

Providence Schools

**Kennedy Elementary
School
School Construction
Updates**
June 2025



Goals of today's session

- Share updates on swing space
- Share updates on new school design

Swing Space: Hopkins school building

Upcoming work for Kennedy at Hopkins

Completed

- 3rd FL ceiling replacements in hallway
- Loading area repavement & repairs
- Repairs on ramps for ease of access into the building
- Prep work completed in the media center room for RFK

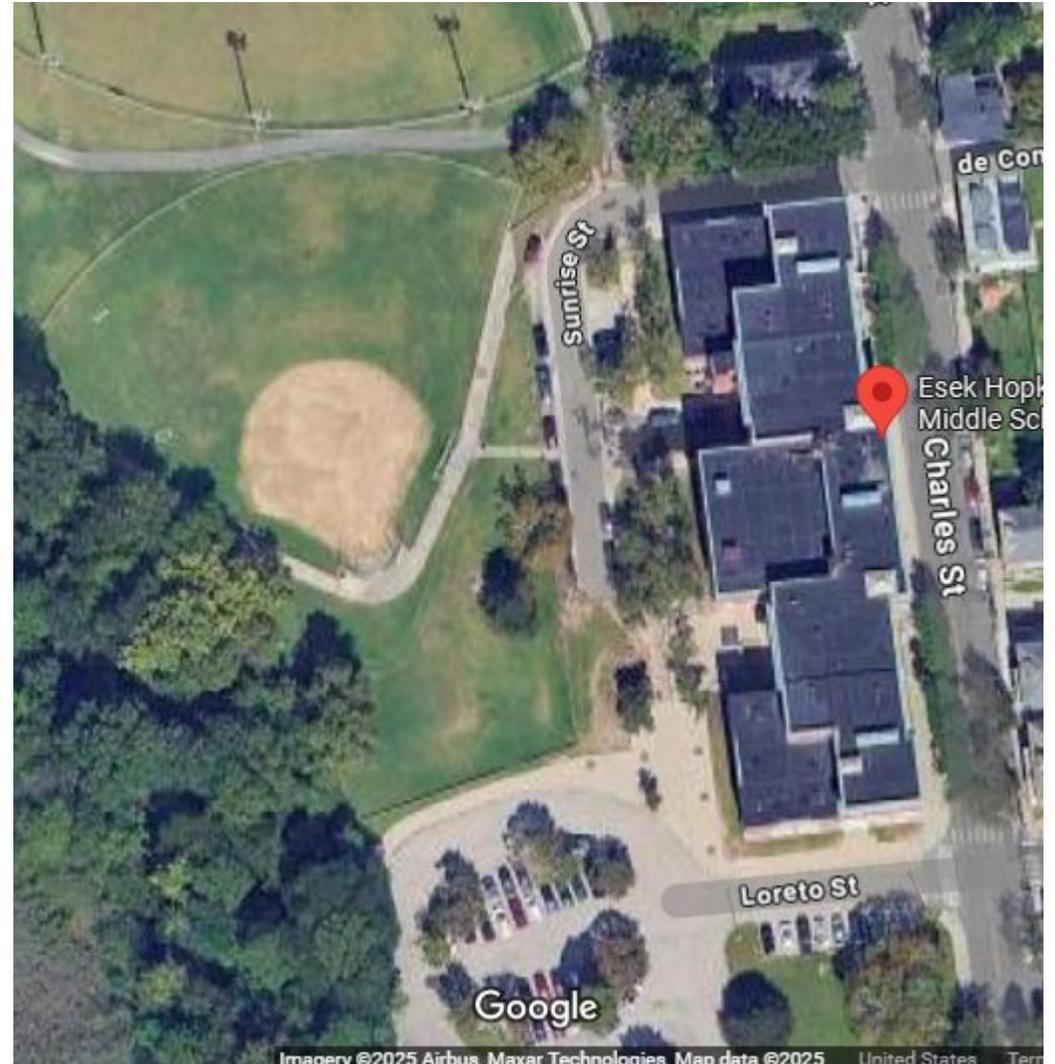
In Process/Upcoming

- Replacement of ceiling tiles
- Playground for lower grades
- Roof repairs above auditorium
- Configuration of nurse suite
- Secured vestibule
- Technology installation/setup
- Furniture setup

Swing Space: Planning for Co-Location

We have worked to separate spaces in the school

- Kennedy classrooms located on ground floor (Kindergarten), first floor (Grade 1 and two grade 2 classrooms), and second floors (one Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 4)
- Hopkins classrooms located on third floor
- Shared use of cafeteria and music rooms though scheduled on different days/times
- Door to the kindergarten wing



Swing Space: Hopkins Building

What comes next?

