

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for voting Yes on Proposal S.

Last November, we promised you that we would build modern state-of-the-art learning facilities for Detroit Public Schools' students that would be suited to 21st century teaching and learning.



We wanted our students to have access to the same facilities that you see in high-performing suburban districts.

But we also promised you that we would build cost-efficient schools, give high priority to Detroiters for contracts and jobs and deliver quick results. And because we knew that the construction projects of the past have been marred by project delays and questionable costs, we also promised financial transparency and strict oversight.

The voters of Detroit overwhelmingly supported our vision and put their faith in us by approving a bond issue that enabled the district to access \$500.5 million dollars to renovate and rebuild Detroit Public Schools' aged and outdated schools, and I am confident in saying we are delivering what we promised.

Construction work includes nine high schools and PreK to 8 schools and the development of a new Public Safety Headquarters and Operations Center that will help transform the way we secure our buildings, making them safer for students and staff.

All combined, the first 10 projects total \$180.4 million, and are projected to create 3,900 jobs.

We signed an historic project labor agreement with the unions, ensuring that 65% of the work goes to Detroiters.

Detroit-headquartered companies are leading construction on all 10 school projects underway. More than 1,100 people turned out for our skilled trades resource fair. We are also employing DPS students or graduates through our nine-week Summer Student Worker Program, which gives students classroom

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DPS Reaches Milestones

The DPS School Construction Project is on an aggressive timeline to complete 18 schools, district-wide security initiatives and technology upgrades by 2012. Federal regulations mandate all bond dollars must be spent within three years.

Ten construction projects, totaling \$180.4 million in contracts to Detroit-headquartered businesses are currently underway.

November 2009: Voters approve Proposal S Bond Referendum.

January 2010: 290 bonds are sold. Project Labor Agreement signed.

February 2010: Program Manager, Walbridge Joint Venture for Detroit Public Schools is hired.

May 2010: Groundbreaking is held at Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School – the first school to start construction.

June 2010: Summer renovation projects begin at Marcus Garvey PreK to 8 School, John R. King PreK to 8 School and Fitzgerald PreK to 8 School.

DPS Skilled Trades Resource Fair is attended by 1,100 job seekers and 15 union affiliates.

Seventy-five DPS students are hired for the DPS Summer Student Worker Program.

July 2010: Groundbreakings are held at Gompers PreK to 8 School in Brightmoor, the PreK to 8 School in Clark Park, and the new Public Safety and Command Center.

Renovations begin at Henry Ford High School, Denby High School and Western International High School.

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Students – Schools – Economic Growth

It's all part of the plan to create excellent schools in Detroit

The DPS School Construction Project will build and renovate 18 schools and build a new Public Safety Headquarters and Command Center funded by \$500.5 million federal stimulus dollars following voter approval in November of the Proposal S Bond Referendum. The project will also implement district-wide initiatives that will include more technology in classrooms and improved security measures in all schools. DPS is on an aggressive timeline to make all capital improvements by 2012. Federal regulations mandate all bond dollars must be spent within three years and all 18 schools must be completed by September 2012.

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instruction and on-site job experience in construction while helping us to grow the skilled workers of the future.

We also have an oversight advisory committee comprised of parents, residents, business leaders, community members and union officials who receive regular public reports on the progress of the bond issue, costs of contracts, financing and more.

Those points, along with the pace of contract awards and construction rivaling the highest-performing school districts, is testament that we are meeting commitments made to Detroit parents and voters just over 10 months ago. We plan to have all projects awarded and underway before the end of this summer, with some completed facilities coming online by that time as well. The first 10 projects are scheduled to be completed by fall 2011 or earlier.

In total, the DPS School Construction Program will include seven new schools, eleven renovations and a new Public Safety Headquarters and Command Center. The improvement program also includes district-wide technology upgrades and security initiatives being funded with the Proposal S dollars. To comply with federal guidelines, all bond dollars will be spent within three years and all 18 schools will be completed by September 2012.

We have an aggressive timeline and are demonstrating tangible results to deliver on the promises we made to voters and parents.

And while we are focused like a laser beam on delivering those promises to voters to be efficient and fiscally responsible, let me say that we are most driven by our commitment to students.

