



# School Construction & Proposed Relocations for SY '23-'24

**JPS Board of Trustees**  
*April 18, 2023*

# Context

As part of the federal **Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)**, Jackson Public Schools has received funding to address the lingering impacts of COVID-19 on education. A substantial portion of these funds will be used to remediate school buildings, including installing new HVAC systems, restroom renovations, & outdoor learning spaces. These funds are time-sensitive and must be expended by 2024.



# Urgency of School Facilities Work

## A. Enrollment Strengthening

- Lanier Feeder Pattern (Brinkley M.S., Lanier H.S.)

## B. Addressing Facilities Challenges

- Pecan Park Elementary
- Powell Middle School
- Jim Hill High School
- Baker Elementary
- Brinkley Middle School





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# Temporary School Relocations



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# Pecan Park Elementary School

# What Is Recommended for Pecan Park Elementary School?



Complete **structural repairs\*** and **renovations** at Pecan Park Elementary School.



Shift Pecan Park's **Kindergarten – Grade 2** to nearby Lake Elementary School.



Shift Pecan Park's **Grades 3-5** to nearby Johnson Elementary School.

## Why Are We Recommending These Changes?



Provide a **renovated school facility** for the Pecan Park community.



Maintain **stable school communities** that foster positive relationships between scholars and caring adults.



Expend time-sensitive **ESSER funds** to make strategic & efficient improvements to the school building.

# What to Expect For...

## Transportation

Transportation will continue to be provided for students; new routes are under development.

## Leadership

**Lake Elementary** is led by Ms. Yosantas Burton. Based on the increased enrollment, Lake will receive an assistant principal.

**Johnson Elementary** is led by Ms. Guyniesha Johnson. Pecan Park (PPES) assistant principal Vanessa Dean will be reassigned to Johnson to support the 3-5 PPES scholars.





## Leadership at Receiving Schools



*Yosantas Burton*  
**Lake Elementary**



*Guyniesha Johnson*  
**Johnson Elementary**



## How Will Staff Be Affected at Relocated Schools?

*The Human Resources team will prepare a change of placement letter for each team member impacted by the changes.*

*Certified educators were given first-priority to roles in the newly consolidated schools.*

*Operations team members are either being placed at their receiving school OR transferred to other vacancies within their departments. All classified staff have first-priority for roles based on favorable job performance.*





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# Powell Middle School

## What Is Recommended for Powell Middle School?



Complete **structural repairs** and renovations at Powell Middle School.



**Relocate** Powell Middle School to nearby Brinkley Middle School for the 23-24 Academic Year.



Retain **Brinkley's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade scholars** in the Brinkley Building.

## Why We Recommended These Changes?



Provide a **renovated school facility** for the Powell Middle School community.



Maintain **stable school communities** that foster positive relationships between scholars and caring adults.



Expend time-sensitive **ESSER funds** to make strategic & efficient improvements to the school building.

# What to Expect For...

## **Transportation**

Transportation will continue to be provided for students; new routes are under development.

## **Leadership**

Interviews are underway for the new principal for Powell Middle School.



## How Will Staff Be Affected at Relocated or Reconfigured Schools?

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# Jim Hill High School & Isable Elementary School



# What Is Recommended for Jim Hill High School?



Complete **HVAC and ceiling repairs** and renovations at Jim Hill High School (Main Building).



Shift Jim Hill High School scholars to nearby **Isable Elementary** School for the 23-24 Academic Year. Continue use of the **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Building**.



Retain Jim Hill's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade International Baccalaureate (IB) scholars at **Northwest Jackson IB Middle School** for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

## Why We Recommended These Changes?



Provide a **renovated school facility** for the Jim Hill High School community.



Maintain **stable school communities** that foster positive relationships between scholars and caring adults.



Expend time-sensitive **ESSER funds** to make strategic & efficient improvements to the school building.



**Jim Hill Main Building - Offline;  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Building In Use**



**Isable Elementary  
In Use for Jim Hill Scholars**



**Northwest Jackson IB Middle School  
In Use for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade IB Scholars**

# What to Expect for Isable ES Scholars?

## Transportation

Transportation will continue to be provided for students; new routes are under development.