Date	Item	Notes
June 27th	Last day for staff in RFK building	
July 11th	Kennedy building vacated; all items removed	Rec center remains open through summer
July 31st	Final cleanup of Kennedy building	No access beyond this point
Aug 1st	Hopkins renovations substantially complete, and building turned over for cleaning	
August 6/7 (tentative)	Tour of Hopkins building with Kennedy families	Potential for earlier tour based on your feedback
Aug 8th	Building open for staff to begin setting up	

Swing Space

Frequently asked questions

What is the expected impact to the rec center?

- Rec center to remain open through summer programming; shutdown for renovation in late August
- Will be included in building reconstruction/ renovation
- Rec center to provide before/after care at Hopkins

What is being done about traffic at the new building?

- Separate bell times will minimize the number of drop offs/pick ups happening at the same time
- Additionally, we are working with the City's traffic engineer to proactively any potential challenges and solutions

What are district plans for ongoing communication?

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Reimagining Kennedy's school building

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Why Pre-K through 8?

Research shows that the PK-8 model supports a stronger school community, allowing more robust relationships between staff, students, and families.

How do facilities support the PK-8 Model?

New school construction allows to take advantage of PK-8 benefits while providing separate spaces for different aged-learners

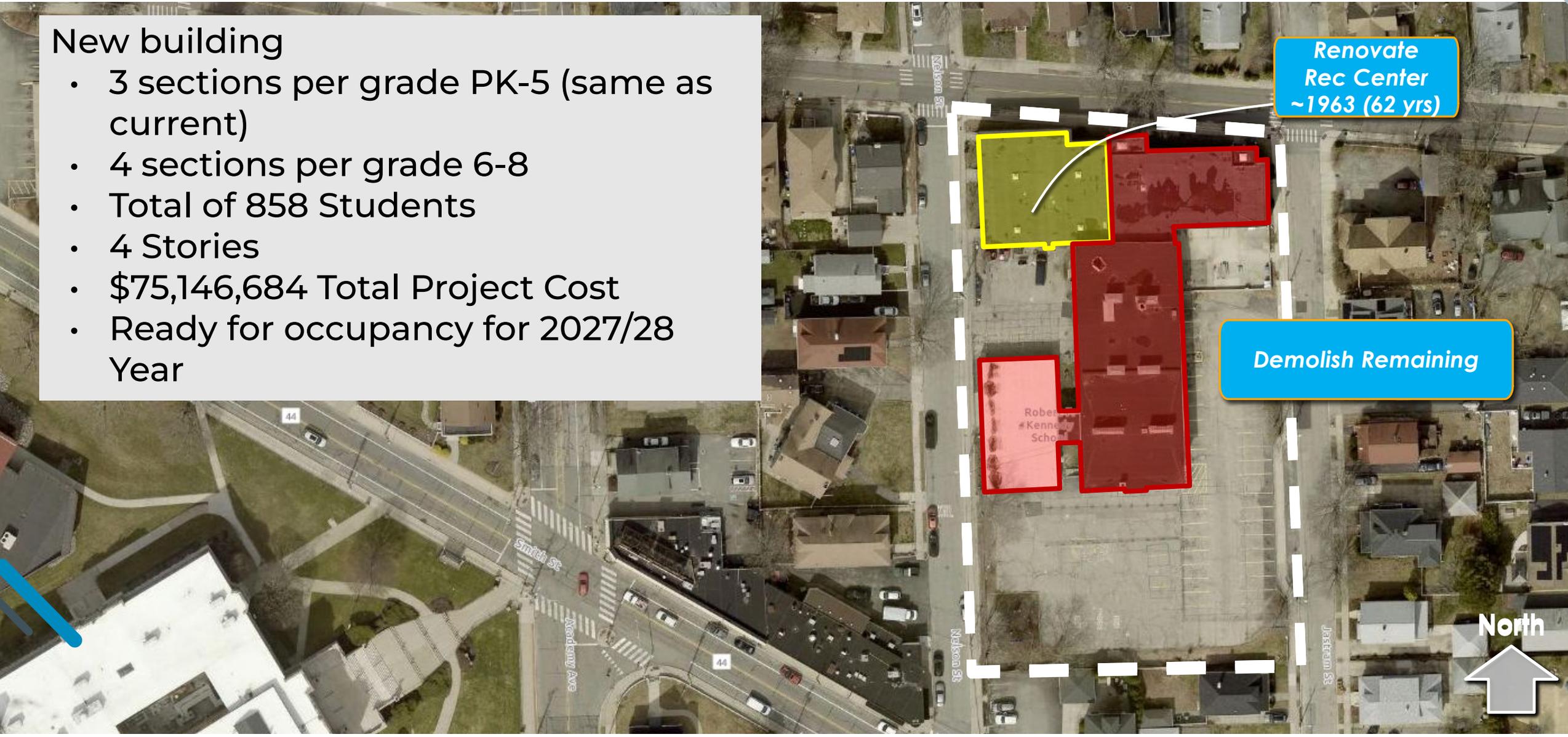
- Small learning communities organized by 2 grade levels (e.g., Kindergarten and grade 1)
- Separate entrances, play spaces, and bathrooms
- Access to unique learning spaces - maker spaces, STEAM rooms, and state of the art media centers - with thoughtful scheduling to keep learners of different ages separate

