

A photograph of a classroom setting. In the foreground, a young boy with dark skin and short hair is looking intently at a laptop screen. He is wearing a dark blue hoodie with a yellow graphic. To his left, a girl with long brown hair is also looking at a laptop. In the background, a teacher with long blonde hair and glasses is smiling and looking towards the students. The classroom has a bulletin board with various papers and a world map on the wall. A red rectangular overlay is positioned on the left side of the image, containing white text.

Providence Schools

Swing Space Update
December 2024

Capital Plan Phase 4: Projects Planned and Approved

Voters approved next phase of construction in November

- Phase 4 provides **once in a lifetime opportunity** to dramatically expand access to new schools in Providence
- Historic state reimbursement requires work to be completed on aggressive timeline with **careful planning**
- PPSD **began engagement early** with SBC in August and School Board in September and subsequent school/neighborhood engagement

Phase 4 Project List

| New Build or Like-New Renovation |
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| Roger Williams PK-8 |
| Robert F Kennedy PK-8 |
| Martin Luther King K-5 and Early Childhood Center |
| Nathaniel Greene PK-8 |
| Hope High School |
| Vartan Gregorian K-5 |
| Carnevale/DelSesto PK-8 |

| Restore to New |
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| Central High School |
| E-Cubed High School |
| Alvarez High School |
| Nathan Bishop 6-8 |
| Bailey K-5 |
| Young & Woods K-5 |
| JSEC High School |
| Leviton Dual Language K-5 |
| PCTA High |

Swing Space Planning: What We've Done

In September we shared options, preliminary recommendations, and next steps regarding school construction

What we shared

- **Swing space is critical** as it is necessary for 6 of 13 remaining projects, including final phase 3 project Asa Messer
 - PPSD presented several options in September depending on available swing space
- PPSD will explore potential **school reconfigurations** for PK-8 expansion as well as to create swing space
 - Merger of Asa Messer and West Broadway as part of Phase 3, with exploration of potential merger of Kizirian and Hopkins

What we have done since then

- Joined 9 City Council ward meetings across the City in September and October as well as PTO meetings at schools with upcoming projects
- Letters to Hopkins and Kizirian families about potential merger
- Meetings with families and faculty members at Hopkins and Kizirian
- Posted information on facility condition, enrollment information for Hopkins online
- Detailed scheduling, programming, and facilities reviews with current enrollment information

- **Based on this information, we have revised recommendations for capital projects for next year, which includes some changes to preliminary recommendations shared in September.**
- **We will engage communities further on these revised recommendations and communicate a final decision no later than January 10.**

Swing Space Planning: Asa Messer

Carl Lauro identified as recommended swing space to house Asa Messer during construction

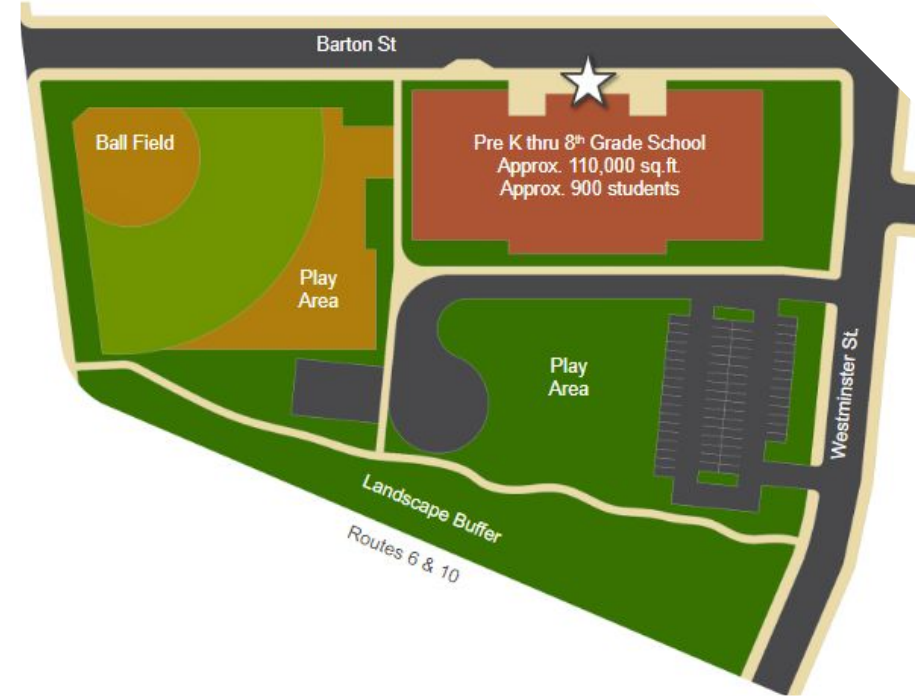
What did we consider?

