



School Consolidation Johnston, Rhode Island



Project Summary

The Johnston School Department is embarking on an initiative to transform all of its schools, elevating the educational opportunities for every student in the district. In order to provide robust 21st century learning facilities, Johnston is restructuring and consolidating facilities from seven locations to four. The new master plan encompasses four major projects: a new Pre-K-K Early Childhood Center to be built on the current Barnes Elementary School site; a new 1st-4th elementary school to be built on land adjacent to the Senior High School and Town Recreation Center; and substantial renovations to the existing 9th-12th Senior High School and 5th-8th Ferri Middle School. This plan has been endorsed by RIDE-SBA and will be presented to the voters in a referendum this spring.

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Project Team

Colliers Project Leaders
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Construction Manager

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Architect

ABOUT THE PROJECT



\$ 215 million
Project Cost

521,000
Square Feet

August 2025
Completion Date

3,325
students
Grades Pre-K-12



\$ 124 million
Total State Support



20%
Housing Aid
Bonuses

57.7% Final
Reimbursement Rate

\$ 17 million
Pay-As-You-Go
Funding



Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

- New school for 359 Pre-K-K students offering a child-centered environment bathed in natural light, with a large movement studio, multipurpose STEAM classroom/cafeteria, classrooms with age-appropriate technology and safe and varied outdoor play areas all nestled into the neighborhood.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- New school for 1,100 students in grades 1-4, a secure and welcoming environment with access to outdoor play, lots of natural light and new technology. School includes gymnasium, art, music, media center and STEAM classrooms to compliment dispersed special education spaces and learning commons on land adjacent to the high school and Town Recreation Center.

FERRI MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The school will be fully renovated, including new HVAC with air conditioning, upgraded technology, upgraded security, a face lift at the main entry, renovated science rooms, maker space and learning commons. The current Early Education Center pod will become the 5th grade academy, resulting in a 5th-8th grade facility.

JOHNSTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- The 9th-12th grade school will be fully renovated, including new HVAC with air conditioning, full sprinkler system, upgraded technology, enhanced security and front entry improvements, renovated science rooms, improved pathways and CTE program spaces, fully renovated kitchen and cafeteria and improved student services, including nurse and guidance.

“Our community is excited to embark on a facilities project that will touch every student in every school, from Pre-K to grade 12. The new construction at the early childhood and elementary levels will ensure that our students are exposed to an environment that is conducive to 21st century learning. The upgrades at Ferri Middle School and Johnston High School will bring these buildings to like-new condition, which will enhance learning for all. This comprehensive plan will create an equitable learning environment for all of Johnston’s students, teachers and staff.”

— Dr. Bernard DiLullo, Superintendent