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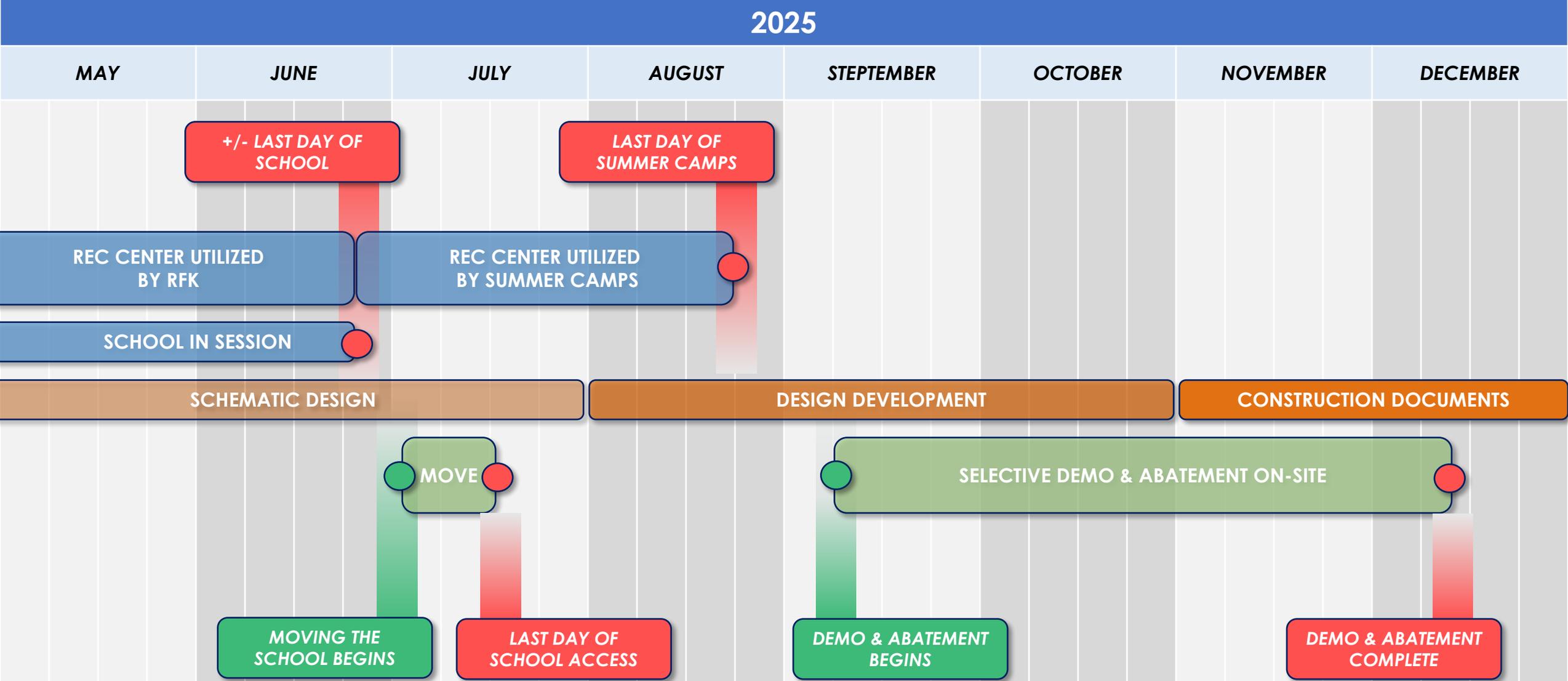
New building

- 3 sections per grade PK-5 (same as current)
- 4 sections per grade 6-8
- Total of 858 Students
- 4 Stories
- \$75,146,684 Total Project Cost
- Ready for occupancy for 2027/28 Year



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Timeline through December 2025



When will we see renderings?

