Project Summary

The project will be administered utilizing a fast-track design/build methodology. This will include, but not be limited to, the renovation of the existing Windmill Elementary School; associated sitework and traffic pattern modifications; and an addition that will provide ADA access throughout the building. Upon completion, Windmill Elementary will provide the Providence Public School District with necessary swing space that will be vital to the execution of the many other school renovation projects in the city. The swing space will allow students to have a modern learning experience while their schools are under construction. When swing space needs are completed, Windmill Elementary School will be a permanent school.

Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner
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Project Team
Downes Construction Company
Owner’s Project Manager
Bacon Construction Company
Construction Manager
Perkins Eastman
Architect
ABOUT THE PROJECT

$30.5 million Project Cost

110,000 Square Feet

February 2023 Completion Date

760 students Grades K–8

$27.3 million Total State Support

9% Housing Aid Bonuses

91% Final Reimbursement Rate

$20 million Pay-As-You-Go Funding

Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

ADA UPDATES

- Adding an elevator to provide unrestricted access to all levels

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

- Design includes STEAM classrooms, 21st century media centers and outdoor learning spaces.

INCREASED UTILIZATION

- Swing space is a space temporarily occupied by building users away from areas undergoing renovation. Swing space can be new space built before renovations or existing space that has already been renovated.
- In the current PPSD construction plan, swing space will be used for a number of projects. This coordination of construction projects means students and faculty from the school to be renovated move into the swing school temporarily, using it as a learning facility while their school receives the required renovations and transformation to a modern learning facility.
- Swing space offers benefits to completing major renovations instead of students continuing to attend school with construction going on around them.
- With swing space,
  - Learning is not disrupted by the noise and work of construction
  - Students are safer – no interaction with construction activities or concerns with demo and abatement activities
  - Construction activities will proceed faster in an unoccupied facility

“Our new Capital Plan will at long last make world-class facilities a reality for students across Providence. Timing these projects to coincide with other educational improvements in the Turnaround Action Plan, communities can gain confidence and feel proud that our students are finally receiving the resources they deserve.”

— Melissa Hughes, PPSD School Building Committee – Family Member Representative