



A NEW WAY FORWARD

Next Steps

Roosevelt-Perry, Wheatley, and Grace James Academy

Jefferson County Board of Education
May 11, 2021

- March of 2019, JCPS approved a \$120 million facilities plan
- New elementary school to be built at 18th and Broadway
- 2023: Anticipated completion date of new school
- State-of-the-art school at prime West Louisville location to welcome students from Wheatley and Roosevelt-Perry

Roosevelt-Perry
and Wheatley

- Combine Wheatley and Roosevelt-Perry
- Goal is for most students and staff of Roosevelt-Perry to move to Wheatley
- Start date is fall of 2021
- Grace James Academy of Excellence to move into Roosevelt-Perry location

Roosevelt-Perry
and Wheatley

- Build the culture and climate of new school
- Create bonds with students and staff
- Pool resources to support students
- Invest in West Louisville
- Strengthen programs and provide space to expand
- Support student learning

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How to build a strong model

For example, staffing:

- 2 APs
- 2 Counselors
- 2 MHPs
- 2 Academic Instructional Coaches

- Enhance technology
- Culturally-Relevant Curriculum
 - Holistic
 - Debate and other forms of engagement
 - Assessment via art & alternatives

Roosevelt-Perry
and Wheatley:

Short-Term Plans

- Use of Experts (retirees) to support:
 - Enhance Student and family engagement
 - Support Staff Learning
 - Assist with Planning
- Increase Instructional Time and enhanced field trip experiences
- Offer Professional Development to staff
 - Gifted and Talented
 - Culturally Responsive Teaching
 - Social-Emotional Learning

Roosevelt-Perry
and Wheatley:

Long-Term Plans

- Staff encouraged to move to Wheatley
- Address individual staff needs and work with union partners
- New location for staff determined by end of May
- Work to build a strong culture and climate to support students- a committed and unified team to serve our students

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Ensuring Racial Equity

- A school such as the one Jefferson County Public School will have when these two schools merge, leads to magnificent opportunities.
- The necessity of staffing, funding, and teaching equitably in such a school is tantamount.

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Ensuring Racial Equity

Grace James Academy

- Currently sharing space at DuValle with Early Childhood
- Move to Roosevelt-Perry building as temporary home--capacity 609 for a middle school
- Build appropriate site

Grace James Academy

- Staff will expand to meet the needs of students
- Afrocentric, Gender-Specific, STEAM, and Rigor
- CROWN values: Collaboration, Resilience, Originality, Willingness and Narrative

Grace James Academy

- 149 students this year, 150 students next year
- Verizon Innovative Learning school
- 1-to-1 technology
- Serve students in Gifted and Talented, visual and performing arts

Grace James Academy

- Offer courses and opportunities in dance, music, and theatre
- Slated to become next middle school to become a part of the Explorer program
- Health Science and Technology pathways

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Grace James Academy:

Ensuring Racial Equity

- Allows for space to continue engaging, relevant learning with an innovative approach
- Symbolic for community
- Financial support to ensure programs remain in place

FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS