



## *Press Release*

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### **Roosevelt Replacement School Facts**

- The current Roosevelt Elementary, located at 2501 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N., is the oldest school building in the city.
- The current Roosevelt is in an original 3-story building constructed in 1928 with additions in 1935 and 1955. It is a one block campus, surrounded by three one-way streets, which made it one of the most dangerously situated schools in town.
- Its location, structural and plumbing issues, and lack of modern educational amenities made it cost prohibitive to repair.
- The bond issue facility plan called for replacing the current Roosevelt with a new multistory elementary school in the same area. The neighborhood has affordable housing which should provide steady, if not slightly increasing, future enrollment.
- The replacement Roosevelt Elementary School is being built at the previous Lowell Elementary School site, 3117 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
- Lowell was constructed in 1938 and was closed as an elementary school in 1979. For many years, it housed the GFPS Buildings and Grounds (B&G) headquarters where carpenters, plumbers, painters, and electricians did their work.
- A new school is being constructed because Lowell cannot be remodeled due to its longtime industrial use, small size, and age.
- The new Roosevelt Elementary building will provide for annual operational savings as it will include modern energy saving measures.
- The Roosevelt replacement school will be constructed for occupancy of 500 students.
- Students will be redirected to the new school from existing Roosevelt Elementary School and from other schools in an ongoing redistricting process.
- The building will be approximately 57,450 square feet structure aligned largely on the western half of the site.
- The partial two-story facility will include 21 classrooms, 6 breakout rooms, a gymnasium, a kitchen and cafeteria, common areas, and administrative support offices and a reception area.