



Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Location: 707 Holly Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55104

Grades: PreK-8

Proposed enrollment: PK-5: 450; Middle school: 450

Project website: spps.org/obama-builds

Project summary

Project number: 3210-23-01

Funding: Certificates of Participation, Long Term Facilities Maintenance

Project type: Renovations and remodel

Square footage:

- Existing: 156,344 SF
- Proposed: 161,539 SF

SPPS project team:

- Michelle Bergman Aho, Project Manager
- Jhalil Payne, Project Coordinator

Design team: Snow Kreilich Architects

Construction management: H+U

Project scope

- Construction project is an outcome of Envision SPPS; will house both the Montessori PreK-5 program currently located at JJ Hill along with a new, independent middle school
- Renovation of general learning space, gym, cafeteria, media center, art room, administration office
- New identifiable and secure entry, parent room, kitchen addition, [inclusive restrooms](#)
- New electrical and mechanical systems

New this month

- In Montessori elementary, addition's underground plumbing is complete and ready for concrete pour.
- In one-story link, reroofing is ongoing; new concrete stoops were poured.
- In middle school, classroom framing and ductwork installation is ongoing on all three floors.

November 2024 - Project Financial Information

Original Budget	Committed Costs	Invoiced to Date	Construction Award	Construction Cost Changes	% Change	Total Forecasted Cost	Construction % Complete (as invoiced)
\$72,300,000	\$47,605,977	\$19,603,782	\$40,457,084*	\$2,104,394	5.2%	\$48,035,722	36.47%

*One construction work scope pending

Project Timeline

Phase: <i>Planning</i> → <i>Design</i> →					<i>Construction</i> →	
BOE Gate Check:	Five Year Plan	Project Charter	Budget Approval	Contract Award	Closeout	
Key dates:	✓ March 2021	✓ Aug. 2022	✓ Jan. 2023	✓ Winter 2023-24	☐ Fall 2025	
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From top left: Newly-poured stoop in one-story link; framing for a middle school classroom; Montessori elementary classroom addition; interior classroom addition (October 2024)