## Leadership

**Lester Elementary** is led by Ms. Sherekia Dixon. Isable's PK-Grade 2 scholars will attend Lester for the year. Ms. Deborah Smith (Isable assistant principal) will support Isable's Grades PK-2 scholars at Lester.

**Marshall Elementary** will be led by Dr. Jamaka Holman (pending Board approval). Ms. Catrina Crawford (Isable principal) will support Grades 3-5 scholars at Marshall.



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# **Reconfiguration: Lanier High School & Brinkley Middle School**



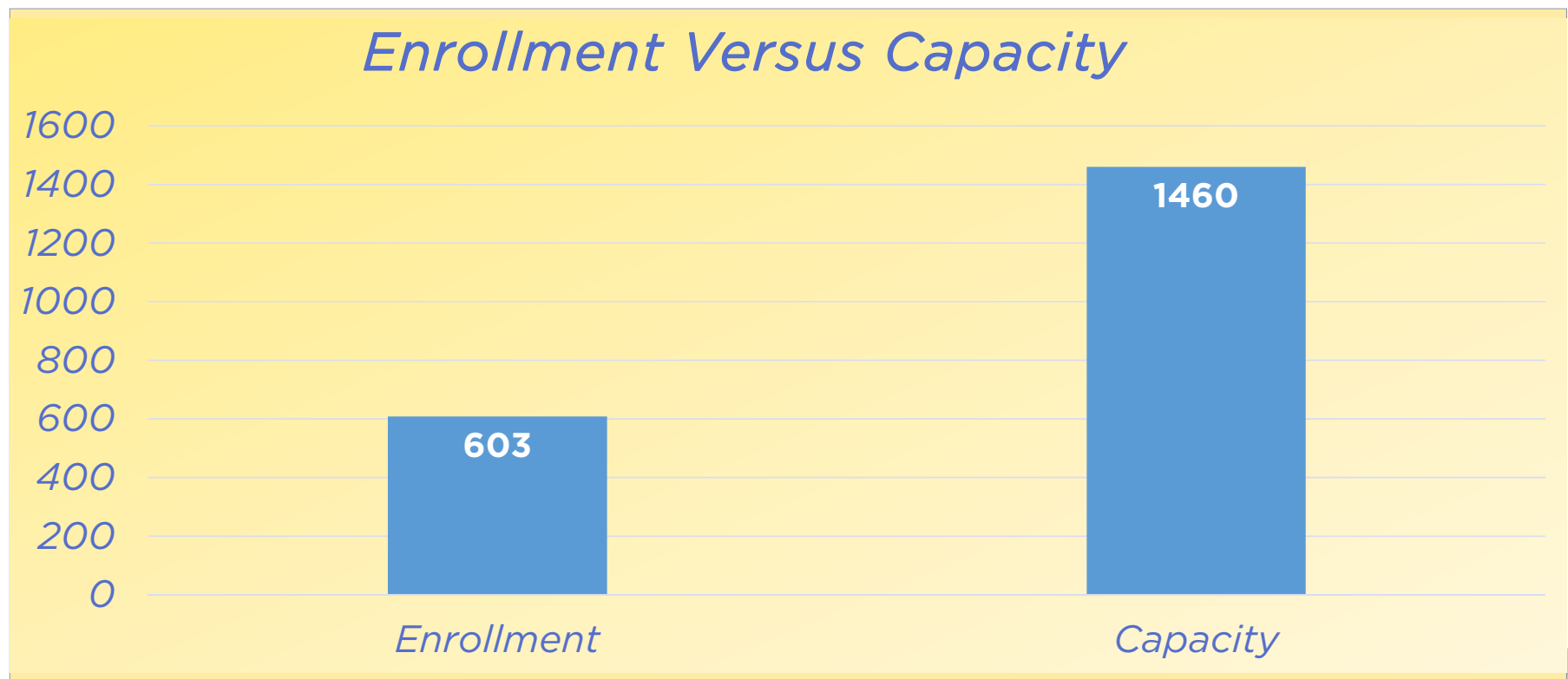
# Our Plan for Lanier H.S. Feeder Pattern

- *In 2019, we assigned a community stakeholder taskforce to develop plan strengthening the Lanier High School Feeder Pattern.*
- *A specific proposal was developed by community stakeholder taskforce addressing enrollment, program offerings, and facilities.*



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# Enrollment at Lanier High School (2013-Present)





## What Is Recommended for Lanier High School...



Reconfigure Lanier H.S. as a **7-12 high school** for Fall 2023.



