

The settlement allowed RSD and OPSB to combine funds from all losses and rebuild a portfolio of schools that can meet the city's current needs, rather than just replace what was there before.

Schools are being rebuilt based on neighborhood demographics and 21st century needs.

RSD and OPSB continue to pursue additional funding sources as well as devise ways of maximizing currently available funding.

Alternative delivery methods to reduce costs on new buildings:

- Design-Build
- Construction Management at Risk (CMAR)
- Prototype Design
- Bundling of projects

A. Project Goals

TO SERVE

55,000
Students

REQUIRES

35
New Schools

18
Full Renovations

28
Refurbishments

2011 MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS

As a result of the FEMA settlement, the RSD and OPSB implemented a comprehensive amendment process in 2011 to revise the plan in order to better meet the needs of more students.

The amendment process focused on transforming the Master Plan into a true Recovery Plan. By assessing available revenue, updating and analyzing student demographic projections, and developing a clear purpose and mission for selecting projects RSD and OPSB can ensure that **all New Orleans public school students attend school in a new, renovated, or refurbished school building.**

RSD and OPSB conducted extensive community engagement efforts to collect feedback on the proposed amendments, and consulted numerous experts and school operators to develop educational and technical specifications.

The amendments were approved by OPSB and BESE in October 2011.

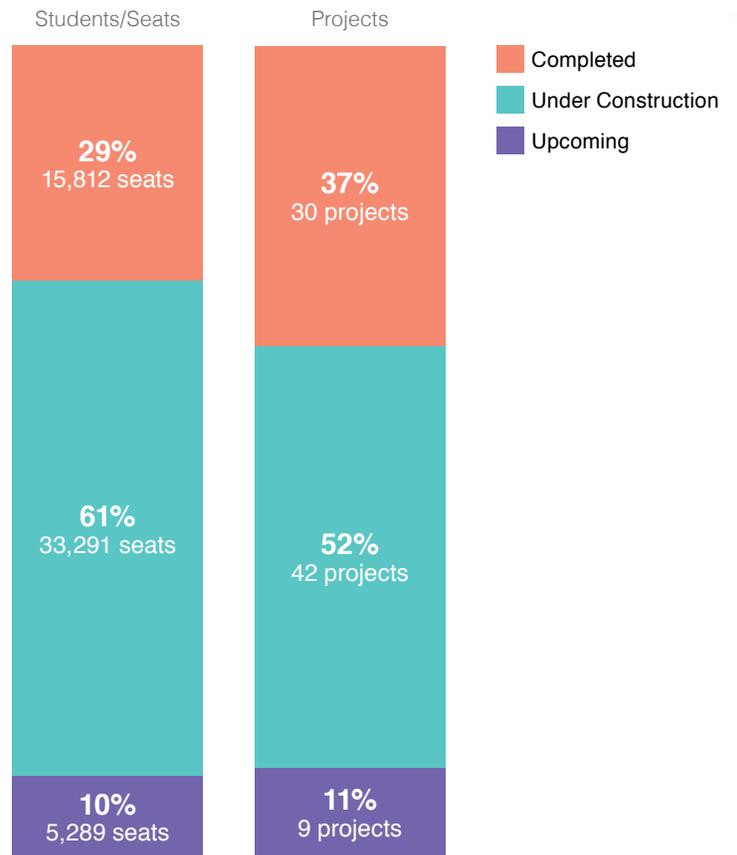
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- More than 10,000 individuals attended over 200 public meetings to develop the School Facilities Master Plan in 2008.
- Over 3,000 people participated in setting final goals for the 2011 SFMP amendments.
- The RSD hosts a minimum of 3 community meetings for each new or renovated school.

In 2012, OPSB and RSD set goals to ensure Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are participating in the rebuilding of New Orleans' schools.

- OPSB and RSD have secured \$146.2 million in DBE contracts as of March 2015.
- Over 100 business have participated in the DBE program.
- 25 percent of the value of all projects bid since June 2012 have gone to DBEs.

B. Progress Update for Seats and Projects



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