When we broke ground on Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High, which is the first construction project to get underway, the students' enthusiasm was contagious. They will be moving from a dilapidated, sinking building to a new \$45.3 million facility, that once construction is complete in 2011, will be a LEED gold certified, state-of-the-art school emphasizing a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum that houses a cyber café and media center and includes a multi-lane natatorium.

The students cheered as we turned the dirt for the groundbreaking. One parent was brought to tears.

The excitement was palpable also on the front lawn of the former Earhart School where Maybury Elementary students and community members joined the start of construction for a new PreK to 8 school for the Clark Park community in southwest Detroit, and among community leaders and activists in Brightmoor who noted that the new school there along Burt Road will anchor their redeveloping community.

Our students should no longer have to endure a substandard education in substandard facilities. They deserve school buildings that support our aggressive academic plan and the best practices in teaching and learning. We owe them that. We will keep them at the center of our decision-making every day, and we will continue to deliver on our promises for them.

Robert C. Bobb

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Detroit Public Schools
Emergency Financial Manager



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Management of the DPS School Construction Project

The **Program Manager** for the DPS School Construction Project is Detroit-headquartered Walbridge Joint Venture for Detroit Public Schools. Their role is to keep construction projects **on time** and **on budget**. They are assisting DPS to select qualified Detroit-headquartered contractors who will deliver the best service for each building and renovation project. Walbridge Joint Venture – including its partners – will not be contracted for any of the 19 construction projects. The joint venture team is:

- Walbridge Aldinger Company
- Brailsford and Dunlavey, Inc.
- Fanning / Howey Associates Inc.
- E.L. Bailey and Company
- New Detroit, Inc.

The **DPS Bond Advisory and Fiscal Responsibility Committee** was established to track the progress made by the Walbridge Joint Venture team. This oversight committee of respected community leaders brings an extensive and unique knowledge of business, labor, finance and community affairs to the table. They are committed to ensuring the project has proper accountability and management.

- Mayor Dave Bing, City of Detroit
- John Conyers, Jr., U.S. Congressman, Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary
- Naif A. Khouri, Vice President and Treasurer of DTE Energy
- Dan Ringo, Recording Corresponding Secretary and Executive Director Stationary Division International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324
- Tia Shepherd, Co-Chair of the Detroit Citywide Parents Advisory Committee
- Mumtaz Usman, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering at Wayne State University
- Rev. Wendell Anthony, President, Detroit Branch NAACP
- Saunteel Jenkins, Detroit City Councilwoman
- Keith Johnson, President, Detroit Federation of Teachers
- Rev. Oscar King III, Pastor, Northwest Unity Baptist Church and President, Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity
- Raymond Lozano, Executive Director, Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Sam Logan, Publisher, *The Michigan Chronicle*
- Sandra E. Pierce, President and CEO, Charter One Bank, and President of the Board, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Dolores Smith Jackson, parent, Interim Chairman, Citywide School Community Organization
- Toney Stewart, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights Local 687
- Michael Aaron, Laborers Union Council 1191

Detroiters Said **Yes!** To Proposal S

Thanks to Detroit voters the Proposal S Bond Referendum was passed in November, which enabled DPS to access \$500.5 million for school capital improvement projects. DPS received the 6th largest allocation of qualified school construction bonds in the nation.

The funds come to DPS in the form of low-interest bonds available under the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009, legislation passed by the US Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama. Federal regulations mandate all bond dollars must be spent within three years and all 18 schools must be completed by September 2012.

There is no tax increase from Proposal S. Taxes will remain the same.



DPS Construction Projects

Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School

New Construction

Location: 3200 E. Lafayette Street

Project Cost: \$45.3 Million

Prime Contractor: Jenkins Granger LLC, 50% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Complete: Fall 2011



A new \$45.3 million building will replace the existing Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School with a state-of-the-art facility emphasizing a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Curriculum. The new building will have a cyber café and media center and will connect to the current auditorium and performing arts building, which will be remodeled. The opposite end of the school will feature a new varsity gymnasium and a multi-lane natatorium. MLK students will attend classes in the existing facility throughout construction; once students are relocated, the old building will be demolished. ▶



"I'm very excited about being a part of the new MLK High School. Being able to see the students advance in their studies with the new technology this building brings will make it all worthwhile. It's not about the outside of the building, it's what inside."



