

Work begins on three new NOLA schools

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Construction will begin this month on two elementary schools and a high school as the Orleans Parish School Board and Recovery School District continue with a \$1.8 billion master plan to rebuild facilities.

Building permits were issued Oct. 7 for Stewart R. Bradley Elementary School in Gentilly, Paul Dunbar Elementary School in Hollygrove and Edward Livingston High School in eastern New Orleans, RSD Communications Director Zoey Reed said. All three schools are slated for completion in early 2015.

A notice to proceed was issued Oct. 1 for Paul Dunbar Elementary, 9330 Forshey St., where a 95,900-square-foot, three-story, pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school is under construction. The McDonnel Group of Metairie is the general contractor and Chenevert Architects of New Orleans handled design. The cost of construction is \$24.5 million.

Reed said the school will have two classrooms for each grade level, along with multiple science labs, a gym, media center and art, music and performing arts classrooms. The building will be ready for occupancy by April 2015.

At the Bradley site, 2401 Humanity St., contractors with Landis Construction of New Orleans are building a 106,700-square-foot, three-story building for pre-k through eighth grade. The \$25.4 million school, which was designed by Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects of New Orleans, will include three classrooms per grade level, along with a gym, media center, science labs and arts classrooms. Construction began Oct. 7 and should be complete by April 2015.

After completing pile driving last month, crews with Gibbs Construction began work earlier this month at Edward Livingston High School at 7301 Dwyer Road. The \$31.5 million project, designed by Rozas-Ward Architects of New Orleans, includes a 100,000-square-foot, two-story school for about 675 students. The campus will include a media center, arts classrooms and a gymnasium. Construction should be complete by February 2015.

Reed said all three campuses were designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver standards from the U.S. Green Building Council.

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