

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recovery School District COMMITTEE AGENDA

Item # IV.B.4. Title: Consideration of a policy matrix that addresses how school operators are matched to facilities in the RSD.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive

Summary of recommendation or proposed changes:

Policy report is attached.

Implications of proposed recommendation -- benefits and problematic areas: None at this time.

Notice of Intent
 Emergency Adoption -- Reason:
 Bulletin Item -- Bulletin:

Administrative Code
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 Authority Note:

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June 15, 2010

To: Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Recovery School District Committee

From: Superintendent Paul Vallas

Subject: School Program Placement with RSD Facilities

At the May meeting of the BESE Recovery School District Committee, the committee requested that the RSD provide a brief description of how the district plans to allocate facility space for long-term use to both direct-operated and charter school occupants. For the purpose of this memorandum, an "occupant" refers to a direct-operated RSD school program or an RSD charter school program while "facility" refers to the actual buildings managed by the RSD.

The RSD's process for allocating new facilities to occupants is based on four primary considerations:

- 1) Whether the occupant is located within existing temporary facilities;
- 2) Grade configuration (i.e., elementary school, high school, pre-kindergarten);
- 3) Neighborhood of origin of students;
- 4) Facility preference of the occupant;
- 5) Community input.

This process is now in the evaluation stage and is scheduled to be formalized in the fall of 2010. RSD staff continues to meet with school operators and community members to understand their facility needs and neighborhood preferences. The process that the district lays out in the fall will include a public input component, as we want to ensure that neighborhood residents have input on which occupants are placed in which facilities.

The School Facilities Master Plan for Orleans Parish outlines the schedule for the construction of more than eighty new or totally renovated schools within New Orleans. The process that the district is currently evaluating will focus on allocating facilities among these facilities to occupants. Our near-term objective is to remove students from temporary facilities, including modular and leased buildings. It is important to note that occupants will not be able to move into their facilities immediately. Excluding Quickstart, our first Phase I schools do not come online for another approximately two years.

As we have over the last year, we will continue to meet with school leaders and community members and work with them to meet their facility needs as we move forward with our rebuilding efforts.