Pamela Swift, DPS Parent

Underway

Total Schools/Buildings Under Construction: 10
New Construction: 4
Major Renovations: 6
Total Project Value to date: \$180.4 million



PreK to 8 School at Clark Park

New Construction

Location: 1000 Scotten Street

Project Cost: \$20.5 Million

Prime Contractor: Brinker Christman, 50% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Completed: Fall 2011



The 45-year-old Earhart Middle School and outdoor portable classrooms will be torn down to make way for a new \$20.5 million LEED silver certified PreK to 8 school to be located on Scotten Avenue overlooking Clark Park in southwest Detroit. The school will have separate elementary and middle school wings with shared common space for the cafeteria, administration office and multi-purpose rooms. Classrooms designed for art and science programs will be located on the first floor of the middle school wing. The upstairs classrooms will also feature large windows to bring in natural light. Students in pre-school through second grade will be located on the first floor of the elementary wing with grades 3-5 on the second floor. Maybury Elementary School, built in 1909, also located near Clark Park, will relocate to the new facility. ▼



Gompers PreK to 8 School in Brightmoor

New Construction

Location: 14450 Burt Road

Project Cost: \$20.5 Million

Prime Contractor: Brinker Christman, 50% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Complete: Fall 2011

The new \$20.5 million PreK to 8 school in the Brightmoor neighborhood will be located at the present Harding Elementary School site on Burt Road on the city's west side. The new school will consolidate and replace three older buildings – Harding, Vetal and Gompers elementary schools. The existing Harding Elementary School and an annex building on the campus will be demolished to allow for construction of the new LEED silver certified two-story facility that will combine preschool students through grade 8 under one roof. A cafeteria, central administration office and multi-purpose room will separate the PreK to 5 and middle school wings. Classrooms designed for art and science programs will be located on the first floor of the middle school wing. The second story will house general classroom space and two common rooms with large windows for natural lighting. Students in preschool through second grade will be located on the first floor of the elementary wing with grades 3-5 on the second floor. A small gymnasium will also be built for the younger elementary students. ▲

Public Safety Headquarters & Command Center

New Construction

Project Cost: \$5.6 Million

Location: 8500 Cameron Street

Prime Contractor: O'Brien Edwards Construction Company, 100% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Complete: December 2010

Marcus Garvey PreK to 8 School

Major Renovation

Location: 3201 Van Dyke Street

Project Cost: \$8.9 Million

Prime Contractor: Dumas Concepts, 100% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Complete: December 2010

The new \$5.6 million police command center will serve as the base of operations for a district-wide security system using high-tech video surveillance cameras and alarms to enhance public safety on all school campuses for all students. The new 23,000-square-foot building will be constructed at 8500 Cameron Street, the site of the former Sherrard and Breitmeyer schools, which were torn down as part of the district's plan to demolish 10 vacant schools, ridding neighborhoods of blight. The new building also will house administration and operations offices for DPS public safety officers and staff, conference and training rooms, public waiting areas, dispatch center, in addition to holding rooms for juveniles and adults, intake and processing areas, as well as an area to house the district's two canines from the K-9 unit. ▼

The comprehensive plan for Marcus Garvey Academy calls for an \$8.6 million upgrade to building infrastructure and renovations of academic areas. At the heart of these improvements will be the new Harambee Center addition, which will become the new gathering space for the school's African-centered curriculum. A completely flexible space that can be secured from the rest of the school for use after hours, the Harambee Center will provide a welcoming home for student gatherings by day, the lunch room for the middle school students at noon, as well as ample accommodation for events for parents and the community on evenings and weekends.

John R. King PreK to 8 School

Major Renovation

Location: 15850 Strathmoor Street

Project Cost: \$10.7 Million

Prime Contractor: White Construction, 100% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Complete: Fall 2010

The \$10.2 million John R. King project includes significant renovations to support the school's performing arts-centered curriculum. Improvements include a new state-of-the-art black box theatre tailored to provide flexibility for a wide variety of student instrumental, vocal, and dance performances. The school will also receive technology and facility upgrades that include technology and science laboratories, security offices, and building system repairs.



All prime contractors for the first 10 projects are Detroit-Headquartered firms.



