

NEW ORLEANS EDUCATION IN A POST-KATRINA WORLD

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UIUC's MUP Capstone Involvement with UNOP



- 8 students and 1 professor
- ACORN Housing/University Partnership
 - ▣ *A Peoples' Plan for Overcoming the Hurricane Katrina Blues: a comprehensive strategy for building a more vibrant, sustainable, and equitable 9th Ward*
- Goody Clancy
 - ▣ *New Orleans Recovery Plan – District 7*

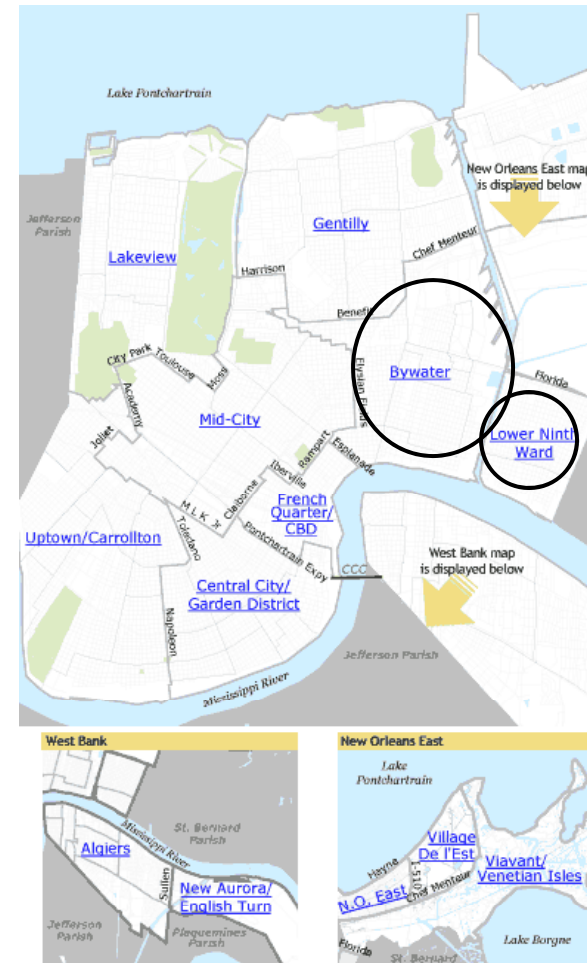
Planning Districts 7 & 8

□ Planning District 7

- Bywater
- Desire
- Florida
- Marigny
- St. Claude
- St. Roch

□ Planning District 8

- Holy Cross
- Lower 9th Ward



UNOP Requirements



- Prepare a post-disaster recovery plan to address the following issues:
 - ▣ Housing, architecture, and historic preservation;
 - ▣ Flood protection and environmental management;
 - ▣ Restoration of basic utilities and other vital municipal services; and
 - ▣ Provision of human services and re-opening of critical community facilities

UNOP Requirements, Cont'd



- The scope of service did not require District Consultants and Neighborhood Planners to address:
 - Health care and emergency medical services
 - Public safety and disaster preparedness
 - Building codes and design
 - Transportation and public transit
 - Economic and workforce development
 - Land use policies and zoning
 - Institutional development (educational, cultural, religious)

New Orleans Education System Pre-Katrina



- ❑ State of financial crisis
- ❑ Facilities in poor conditions
- ❑ Inadequate and poorly-managed insurance programs
- ❑ One of the lowest ranking school systems in the state of Louisiana

New Orleans Education System Post-Katrina



- More than 62,000 students displaced
- More than 7,500 employees on leave
- \$800 million in physical damages
- Poorly written insurance policies
- First facility repairs only temporary

Source: Alvarez & Marsal, New Orleans Parish Schools: Finances/Temporary School Facilities. February 19, 2006.



Holy Cross School

Source: ACORN Housing/University Partnership School Survey, Oct. 2006.

