

2008 Tax Plan (Phase III)

The 2008 tax plan renewal was passed in April of 2008. Known as phase III of the Tax Plan, it was a continuation of the one cent sales tax to fund facility improvements, discipline and supplement teacher’s salaries. Passage to the tax allowed the School System to continue to build new schools and to improve the physical conditions of many other facilities.

Phase III of the plan is designed to continue the focus on dedicating more capital funding on new facilities, classroom improvements and proper maintenance of the mechanical systems of the newly constructed facilities and facilities where major HVAC repairs and replacements were made.

Again, a citizens committee was formed by the public who worked with Superintendent Charlotte Placide, the sitting school board and other community groups to convince the public to support a continuation of the one cent sales tax to fund on a pay as you go basis, Facility improvements, Teacher Salaries and Student Discipline. The plan was endorsed by the Advocate Editorial Staff and publically supported by the Baton Rouge Area Chamber. The tax renewal was passed for a 10 year period and was approved by the voters by a 65% affirmative vote, demonstrating that based on the success of the Phase I and Phase II plan, the School System not only merited a renewal of the tax but an additional five years of dedicated capital funding to continue on the work of improving school facilities.

The Phase III CIP consists of the following projects.

GENERAL SUMMARY

- Total Construction Program Budget (10 year): \$ 488,314,482
- 2003 Tax Plan time duration 120 months
- Phase III Program Started January 2009

NEW SCHOOLS: \$ 275M

- Baton Rouge Magnet High School
- New Claiborne/Brookstown/North Highlands Elementary School
- New Progress Replacement Elementary School
- New Park Replacement Elementary School
- New R. E. Lee Elementary School
- New Audubon/Broadmoor Replacement Elementary School
- New Career Academy Elementary School
- New Jefferson Home Site/ Medical Magnet PK-12

ADDITIONS: \$ 72M

- Melrose Elementary School
- LaSalle Elementary School
- Scotlandville K-8
- Sharon Hills Elementary School
- Park Forest Elementary School
- Westdale Elementary School
- Scotlandville Magnet Elementary School
- LaBelle Aire Elementary School
- Riveroaks Elementary School
- Wedgewood Elementary School
- Audubon Elementary School
- Parkview Elementary School
- Valley Park Alt Center
- Shenandoah Elementary School

FIRST FIVE YEARS

Plan implementation is broken up into (2) five year delivery schedules. The first five years of the project delivery schedule is as indicated in the following schedule.

**East Baton Rouge Parish School System
Tax Plan for Facilities
Five Year Project Schedule**

PROJECT	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
NEW SCHOOLS					
Baton Rouge Magnet High School					
New Claiborne /Brookstown, North Highlands					
New Progerss Replacement Elementary					
New Robert E. Lee High School					
CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS					
Melrose Elementary					
LaSalle Elementary					
Valley Park Alternative					
Scotlandville K-8 School					
Sharon Hills ES					
LaBelle Aire ES					
Park Forest MS					
Westdale MS					
Scotlandville Magnet HS					
PRE-K/EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Phase 1 /16 Classrooms					
Phase 2 /26 Classrooms					
Phase 3 /8 Classrooms					
FACILITY MODIFICATIONS/IMPROVEMENTS					
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION					
HVAC SERVICES					