Fitzgerald PreK to 8 School

Major Renovation

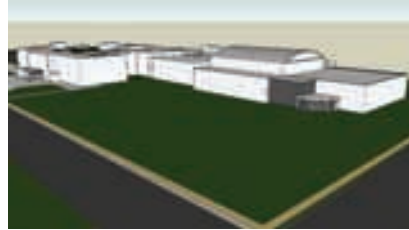
Location: 8145 Puritan Street

Project Cost: \$8.6 Million

Prime Contractor: Jenkins Construction, 100% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Complete: December 2010



Fitzgerald PreK to 8 will undergo an \$8.6 million interior remodeling and building addition to reflect 21st Century learning environments. Two existing classrooms on the second floor will be repurposed as a media center that will allow for additional instructional space and a reference area. A new parents' resource center and additional classroom space will be added on the first floor. The principal and assistant principal offices will receive a waiting and reception area, conference rooms, and a teachers' lounge will be added. The school will also receive a new gymnasium addition. The main entry vestibule will be remodeled with a secure point of entry for the school. Other improvements include roof improvements, lighting upgrades, floor replacement, exterior lighting repairs as well as HVAC and electrical system upgrades. The existing parking lot will undergo paving work to accommodate a new parking layout with additional parking spaces.

"We believe that revitalizing the City of Detroit begins with revitalizing Detroit Public Schools. Providing the young citizens of Detroit with the opportunity to be educated and excel academically in buildings that will facilitate more programs in a better learning environment, will benefit the city now, instill pride within the community, and stimulate future growth."

Bill McCarthy, Co-Principal
KEO/McCarthy & Smith Team, LLC



Western International High School

Major Renovation

Location: 1500 Scotten Road

Project Cost: \$26.8 Million

Prime Contractor: Colasanti/DCI Joint Venture, 100% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Completed: Fall 2011

The \$26.8 million plan for Western International High School calls for a new swimming pool addition with a track and exercise facility which will be constructed for dual use by students and the community as a health club. The existing pool will be filled in and the space converted into the visual and performing arts area as well as the cultural center to serve as their marketplace. In addition, a security entrance will be created as well as a renovation to the administrative area. ▲

Henry Ford High School

Major Renovation

Location: 20000 Evergreen Road

Project Cost: \$17 Million

Prime Contractor: KEO/McCarthy & Smith, 50% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Complete: Fall 2011

The \$17 million renovation of Henry Ford High School will include an expansion of the existing student dining area and the addition of two sustainable technology labs. The electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems will be upgraded. An exterior courtyard will also be created to support green and renewable energy initiatives at the school. Security needs will be addressed through the renovation. ◀



Denby High School

Major Renovation

Location: 12800 Kelly Road

Project Cost: \$16.5 Million

Prime Contractor: O'Brien Edwards Construction Company / Turner, 50% Detroit-Headquartered Firm

Construction Start: Summer 2010

Construction Complete: Fall 2011

The \$16.5 million renovation of Denby High School includes the construction of a new commons area for student dining and other activities. A portion of the existing dining area will be repurposed to provide adequate kitchen, serving, and delivery/receiving areas. The remaining space will be renovated to create a new multi-purpose area designed for use as a senior high school student dining room and as meeting space for student clubs and organizations. The media center will be repurposed to include two computer labs, a small group room, and a team room. The upper level of the center allows for observation of the lower level while also providing additional remodeled group meeting rooms. Classrooms will be modernized and upgrades will be made to the lighting and electrical systems. In addition, interior and exterior security upgrades are planned. A new entry vestibule will provide a single, secure point of entry for the school. Exterior upgrades planned are a new roof, a new parking layout, and new decorative fencing at the front of the building. ▲

"We assembled an outstanding team that is well prepared and positioned to provide the Detroit Public Schools with a state-of-the-art facility for its students. We look forward to partnering with the local business and residential community to meet the goals of the DPS School Construction Project."

David S. Rzepka, Project Executive,
Colasanti/DCI Joint Venture

Buy a Brick – Honor Your School

Detroit Public Schools, in conjunction with the Detroit Public Schools Foundation, is launching a program to preserve and restore bricks from selected schools being demolished, allowing the artifacts to be sold to raise funds for schools.

Bricks from Cass Technical, Finney, Mumford, Mackenzie and Chadsey high schools will be preserved. Contractors will be responsible for removing the bricks from the sites, and the DPS Foundation has committed to securing a private firm that will package the bricks for fundraising.