- Relocation of Asa Messer to a swing space for 2025-26 and 2026-27
- Asa Messer is the final approved Phase 1-3 project that requires swing space, and already acts as a PK-8 community with WBMS

Recommendation

- Based on size of school and neighborhood proximity, Carl Lauro identified as strong location for swing space
- City received construction bids to perform building improvements for use as swing space through 2027 and beyond

*Draft Site Plan for Asa Messer/
Messer/West Broadway PK-8*



Swing Space Planning: Kizirian & Hopkins

Transitioning toward a PK-8 community and maximizing swing space

What did we consider?

- Merge of Kizirian ES and Hopkins MS for 2025-26 school year, together at Narducci Learning Center and use of Hopkins middle school for swing space
- Analyzed programs, enrollment, engagement with faculty and families

Findings

- Hopkins cohorts are larger than is feasible to merge in the Narducci Learning Center without significant disruption to school programming
- Merging the schools would not allow for aligned PK-8 programming (e.g., special education, MLL programming)

Recommendation

- In 2025-26, Grade 5 students from Kizirian will grow in a Grade 6 cohort within Kizirian at Narducci
- Hopkins will not merge with Kizirian and Hopkins Grade 7 and 8 to remain at Hopkins building



Feedback Themes

- Questions about **merging two separate schools** without clear feeder pattern
- Concerns about Hopkins students **moving multiple times** (to Narducci then to Kizirian)
- Excitement about possibility of being in **new space**

Swing Space Planning: Kennedy

Maximizing construction funding and moving toward an expanded Kennedy community

What did we consider?

- Phase 4 projects must be completed by Summer 2028 to take advantage of time-limited funding bonuses
- Phase 4 includes three PK-8 projects which need swing space: Kennedy, Williams, and Greene
- Moving forward with Kennedy expands middle school options sooner



Findings

- Kennedy elementary can relocate to Hopkins without disruption to academic programming as there is sufficient classroom space

Recommendation

- In 2025-26 and 2026-27, Kennedy elementary will temporarily relocate to the Hopkins building as swing space while Kennedy is under construction
- Kennedy will be co-located with Hopkins Grade 7 and 8
- Enables ability to accelerate construction in order to meet state reimbursement deadlines

Recommended Swing Space Timeline

Maximize impact of funds and minimize disruption to students, expanded middle school options

Current recommendation: contingent on funding, community engagement, and design timelines

| | Narducci | Laurel Hill | Hopkins | Lauro (One Half) |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|------------------|
| 2024-2025 | Kizirian PK-5 | Fogarty K-5 | Hopkins | Vacant |
| 2025-2026 | Kizirian expands to Grade 6 (PK-6) | Fogarty K-5 | Kennedy K-5 & Hopkins Grades 7 & 8 (290/10) | Messer PK-4 |
| 2026-2027 | TBD | TBD | Hopkins Grade 8 (150/7) & Kennedy K-6 (520/22) | Messer PK-4 |

2026-2027

- Kizirian PK to Grade 7 in new PK-8 building
- Fogarty PK to Grade 6 in new PK-8 building
- Kennedy in Hopkins, grows to K to Grade 6
- Spaziano Dual Language in new 6-8 building
- Laurel Hill & Narducci available for swing space

2027-2028

- Messer & West Broadway in new PK-8 building
- Kennedy PK to Grade 7 in new PK-8 building

Total of **five PK-8 options** for rising Grade 6 students in addition to four middle schools

