



School Replacement Newport, Rhode Island



Project Summary

A \$98.8 million project for the replacement of Rogers High School and related site improvements. Target occupancy is 755 students. The project is being administered utilizing standard design, bid, build methodology. The scope of work will include, but not be limited to, complete design and construction of an approximately 165,000 square-foot school on the existing school property, soil remediation as needed, abatement and demolition of the existing high school after the new school is built and applicable site work and landscaping. Construction is scheduled to start in the Spring of 2022, and the new building will be substantially complete by August 2024. Demo of the existing school and final site grading and landscaping will be complete by the start of school in September 2025.

Colleen Burns-Jermain, Superintendent

School Committee Members

Raymond Gomes	Sandra Flowers
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Project Team

Downes Construction Company
Owner's Project Manager

Gilbane Building Company
Construction Manager

The SLAM Collaborative
Architect

ABOUT THE PROJECT



\$ 98.8 million
Project Cost



165,000
Square Feet

August 2024
Completion Date

755
students
Grades 9–12



\$ 51.9 million
Total State Support



17.5%
Housing Aid
Bonuses

52.5% Final
Reimbursement Rate

\$ 4 million
Pay-As-You-Go
Funding



Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

HEALTH & SAFETY

- New café kitchen and culinary kitchen upgraded to current health standards.
- Enhanced security by reducing exterior doors, installing bullet resistant glazing at entries and increasing security camera capacity throughout the building and property.
- Full sprinkler fire suppression system.
- Ability to lock down the non-public portions of the building after hours.

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

- State-of-the-art equipment for career and technical education programs and educational spaces (classrooms, labs, etc.). State-of-the-art technology throughout the educational spaces.
- Learning commons providing breakout spaces in the corridors.
- Media center and café are open to each other, creating a hub for collaboration.
- Visibility into classrooms and CTE spaces for more engagement with the student population as a whole.

REPLACEMENT

- New build will be highly efficient and smaller to maintain, durable construction, ensure ADA compliance and provide a full sprinkler fire suppression system.
- Replaces a sprawling 70-yr-old building that is hard to maintain at this stage of its useful life.

NEWER & FEWER

- Existing building/Newport Area Career and Technical Center/ auditorium all separate in current school. New building will house a single comprehensive high school.

“Newport is so excited to be part of the school building project initiative. The funding made available by the SBA, the legislature and Treasurer Magaziner is amazing—and the support of our voters for the bond sends a signal to all how much education means to our community! It is enabling Newport Public Schools to build state-of-the-art facilities that show our commitment and investment in our children now and for the future! Newport is proud to be part of this great program and looks forward to both ribbon-cutting ceremonies with all our community partners and leaders. We are One Newport!”

— Dr. Colleen Burns Jermain, Superintendent