

Barack and Michelle Obama School

October 2025 - Capital Improvement Project Update

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 | School website: *pending*

PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT SCOPE	NEW THIS MONTH
Project number: 3210-23-01 Funding: Certificates of Participation, Long Term Facilities Maintenance Project type: Renovations and remodel Square footage: - Existing: 149,605 - Proposed: 154,439 SPPS project team: - Michelle Bergman Aho, Project Manager - Jhalil Payne, Project Coordinator Design team: Snow Kreilich Architects Construction management: H+U Construction	- Construction project is an outcome of Envision SPPS that 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	- Contractors continue to work through the remaining punch list items. - A ribbon cutting event was held on September 25.

PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
ORIGINAL BUDGET	COMMITTED COSTS	INVOICED TO DATE	CONSTRUCTION AWARD
\$55,255,000*	\$53,332,402	\$49,052,655	\$40,576,571
CONSTRUCTION COST CHANGES	% CHANGE	TOTAL FORECASTED COST	CONSTRUCTION % COMPLETE (AS INVOICED)
\$3,658,322	9.02%	\$53,730,727	92.44%

*Budget modification submitted to the Board July 15, 2025.

PROJECT TIMELINE					
PHASES:	Planning →		Design →		Construction →
BOARD OF ED. GATE CHECK:	Five Year Plan	Project Charter	Budget Approval	Contract Award	Closeout
	March 2021	Aug. 2021	Jan. 2023	Winter 2023-24	Fall 2025

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From top left: Montessori classroom; middle school classroom; library; cafeteria; outdoor classroom; inclusive restroom (September 2025)