Orleans Parish School District, Feb. 2006



- Only 3 Parish schools open
- 12 charter facilities open
- 9,810 open capacity
- 9,678 enrolled
- 8,790 regularly attending
- 13 facilities available within 30 days
- 2 facilities ready to be opened

Source: Alvarez & Marsal, New Orleans Parish Schools: Finances/Temporary School Facilities. February 19, 2006.



Joseph A. Hardin Elementary School

Source: ACORN Housing/University Partnership School Survey, Oct. 2006.



Interior, Joseph A. Hardin Elementary School

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Exterior, Joseph A. Hardin Elementary School

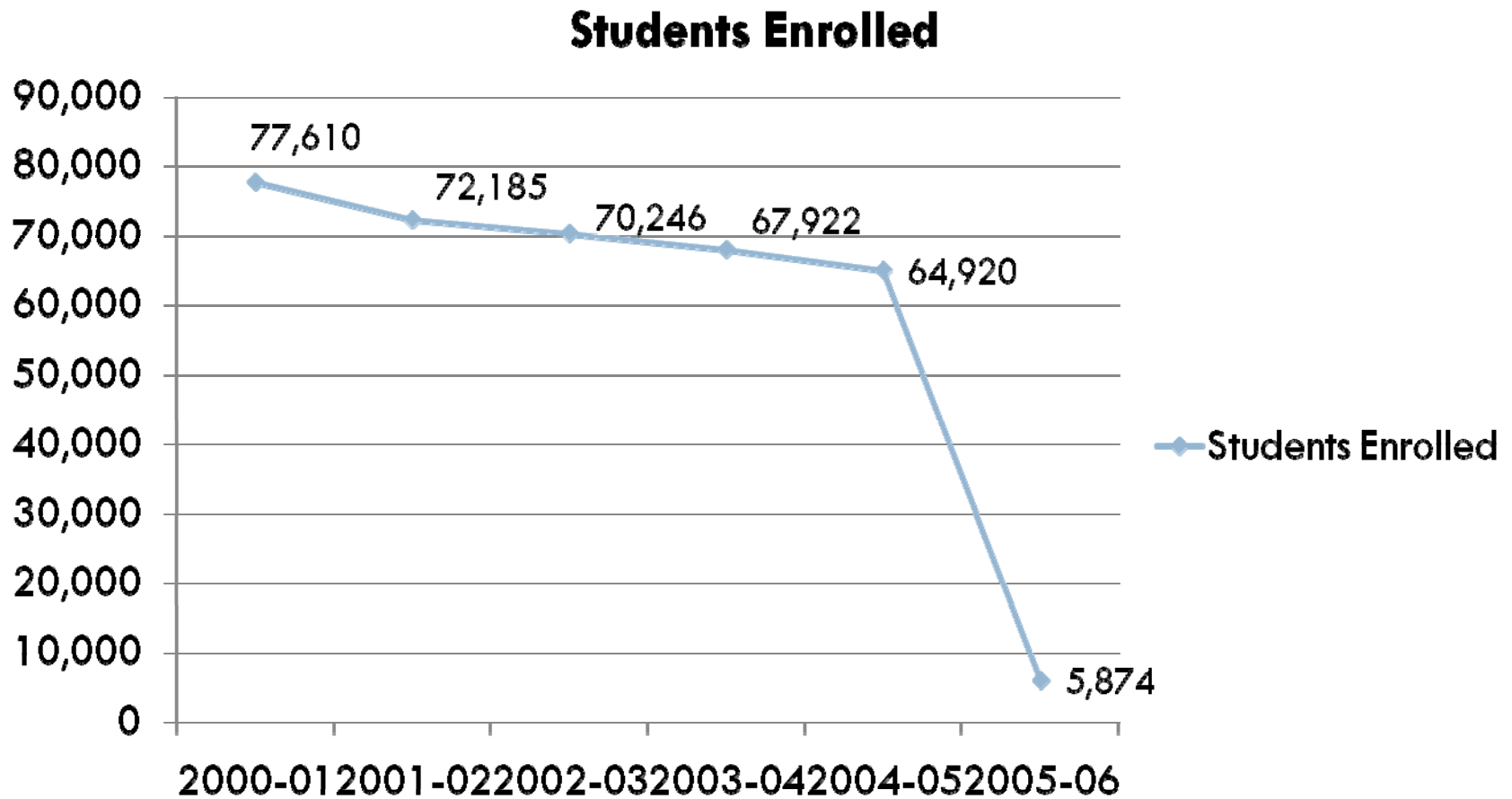
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Orleans Parish District Enrollment History, 2000-2006



Source: District Composite Report 2005-2006. Orleans Parish. March 2007. Louisiana Department of Education.

