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EBRPSS PROPOSES PLANS FOREXPANSION OF FACILITIESAND PROGRAMING

BATON ROUGE, LA. – In an effort to respond to the preliminary findings of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s facilities and capacity studies and to continue to meet our strategic commitments, the School District is considering a set of expansions and opportunities that will support the priorities of our community and enhance the overall academic program of our school system.

“For years families have been asking for more from the public school system. We’ve spent months understanding the on-going needs of the community and of our scholars and we’re committing to provide those opportunities,” says Superintendent Dr. Sito Narcisse.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School System is currently developing a comprehensive plan to address the opportunities identified in recent months. Based upon preliminary work, some of the following proposed opportunities and expansions include:

- Establishing a School of Visual and Performing Arts that will serve students in grades 6-12
- Expanding access to high-quality magnet seats across the District
- Building new school sites to meet the growing demand of families in South Baton Rouge
- Expanding access to high quality early childhood education seats at a dedicated early childhood education site
- Expanding and scaling the Pathways to Bright Futures through Dual Enrollment opportunities
- Establishing a Joint Literacy Task Force with the Baton Rouge Mayor’s Office to strategically improve literacy rates throughout the Parish
- Partnering with the Baton Rouge Mayor’s Office to increase Head Start Enrollment and to share resources across both agencies (EBRPSS and East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor’s Office)



“I am pleased to partner with Superintendent Narcisse in addressing key areas of education like early childhood development and literacy. Together we share a vision to enhance our community’s Head Start programs with a strong focus on shared resources and reading comprehension,” said Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome. “Our goal is to establish East Baton Rouge Parish as the Reading Capital of Louisiana by enriching learning opportunities and removing educational barriers through these initiatives.”

“We’re excited about this pro-active approach that the Superintendent has taken on behalf of the children of East Baton Rouge Parish. The needs of our families and district have changed and in order to equitably and innovatively meet those needs Baton Rouge Community College and East Baton Rouge Parish School System have partnered in a bold, forward-looking response that will offer more students the opportunity to build a pathway to a Bright Future,” stated Dr. Willie Smith, Chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College.

As we continue to build out our proposal, we will continue to engage our community and stakeholder groups around the proposed opportunities and growth. We will release a full schedule of public engagements in the weeks to come.

The final proposal will be presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board during their regular July Board Meeting for approval. Superintendent Dr. Sito Narcisse will be available for individual comment and interviews between 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM today. Please contact Letrece Griffin to request an interview.

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