Design process incorporating feedback and revisions: key terms and stages

Program & Schematic Design

- Align **program** (i.e., number of classes) with school-specific need and RIDE guidelines
- Develop **bubble diagram** to inform floor plans
- Develop **basic form** of the building, site & floor plans, renderings

Design Development

- **Verify costs** align with funding
- Refine **floor plans**
- **Room layouts**, finishes, structural components, etc.)
- Draft **project specifications** (materials, product, systems, etc)

Construction Documents

- Prepare **final documents** for bidding and construction, building permits

After each stage, the project team must **submit to RIDE for review** and **respond** to School Building Authority comments. The Providence **School Building Committee** (PPSD, City, and RIDE) reviews and approves as well.

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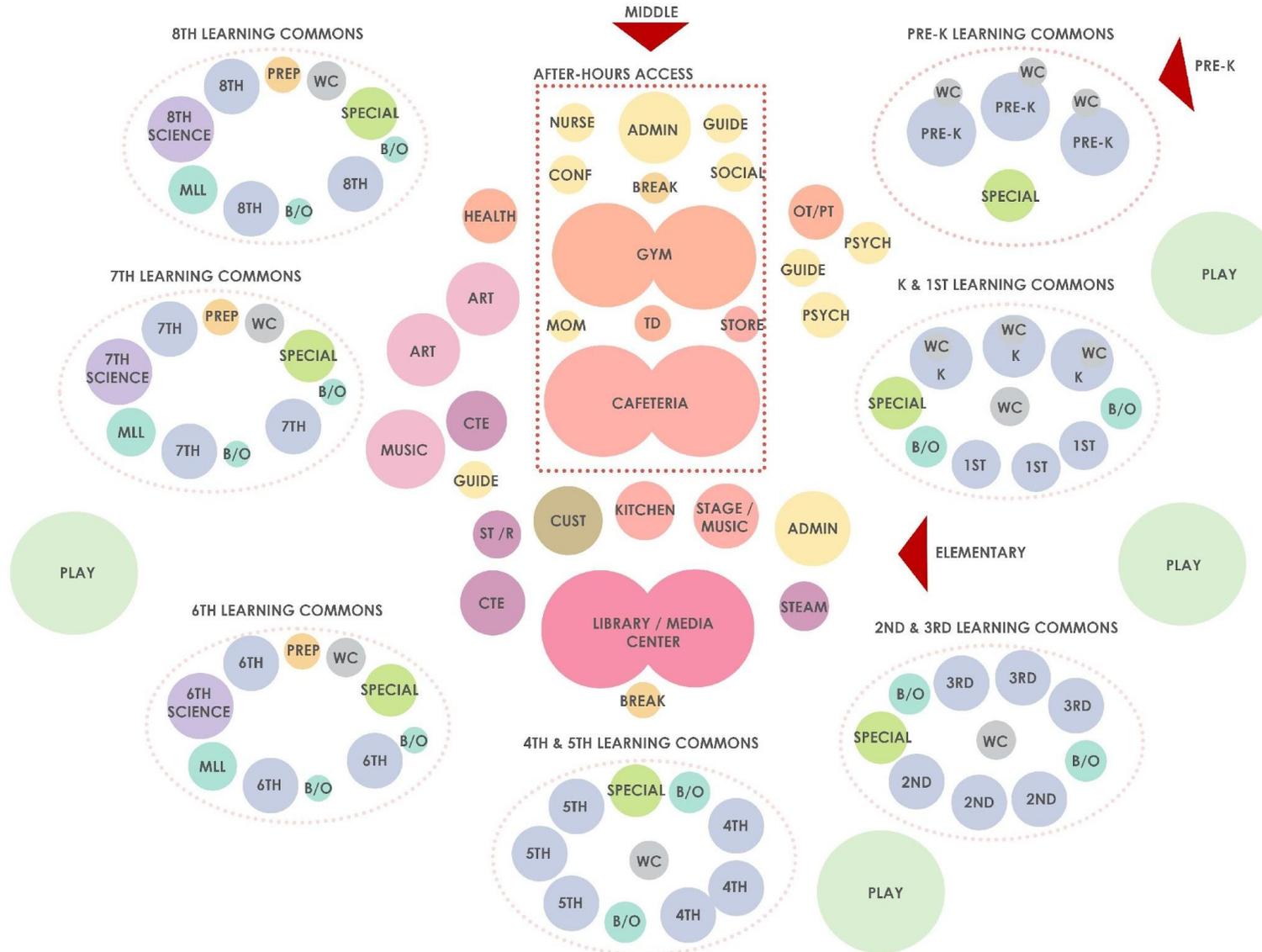
Recreation Center Improvements

