



A Message from the City of Providence

Dear Neighbors,

Every child deserves an equal chance to learn in school facilities that inspire them to achieve and empower them to succeed. As a product of Providence Public Schools, I have seen how public education can provide opportunity and encourage our youth to be the best versions of themselves. In partnership with the State and together with our families, educators and students, we have created a School Capital Plan that will inform and guide historic investments in our learning spaces for years to come.

We believe that a comprehensive infrastructure of supports is required to transform Providence into one of the top performing school districts in the country and our community must be involved in designing this system for it to be successful. With a focus on the long-term success of our school community and centered in feedback from students, parents, educators and community members, we launched a robust, year-long school facility planning project led by experts at StudioJAED in late 2017. This “All In: Our Learning Spaces” initiative included four phases where stakeholders were invited to participate in workshops, feedback, final visioning and master planning sessions

Providing equity in opportunity so that every child has the chance to rise, succeed and be heard is my top priority. In 2019, the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) approved our ambitious five-year School Capital Plan for up to \$278 million in improvements, the largest investment approved by the State for a district in history, to support learning environments that are more than safe, warm and dry because our students deserve to learn in the best environment we can provide for them. We understand that we cannot cut corners to effect truly transformational change in our schools and we are stepping up to this moment by making these once-in-a-generation investments.

Every dollar invested in our schools and our students is a direct investment in the future of our city. After decades of neglect, we are making the long-term investments in our schools and students necessary to building supportive learning environments conducive to a 21st century-education. Achieving this goal starts with the historic investments we have already committed to our facilities and the understanding that, although our work is far from over, we are all in this together.

Mayor Jorge Elorza