Next Steps and Discussion

| Activity | Timeline |
|--|--------------------|
| Share recommendations with 3 impacted communities along with invitations for community meetings: Asa Messer Elementary, Kizirian Elementary, Hopkins Middle | 12/11-12/13 |
| PTO and faculty meetings with impacted communities to gather feedback on proposed plans for next year | 12/11-12/13 |
| Follow up meetings with PTO and faculty at affected schools to address questions or concerns raised | 1/2 – 1/8 |
| Decision on plans for construction projects for 2025-2026 shared by PPSD leadership team with families and faculty members via community zoom, along with letters to families and school faculty | No later than 1/10 |

Appendix



Community Engagement

Engagement sessions throughout the city in September and October, strong support for bond

Engagement this Fall

- Partnered with City Council members on **Ward meetings across the City** in September and October
- Joined PTO meetings at schools with upcoming projects
- Led tours of new school buildings
- Regular School Building Committee meetings with project updates
- Updated website with newest projects and timelines



Upcoming Engagement

- **Continued updates on district websites and social media**
- Mount Pleasant HS, Lima/Stuart PK-8, and Messer/WBMS PK-8 **educational visioning and design specifics** with architecture and construction teams
- School-specific updates at **PTO and faculty meetings** for swing space planning



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Approved by City Council and School Building Authority, going before voters in November.

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Hopkins Middle School

Responding to enrollment trends, supporting students and faculty

Enrollment context

- 393 students in 2023-24, down 35% (-214 students) over past 10 years
- Enrollment at 66% of building's capacity
- Least chosen middle school for past four years
- 20 Grade 5 families selected Hopkins as first choice for 2024-25 (3% of students who submitted choices)

Facilities condition

- Built in 1916
- Estimated \$27.7M in needed repairs
- Second-lowest rated middle school facility after West Broadway
- 54% Facilities Condition Index, "Very Poor"



Possible Construction & Swing Space Timeline

Maximize impact of funds and minimize disruption to students

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|----------------------------------|
| Current school |
| Swing |
| Identified future use |
| Potential future swing if needed |

Option 1: No additional swing space from Lauro

| | Narducci ~850/33 | Laurel Hill ~570/22 | Hopkins ~750/29 | Lima ~900/28 | Summary of School Openings |
|------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 2024-2025 | Kizirian (480/24) | Fogarty (420/20) | <i>Hopkins MS (430/17)</i> | <i>Lima PK-5</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pleasant View PK-5 opens |
| 2025-2026 | Kizirian (550/24) & Hopkins (290/10) | Fogarty (400/19) | Messer (560/26) | <i>Lima PK-5</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kizirian/Hopkins merge into new PK-8 Spaziano Upper (6-8) opens |
| 2026-2027 | Greene (800/30) | MLK (450/20) | Messer (560/26) | <i>Lima PK-5</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kizirian/Hopkins PK-8 at new building Fogarty PK-8 opens |
| 2027-2028 | Greene (800/30) | MLK (450/20) | Kennedy (520/20) | Williams MS (820/28) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Messer/West Broadway PK-8 at new building Revitalized Mount Pleasant High School opens Lima/Stuart PK-8 opens |
| 2028-29 | Permanent home to PPSD PK-8 or Phase 5 swing space | Vartan (300/17) | Kennedy (520/20) | Williams MS (820/28) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greene PK-8 opens MLK PK-5 opens Williams PK-8 opens |
| 2029-30 | | Convert to park | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kennedy PK-8 opens Gregorian PK-5 opens |

Possible Construction & Swing Space Timeline

Maximize impact of funds and minimize disruption to students

Option 2: Full Lauro building for swing space

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| Current school |
| Swing |
| Identified future use |
| Potential future swing if needed |

| | Narducci ~850/33 | Laurel Hill ~570/22 | Hopkins ~750/29 | Lima ~900/28 | Lauro ~1,000/59 | Summary of School Openings |
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| 2029-30 | | | | | | |

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| Current school |
| Swing |
| Identified future use |
| Potential future swing if needed |

Option 3: One half of Lauro for swing space

| | Narducci ~850/33 | Laurel Hill ~570/22 | Hopkins ~750/29 | Lima ~900/28 | Lauro (One Half) ~530/30 | Summary of School Openings |
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