Brinkley M.S. **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars** will attend Lanier. Brinkley M.S. **6<sup>th</sup> grade scholars** will attend Powell M.S.



Implement the **Community Schools Model** at Lanier H.S.

## Why We Recommended These Changes?



Shore up the **Lanier H.S. enrollment** with the addition of grades 7 & 8.



Establish **stable school communities** that foster positive relationships between scholars and caring adults.



Maintain **fiscal sustainability** to maximize our current investments in teaching and learning for JPS scholars and their families.

# What to Expect For...

<b>Spacing</b>	Middle and high school scholars will occupy separate wings of the building and utilize distinct entrance/exits.
<b>Schedule</b>	The middle school (Grades 7 & 8) & high school will maintain separate schedules in order to facilitate districtwide common planning.
<b>Transportation</b>	Transportation will continue to be provided for students; new routes are under development.
<b>Leadership</b>	The assistant principals (2) at Brinkley will be transferred to Lanier to support middle school faculty and scholars.



# Leadership at Receiving School



*Dr. Valerie Bradley*  
**Lanier High School**



# Brinkley Middle School - Building

**2023-2024  
School Year**

Will house the **Powell Middle School** program for the full academic year as construction projects are completed at Powell's nearby campus.

**2024-2025  
School Year &  
Beyond**

Will become the new home of the **Re-engaging in Education for All to Progress (REAP)** program; Serve as district swing space in case of the need to relocate scholars and faculty due to adverse building conditions.



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# Consolidation: Baker and Shirley Elementary Schools

## What Is Recommended for Baker Elementary School & Why?



Shift Baker Elementary School to nearby Shirley Elementary School.



Baker Elementary School's HVAC systems have been vandalized and stripped of their components. These costly repairs can not occur in time for the comfortable start of the academic year.





