

EVALUATION OF PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL SITE (New Elementary School, Capitol Street)

1. The site serves an area with enough children (present and future) to warrant its existence as a school center.
Yes. According to demographic studies by Dr. Willie Johnson, Executive Director, JPS Office of Accountability and Research.
2. The site is located in a reasonable proximity to the present and future school population.
Yes. The school will be built in the existing communities of the Barr Elementary School and the Poindexter Elementary School.
3. The site environment is free of the odors, dust, dirt, noise and smoke that are usually associated with factories, stockyards, railroads, mills, agricultural chemical aerial spraying, etc. The site is free of hazardous waste.
Yes. Based on appraisal report from Mr. Jerry D. Mask, consultant. Site is the current location of the old Mississippi Employment Security Commission.
4. Public utilities such as electric power, water, sewerage, telephone, fire protection and gas service are available to the site.
Yes.
5. The size of the site is sufficient to provide adequately for the educational program of both the present and the anticipated future.
Yes. The site is 7.4 acres and is sufficient for the 400 student population. The entire 7.4 acres will be used for the construction of the new elementary school. Currently, the Jackson Public School District has signed contracts by the sellers of two adjacent parcels of land totaling approximately 1.0 acres. Total acreage for this new site is approximately 8.4 acres.
Request a waiver for use of this site for the new school.
6. The site grounds are at sufficient elevation to prevent flooding or standing water.
Yes
7. The sub-soil conditions are such that foundations, footings, athletic fields and lagoons can be built.
Yes. The new school will be constructed on a deep foundation system. Soil borings and soils testing will be conducted by a registered engineering firm.

8. The site can be purchased at a fair market price. Copies of two certified appraisals of the land must be attached whenever the purchase price is greater than \$50,000.00.

The Jackson Public School District owns the site on which the new elementary school will be built. The two adjacent parcels of land shown on the site plan drawings are currently under contract for purchase. Final purchase of these two parcels of land are pending school board approval.

9. A survey plat of the property is provided with this application.
Yes. See attached site plan from architect.

10. The proposed new school site is plotted on the school district map and is provided with this application.
Yes. See attached Jackson Public School District map.

11. The site is accessible by both vehicles and pedestrians.
Yes. The site is accessible via Capitol Street.

12. Soft surface playgrounds will be built in accordance with the National Playground Safety Standards.

Exceptions to the above minimum requirements must be noted and explained in detail.

Request approval to build the new elementary school at 1520 Capitol Street. Students from the existing Barr Elementary and Poindexter Elementary Schools will continue to attend the existing schools until completion of their new school. The new school design will allow for a separate student drop-off and a separate bus loading/ unloading. Parking for faculty, staff, and visitors will be in accordance with the City of Jackson requirements.

Additional information for proposed new school site:

1. Location:

1520 Capitol Street
Jackson, Mississippi
Approximately 8.4 acres
See attached map of the Jackson Public School District

2. Grades:

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

3. Enrollment:

Projected opening enrollment of 400 students

4. Is the proposed new site located on 16th section land owned by the school district?

Yes No

Land Acquisition:

The 1520 Capitol Street property is owned by the Jackson Public School District. This 7.4 acre site is the old Mississippi Department of Employment Security building site that was purchased by JPS. The two adjacent parcels of land are being purchased by JPS. Currently, signed contracts by the sellers have been received by JPS and following school board approval, the two parcels of land will be purchased for use in the placement of the new elementary school. Total acreage for the new school site is approximately 8.4 acres.

Copies of signed seller contracts have been provided to MDE, Safe & Orderly Schools Division.

5. Will the school district have fee simple title?
 Yes No
6. Is there organized opposition to the proposed site based on, but not limited to, the location of the school, acquisition of the land, safety issues, and/or community concerns?
Yes No
7. Justification for proposed school site:

The current Barr Elementary School has been inspected by both an architect and engineer to determine the safety of the school, feasibility of renovations, and cost to replace the school on the existing site. Based on the recommendations of the architect and engineer, it is in the best interest of the Jackson Public School District to build a new elementary school at a different site.

Also, Poindexter Elementary School is in need of extensive repairs. It has been recommended that a new school be constructed in lieu of extensive renovation costs.

Additionally, both Barr Elementary School and Poindexter Elementary Schools present safety concerns because of the busy street locations combined with very limited parking space and parent drop-off space. The current Barr Elementary sits on 1 acre of land and Poindexter Elementary sits on 3 acres of land. Combined, these two campus' total about half the acreage of the new proposed school location. These two significant safety issues factor into the JPS decision to move both school locations.

Finally, student enrollment at both schools makes the combining of these two schools more cost efficient for the Jackson Public School District. Together, the two school's total student population is 350 students. This combination will provide savings in school administration, food service, more efficient heating and cooling, and transportation costs.

CERTIFICATION

We, the President of the Board of Education/Trustees and the Superintendent of the Jackson Public School District hereby certify to the Mississippi Board of Education that this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site for the construction of New Elementary School located at 1520 Capitol Street, Jackson, MS meets the minimum requirements previously stated or exceptions have been properly noted. Further, this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site has been duly adopted and approved by the Board of Education/Trustees of the Jackson Public School District as evidenced by action taken by the Board of Education/Trustees of the Jackson Public School District at an official board meeting held on the 19th Day of October, 2010.

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