The money raised from the preservation program will go to the Foundation and will be used to benefit programs in the individual schools.

In conjunction, the vacant Cass Technical High School, an approximately 830,000-square-foot building that has been subject to vandalism and fires since it closed in 2005, will be demolished, beginning with abatement and salvage activities this summer.

The site is to be backfilled, graded and seeded. The demolition will make way for use of the site by the existing school for athletics and additional parking.

Over the course of the demolition, the district will adhere to strict guidelines of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to ensure the health and safety of nearby residents and students in the adjacent new Cass Technical High School, a 402,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility for 2,174 students that opened in 2005.

"We think this is an important program to honor the legacy and history of these schools. We hope the alumni and the dedicated faculty and staff who taught and provided services in these buildings will participate in this fundraising effort."

Chacona Johnson
President and CEO of the DPS Foundation

For more information or to learn about the brick preservation program, contact the DPS Foundation at (313) 873-3348 or email info@detroitpsfoundation.org

Student Workers Learn Construction Trades for Future Careers

Seventy-five Detroit Public Schools students have been hired this summer in a nine-week program where they will combine classroom instruction with on-site job experience in construction trades.

They are paid \$250 per week during a 40-hour week Mondays through Fridays with a \$900 incentive bonus once they complete the program in late August.

Student workers are taught important job skills that will provide them with more opportunities for a career in skilled trades, design and construction management. Under the supervision of Detroit-headquartered contractors, current DPS high school students and recent graduates, age 16 to 21, are trained in carpentry, masonry, plumbing and electrical skilled trades. They also learn how to identify equipment, use hand tools, take measurements, determine wire size and read blueprints.

They rotate between the job sites, the architects' studio and management offices, and classroom instruction at the Philip Randolph Career and Technical Center.

The summer program was open district-wide to 75 currently enrolled or recently graduated DPS students. Applicants also had to pass an interview evaluation and maintain a 2.5 grade point average to be accepted in the program.



"I am proud of the new direction DPS schools are going into. I am glad to have the opportunity to contribute to the reforming of schools for future generations."

Joseph Rogers, 19
Wayne State University

"This is the best summer job I have ever had. I hope I will be able to have the same opportunity next year!"

Jessica Jennings, 17
Central High School Graduate

"I have learned so much in this program. I really want to go into the field of construction and I think the trades are cool."

Patricia Potts, 18
West Side Academy

"This program is beneficial for myself as well as my future. I will gain the knowledge of construction as well as earning money on the side. Also, this program could help me further my career if I'm interested in this type of trade."

Regina Young, 17
Communication & Media Arts High School

"The program is very fun because it helps teenagers to become adults and learn how you are supposed to act at your job. It gives everyone a chance to be involved in building our schools and to get real world experience."

Dean Williams, 18
Detroit High School of Technology

Skilled Trades Resource Fair Attracts 1,100 Job Seekers

DPS and the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council (MBCTC) sponsored a Skilled Trades Resource Fair June 9 at IBEW Local 58 for Detroit residents with experience in skilled trades or those seeking a career in the industry. More than 1,100 attended.

Participants learned how to register for training and apprenticeship programs that will prepare them for jobs in the DPS School Construction Project.

Fifteen local affiliates and trades associations were on site to register experienced carpenters, cement masons, drywall finishers, electricians, iron workers, millwrights, painters, pipe-fitters, plumbers, roofers and sheet metal workers.



"It's important for individuals who have an interest in starting a career in skilled trades to get registered with a local affiliate. This is the first step to getting new workers assessed and trained so they can be prepared for construction projects in the city."

Patrick Devlin
Financial Secretary and Treasurer
Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council (MBCTC)

Project Labor Agreement Puts Detroiters to Work

DPS signed an historic project labor agreement with the unions which requires 65% of work hours on the DPS School Construction Project be performed by Detroit residents. Both DPS and local affiliates are giving priority to Detroit residents first.

The DPS School Construction Project has created thousands of jobs for Detroit residents and more work for Detroit-based companies. Up to 3,900 workers will be employed for direct and indirect jobs for the first 10 projects based on the State of Michigan employment formula. All teams hired to build and renovate the 10 projects underway include Detroit-headquartered companies who are committed to employing Detroiters.



New Police Command Center Will Increase School Safety

Improving the safety and security of children in schools is the topmost priority for many DPS parents, students and employees.