- Code & Life Safety Upgrades
- Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Building Envelope
- Security & Access Control

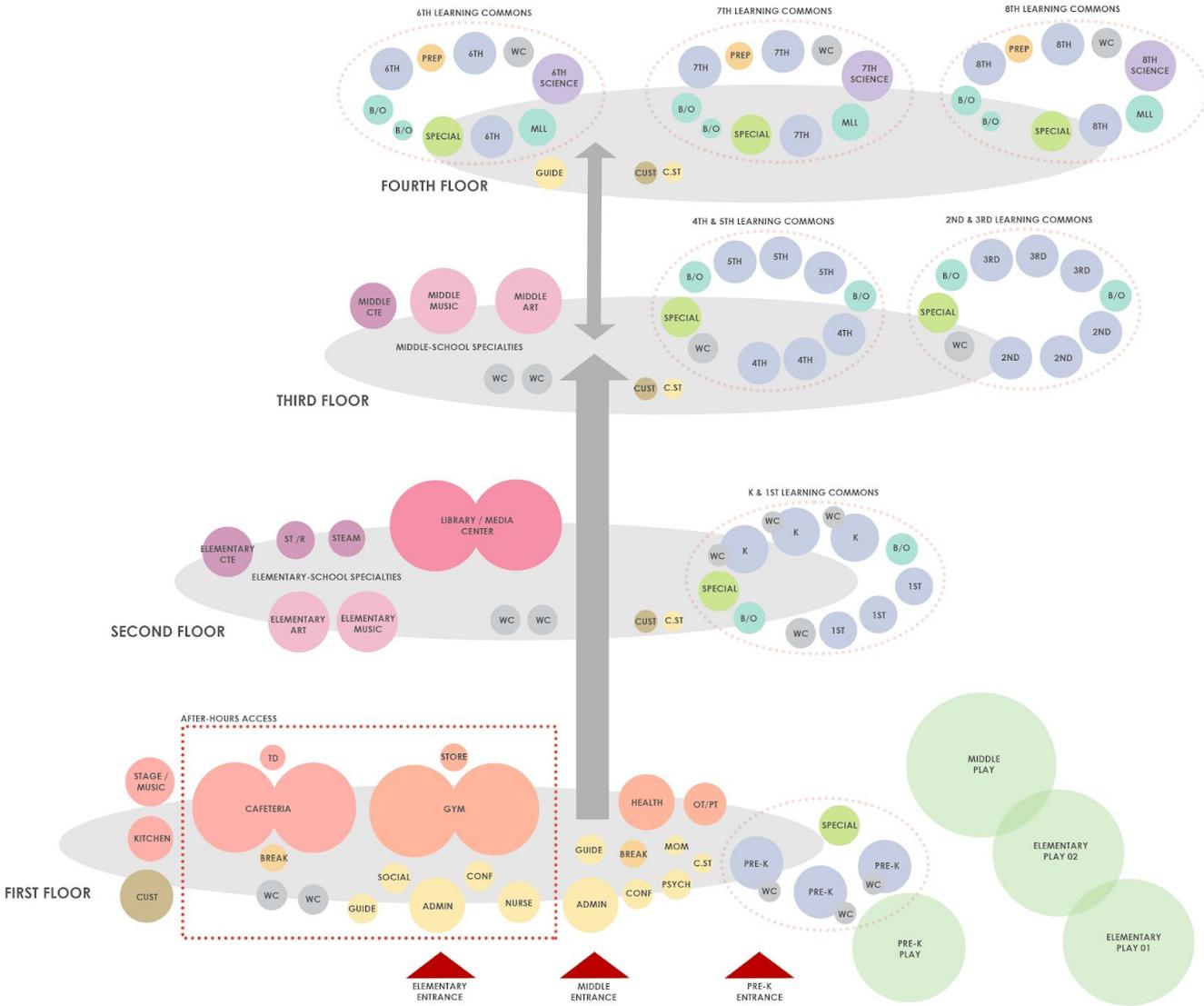
Under Development

- Building Programming
- Building Design
- Building Size, Placement, & Height
- Exterior Playscapes
- Bus/Parent Pick-Up & Drop Off

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Staying in contact

Communications to families and where to go for updates

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Help us get the word out!

What do you need from us to help share this information with others?

