

Lafayette Parish School System District Optimization: Financial Modeling

CSG has partnered with district staff to price out the savings and expenses associated with the set of final District Optimization proposals being presented for Board approval on November 20, 2024. These are models to be utilized in helping to inform decisions and to support a more detailed financial plan for the District incorporating these proposals as they do *not* include:

- Existing resources that could be utilized for the recommended new construction
- Anticipated changes in revenue due to enrollment fluctuations, loss of students to private/parochial/charter schools, or other shifts in funding
- Additional revenue realized from the selling or leasing of unused property

Cost Savings Associated with School Closures & Consolidations:

Based upon CSG’s revised proposals, utilizing financial data provided by LPSS, it is projected that there will be net savings of \$4.2MM in Year 1, once one-time expenses associated with moving, abatement, and necessary renovations are accounted for, followed by an average of \$8MM per year of recurring savings.

Proposal	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Assumptions
Paul Breaux MS on the current site until a new facility is constructed. Upon completion of a new Paul Breaux MS campus, close Acadian MS and rezone students to the new Paul Breaux MS	-\$600,000	\$0	\$0	-\$340,220	\$97,304	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB open for 3 years • Includes abatement for Paul Breaux & Acadian MS (Yr 4) • Includes renovations to accommodate students for 3 years at both Paul Breaux & Acadian MS (Yr 1) • New construction included below
Acadian MS students within the Carencro High School feeder pattern will be rezoned to Carencro Middle School beginning in 2025-26	\$1,407,385	\$1,449,607	\$1,493,095	\$1,537,888	\$1,584,024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in staffing associated with decreased enrollment of Acadian MS as a result of rezoning
Close Lafayette MS and repurpose as Lafayette Elementary	\$1,355,193	\$1,550,348	\$1,596,859	\$1,644,765	\$1,694,108	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion to elementary school to accommodate SJM (renovation costs included in SJM Proposal)



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<p>Close S.J. Montgomery ES and move students to the newly-repurposed Lafayette ES, Boucher ES, and Woodvale ES; Relocate Hearing Impaired Program to Broadmoor & ELL Newcomer Program to Carencro-Bob Lilly</p>	-\$348,374	\$779,582	\$802,969	\$827,058	\$851,870	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes renovation costs at LMS to house elementary students in Yr 1 Includes Abatement & Demolition of SJM in Yr 1
<p>Close Duson Elementary and rezone all students to Charles Burke ES; Use the facility in a way to benefit the community</p>	\$1,214,146	\$1,429,461	\$1,527,892	\$1,573,728	\$1,620,940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes abatement in Yr 1 Assumes lease occupant by year 3 responsible for utilities
<p>Close Katharine Drexel ES and rezone K-5 students to Billeaud ES and Gallet ES; Create a PK-only facility at the existing Katharine Drexel site</p>	-\$251,085	\$359,383	\$370,164	\$381,269	\$392,707	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes \$600K in Construction to convert to Early Childhood Center in Yr 1
<p>Close Comeaux HS at the completion of the 2024-25 school year; rezone students to Acadiana HS, Lafayette HS, and Southside HS. Relocate Performing Arts Magnet Academy to Lafayette HS and NJROTC program to Acadiana HS; Relocate E.J. Sam Accelerated School to the Comeaux HS facility; Renovate Comeaux HS facility to accommodate W.D. & Mary Baker Smith Career Center; Decommission current facility upon relocation to the Comeaux HS facility</p>	\$1,449,411	\$2,145,166	\$2,209,521	\$2,275,807	\$2,344,081	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes abatement for EJ Sam/Career Center in Yr 1 New construction for Career Center at Comeaux HS campus included below
TOTAL	\$4,226,676	\$7,713,547	\$8,000,500	\$7,900,295	\$8,585,035	

Assumptions for Net Cost Savings Associated with School Closures & Consolidations:

- Assumed annual growth rate of 3% for salaries, utilities and other operating expenses
- Savings are net after accounting for new needs at schools receiving students from these school actions
- One-time expenses, such as moving expenses and abatement, are accounted for within the year anticipated that they will occur
- Utilities expenses for non-occupied buildings calculated at 80% of current costs
- No increase in transportation costs have been included as the district has determined there would be no increase in such costs as a result of these proposals

New Programmatic Investments

In addition to the proposals associated with school closures and consolidation, CSG has recommended a number of programmatic investments to align with parent demand, ensuring cohesive feeder patterns for programs, and to remain competitive in maintaining and attracting students to LPSS schools. The anticipated costs associated with these new investments are outlined below.

Proposal	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Gallet ES, Lindon ES, and Youngsville MS: Add STEM opportunities to create continuity of programming and a K-8 programmatic experience	-\$215,577	-\$222,044	-\$228,705	-\$235,567	-\$242,634
Magnet Preference: Give eligible applicants priority to 25% of the seats available in the annual admissions lottery for new students	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Corporal Michael Middlebrook Elementary: Create an elementary magnet fine arts feeder to L. J. Alleman MS	-\$934,166	-\$962,191	-\$991,057	-\$1,020,788	-\$1,051,412
Broussard Middle School: Expand Arts and STEM opportunities	-\$71,859	-\$74,015	-\$76,235	-\$78,522	-\$80,878
Boucher Elementary: Add ACE programming for 2025-26 school year	-\$324,450	-\$334,184	-\$344,209	-\$354,535	-\$365,171
TOTAL	-\$1,546,052	-\$1,592,433	-\$1,640,206	-\$1,689,412	-\$1,740,095

Assumptions:

- Proposals do not require any new or additional construction
- Expenses are largely attributable to new staffing needs to support the new programmatic offerings
- Assumed annual growth rate of 3% for salaries, utilities and other operating expenses

New Construction

CSG is recommending construction at two sites in conjunction with these recommendations. Both are significant investments at facilities that have not received a major addition since 1975 (Paul Breaux MS) and 1981 (Northside HS) according to information provided by the district. These investments will need to be considered in the context of other facilities planning previously undertaken by the Board. The board should consider the sale of newly vacant property (current Career Center) or existing property (parcel near Northside) to generate additional funding.

Project	Bond Amount	Annual Debt Service
Build a new 6-8th grade Paul Breaux MS facility (Phase I) and a separate Northside HS facility (Phase II) on the existing Northside HS campus.	\$90,000,000	\$6,923,077
Renovate the Comeaux HS facility to accommodate the W.D. & Mary Baker Smith Career Center and decommission the current facility upon relocation to the Comeaux HS facility.	\$15,000,000	\$1,153,846

Assumptions:

- Assumes 13:1 ratio on bond to debt service to be conservative (historic ratio: 14;1)
- Anticipated construction amounts are provided by LPSS and based on recent and ongoing construction projects