District Characteristics, 2000-2006

	2000 – 2001	2001 – 2002	2002 – 2003	2003 – 2004	2004 – 2005	2005 – 2006
Total No. of Schools	130	131	129	128	127	116
Enrollment	77,610	73,185	70,246	67,922	64,920	5,874
No. Eligible for free/ reduced lunch	57,869	56,602	54,951	51,271	50,210	1,722
No. of Faculty	4,841	4,903	4,248	4,857	4,228	173

Source: District Composite Report 2005-2006. Orleans Parish. March 2007. Louisiana Department of Education.

Post-Katrina Educational Services

- 49% of former New Orleans public schools open in December 2006
 - ▣ Only 4 public schools open in the Ninth Ward
- 4 of 15 public schools in PD 7 are open as of 4/07
- 0 of 6 public schools in PD 8 are open as of 4/07
- 58 public schools are open in New Orleans as of 4/07

Source: Louisiana Department of Education

Public School Conditions in Planning District 7

School Name	Neighborhood	Current Status (April 2007)	% Damaged (Sept. 2006)
Carver, George W. Jr. High	Desire Area	Closed	49%
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Colton, Charles J. Jr. High	St. Roch	Closed	21%
Douglass, Frederick A. Sr. High	St. Claude	Open (9/7/06)	21%
Drew, Dr. Charles Richard Elem.	St. Claude	Open (9/7/06)	29%
Edwards, Helen S. Elem.	Desire Area	Closed	57%
Frantz, William Elem.	St. Claude	Closed	54%
Haley, Oretha C. Elem.	St. Roch	Closed	45%
Hansberry, Lorraine Elem.	St. Claude	Closed	12%
Lockett, Johnson C. Elem.	Florida Area	Closed	39%
Moton, Robert R. Elem.	Desire Area	Open (7/10/06)	18%
NOCEA	Marigny	Closed	15%
Reed PreK-8	St. Roch	Open (9/7/06)	Not Included
Shaw, John A. Elem.	St. Roch	Closed	24%
Truancy Center	St. Roch	Closed	Not Included

Source: New Orleans Public Schools Informational Planning Package. Sept. 2006. Draft Report.

Public School Conditions in Planning District 8

School Name	Neighborhood	Current Status (Sept. 2006)	% Damaged (Sept. 2006)
Armstrong, Louis D. Elem.	Lower 9 th Ward	Closed	70%
Edison, Thomas Alva Elem.	Lower 9 th Ward	Closed	39%
Hardin, Joseph A. Elem.	Lower 9 th Ward	Closed	100%
King, Martin Luther Jr. Elem.	Lower 9 th Ward	Closed	21%
Lawless, Alfred Sr. High	Lower 9 th Ward	Closed	84%
Noble, J.B. Special School	Lower 9 th Ward	Closed	Not Included

Source: New Orleans Public Schools Informational Planning Package. Sept. 2006. Draft Report.

Immediate and Long-Term Needs

Immediate Needs

- Attendance at close-proximity schools
- Repair and reopen schools
- Recruit and employ qualified teachers and administrators
- Books and supplies

Long Term Needs

- Reopen and renovate schools as demand increases
- Build an environment that values quality education
- Greater innovation and exploration of alternative and community-based models of education

Opportunities



- Universal Preschool
- Neighborhood Elementary Schools
- Charter Schools
- Non-Classroom-Based Schools
- Before- and After-School Programs
- Vocational/Technical Schools