



21 Peace Street Elementary & Middle School

Demolish and Build New Providence, Rhode Island



Project Summary

The former St. Joseph’s Hospital property located at 21 Peace Street in south Providence will be formally donated to the city in 2022 by former Providence Mayor Joseph R. Paolino Jr. Several buildings on the site will be demolished to create two new school buildings to create a Pre-K-8th grade school campus, providing modern instructional spaces and community amenities. Once completed, the school will first be used as a transitional swing space for students as other schools undergo construction and renovation – and then will become the district’s newest facility. The \$75 million project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2025.

Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner

Dr. Javier Montañez, Superintendent **Jorge Elorza, Mayor**

Building Committee Members

Javier Montañez	Ramona Santos Torres
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Project Team

Downes Construction Company
Owner’s Project Manager

TBD
Construction Manager

Brewster Thornton Group Architects
Svignals + Partners
Architect

ABOUT THE PROJECT



\$75 million
Project Cost

136,000
Square Feet

Fall 2025
Completion Date

900
students
Grades Pre-K-8



\$68 million
Total State Support



9%
Housing Aid
Bonuses

91% Final
Reimbursement Rate

\$20 million
Pay-As-You-Go
Funding



Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Maximized use of daylighting
- Integrated outdoor and indoor learning spaces
- Security through environmental design
- Noise reduction strategies to improve learning environments

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

- Learning commons
- Integral special education classrooms
- State-of-the-art science classrooms
- Makerspace classrooms to broaden horizons
- STEAM/STEM spaces for science, art, music and life skills
- Pre-K-8 neighborhood school
- Gymnasiums, media centers and cafeterias will provide important community-building spaces
- Dual language program
- Four-track school will provide for Spanish and English instructional programming

NEWER & FEWER

- The district's overall plan is to renovate older schools to like-new condition or build new schools to create modern, 21st century learning facilities.
- Fewer schools – that are newer – means lower operational and maintenance costs – savings that fund learning.

“This investment in school infrastructure is a long time coming for the families, students and community members who have been advocating for safer schools for decades. We are excited for the possibilities to co-create high-quality and equitable learning spaces for all students in Providence.”

– Ramona Santos Torres, PPSD School Building Committee – Community Member Representative