



Demolish and Build New Providence, Rhode Island



Project Summary

The existing Spaziano Annex is scheduled to be demolished to make way for a new elementary school that will serve the district’s needs. The new Spaziano Elementary School will be developed as a Pre-K-5, four-track school. Upon development of the bridging documents that will serve to procure a design/build contractor, the district will administer a fast-track design/build methodology to expedite the construction schedule. The new Spaziano Elementary School will provide shared community spaces, such as gymnasium, auditorium, media center and cafeteria. Key educational spaces such as Pre-K-K, STEAM and special educational facilities will be included.

Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner

Dr. Javier Montañez, Superintendent **Jorge Elorza, Mayor**

Building Committee Members

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Project Team

Downes Construction Company
Owner’s Project Manager

TBD
Construction Manager

Signal Works
Architect

ABOUT THE PROJECT



\$44 million
Project Cost

90,000
Square Feet

August 2023
Completion Date

650
students
Grades Pre-K-5



\$40 million
Total State Support



9%
Housing Aid
Bonuses

91% Final
Reimbursement Rate

\$15 million
Pay-As-You-Go
Funding



Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Targeting net-zero energy emissions that will reduce operating costs and minimize environmental impact.

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

Extended Learning Commons:

- This facility is designed specifically to support a dual-language program, as well as project-based and differentiated learning.
- Extended learning commons create opportunities to bring education beyond the classroom, transforming circulation space into programmable educational space.
- Classrooms are arranged in pairs to provide opportunities for cross-collaboration.

Vertical Media Core:

- The Media Center is collocated with STEAM in order to provide additional collaborative, hands-on learning opportunities.
- Small group spaces are distributed throughout the building to support breakout activities and differentiated learning.
- Access to multiple outdoor spaces and natural light speak to the benefit of design that incorporates natural elements (biophilic) on the learning environment.

NEWER & FEWER

- Part of a two-site strategy to turn the existing Spaziano Elementary School and Annex into a new Pre-K-5 school and a first-rate middle school (grades 6-8).

“As a product of Providence schools, it means the world to me to see our facilities being rebuilt into the centers for learning and growth our children deserve. These advancements, from refurbished buildings to new swing spaces and even a new dual-language school, are a major step forward in the Providence turnaround effort. I can’t wait to open the doors of our new buildings to every student, family and educator in Providence!”

— Dr. Javier Montañez, Superintendent