The new Public Safety Headquarters and Operations Center will greatly enhance safety in schools by improving officers' ability to monitor and secure buildings, respond quickly in the case of an emergency and investigate incidents.

The new \$5.6 million police command center is part of a larger \$41.7 million initiative to improve safety and security. Activity at schools throughout the district will be monitored from the new headquarters using new digital video surveillance cameras installed at schools.

Construction began in July on the 23,000-square-foot building at 8500 Cameron Street, on the site of the former Sherrard School in the North End neighborhood. It will replace the existing police headquarters building on Woodward Avenue that was the site of a former car dealership and is so outdated that it cannot accommodate the technological infrastructure necessary to effectively monitor the schools.

The facility will be fully operational by December 2010 and is part of a full reorganization of the Office of Public Safety that will bring modern-day policing capabilities to the department.

The new building will house:

- Administration and operations offices for DPS public safety officers and staff
- Conference and training rooms
- Public waiting areas
- Dispatch center
- Holding rooms for juveniles and adults
- Intake and processing areas
- An area to house the district's two canines from the K-9 unit

High schools will receive updated alarm and video surveillance packages installed in stairwells, hallways, parking lots, entrances, computer labs, storage closets, gyms, cafeterias, among other locations, under surveillance at all times. PreK to 8 and elementary schools will also receive enhanced alarm and video surveillance coverage.

A new ID badge system will also be put in place to track students, employees and visitors entering and exiting campuses.

"I feel better knowing the district is taking steps to keep my child safe."

Darlene Moore, DPS Parent

The \$41.7 million District-wide Information Technology and Security Systems Initiative will provide enhanced technology including interactive classroom display and communication systems, projectors, PA systems, wireless access points, clock systems and a visitor badging system.

Design work has been completed at John R. King PreK to 8 School, Marcus Garvey PreK to 8 School and Fitzgerald PreK to 8 School. The remaining 15 schools as well as the Public Safety Headquarters & Command Center will also receive enhancements as well as an additional 120 schools within the District.

DPS is going Green! Our new schools will be LEED certified. The current industry standard is silver for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a building design criteria and certification process established by the United States Green Building Council.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School - LEED Gold Certified
- PreK to 8 School at Clark Park - LEED Silver Certified
- Gompers PreK to 8 School in Brightmoor - LEED Silver Certified

9 Schools are slated to start construction and renovations this fall:

New Construction

Finney Crockett High School

17200 Southampton Street

Mumford High School

17525 Wyoming Avenue

Munger PreK to 8 School

5525 Martin Street

Mackenzie PreK to 8 School

9275 Wyoming Avenue

Renovations

Bunche PreK to 8 School

2715 Macomb Street

Northwestern High School

2200 W. Grand Blvd.

Mark Twain PreK to 8

12001 Gleason Street

Ronald Brown PreK to 8 School

11450 E. Outer Drive

Duke Ellington East at Beckham PreK to 8 School, 9860 Park Drive

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DPS Ensures Proper Accounting of all Bond Dollars

Through a competitive bid process, the Detroit Public Schools engaged Southfield-based Plante Moran, a public accounting firm, to do a comprehensive financial review of the DPS School Construction Bond Program and ensure compliance with all requirements. The external firm reviews all invoices prior to payment and prepares the monthly financial reports to ensure the proper accounting and reporting of all bond dollars.

The construction projects, which include seven new schools, 11 renovated schools, a new Public Safety Headquarters and Command Center and demolitions, take advantage of historic stimulus bond financing under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama.

In the first financial report for the seven months ending June 30, 2010, the bond program has reported total expenditures of \$10.7 million, and approximately \$170 million in contracts have been committed for the \$500.5 million bond program, which was made possible after voters approved a bond issue in November.

The district is using two types of federal bond programs that secure low-interest rates for the projects. Using Qualified School Construction Bonds, \$2.8 million has been spent as of June 30. Using Build America Bonds, \$7.9 million has been spent as of June 30.

The district anticipates an acceleration of expenditures over the summer months. The district has spent \$586,172 on new school construction for Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School. An additional \$2.1 million has been spent for renovations at John R. King School and Marcus Garvey School. The district has spent \$636,474 on a new district wide security initiative.

All projects are on time and on budget.



DPS School Construction Project

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