# Benefits of Sustainable Elementary School Enrollments



*Enhanced  
Teacher  
Collaboration*



*Greater Equity in  
Course & Elective  
Offerings*



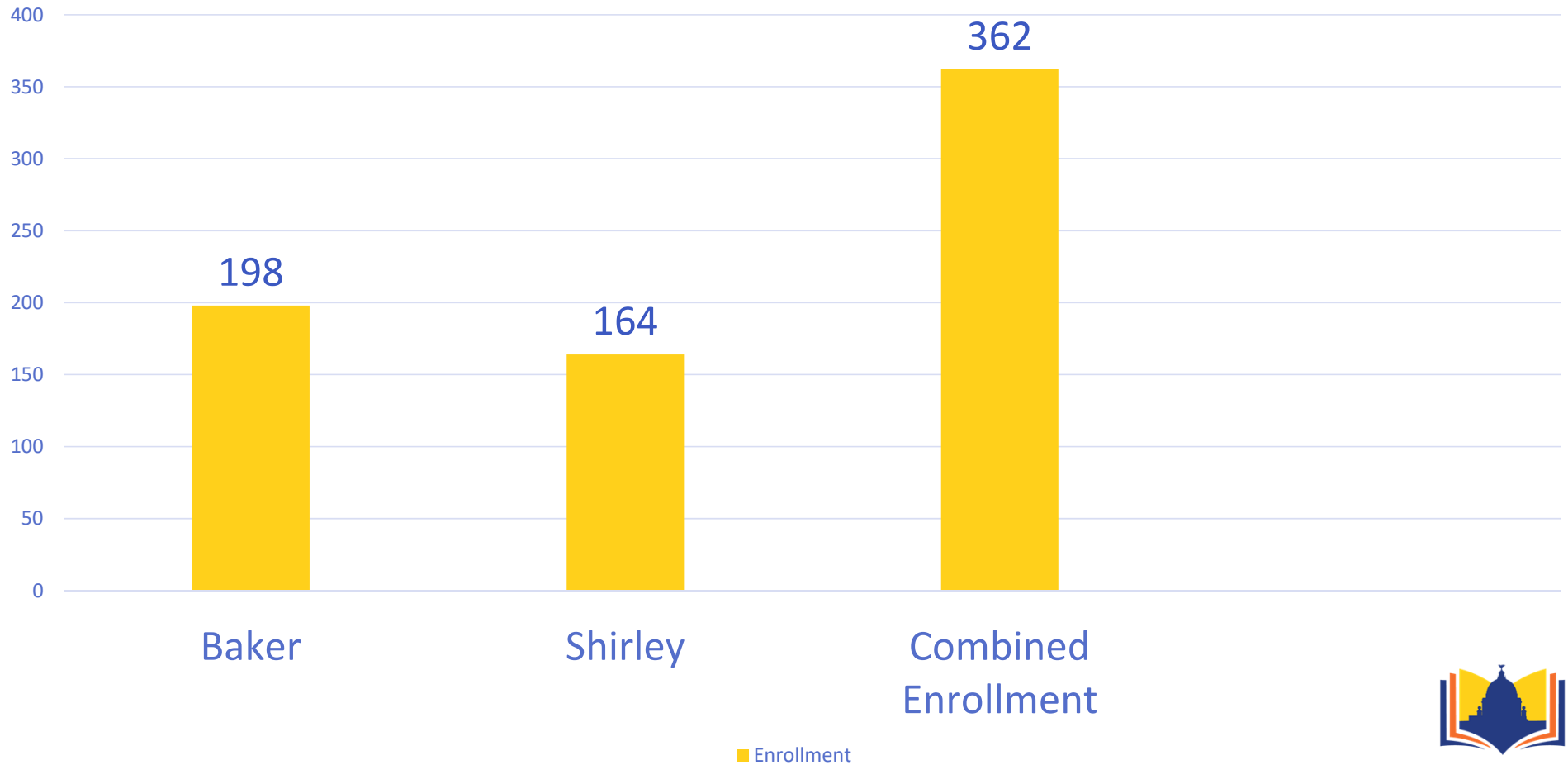
*Increased Access  
to Certified  
Educators*



*Fiscal Savings for  
Staffing*



## Enrollment at Baker & Shirley (2022-2023)



# What to Expect For...

<b>Transportation</b>	Transportation will continue to be provided for students; new routes are under development.
<b>Special Education</b>	Students will continue to be provided special education supports according to their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).
<b>English Learners</b>	English Learners will receive supports through the general education program at the consolidated school.





## Leadership at Shirley Elementary School

Dr. Veals has over 20 years of experience in education and has been with Jackson Public Schools since 2004. Her educational credits include:

- Bachelor of Science in Education -- Jackson State University
- Master of Science in Education -- Mississippi College
- Doctor of Philosophy -- University of Southern Mississippi

She is a member of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE). Prior to coming to Lee Elementary, Dr. Veals previously served as an elementary teacher and the assistant principal of McWillie Elementary.



# Summary of Proposed School Moves

School	Action for 2023-2024 School Year
Lanier H.S. / Brinkley M.S.	Reconfigure to serve Grades 7-12
Powell M.S.	Shift to Brinkley building; Retain Brinkley's 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade cohort at Powell
Pecan Park Elementary	Shift Grades K-2 to Lake Elementary; Shift Grades 3-5 to Johnson Elementary
Baker Elementary	Consolidate and shift full enrollment to Shirley Elementary
Jim Hill H.S.	Utilize JHHS 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Building, Isable Elementary, and Northwest Jackson IB Middle School
Isable Elementary	Shift Grades PK-2 to Lester Elementary, Shift Grades 3-5 to Marshall Elementary

# What's Planned For Spring?

## Property Accounting

- Provide boxes for packing & moving classroom and school items.

## Transportation

- Develop new routes to support the new configuration.

## Spring-Summer Activities

- Plan activities to integrate the school communities.





# Questions and Answers