



BALLOU HIGH SCHOOL

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
December 17, 2014
10:00 am



Project Team:
 Owner - Department of General Services
 Architect - Bowie Gridley Architects | Perkins+Will Joint Venture
 Program Manager - McKissack & McKissack / Brailsford & Dunlavey Joint Venture
 Contractor - Chiaramonte / Hess, A Joint Venture
 MEP & Fire Protection - Setty & Associates International, PLLC
 Structural Engineering - SK&A Structural Engineers, PLLC
 Civil Engineering & Survey - Wiles Mensch Corporation
 Landscape Architecture - Carvalho Good, PLLC
 Telecommunications, AV & Security - Educational Systems Planning
 Hazardous Materials - Froehling & Robertson, Inc.
 Geotechnical Engineering - Schnabel Engineering
 Acoustics - Miller, Beam & Paganelli
 Aquatic - Counsilman Hunsaker
 Traffic - Symmetra Design
 Food Services - Tricon Foodservice Consultants, Inc.
 Theatre - Martin Vinik Planning For The Arts, LLC

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BALLOU SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL sets a new standard for K-12 education in the District of Columbia. The new school will accommodate a general student population of 1,400 plus 900 STAY Academy students. The project was awarded by design competition to the joint venture of Bowie Gridley Architects | Perkins+Will. Designed to be not only a flagship high school but a community asset and symbol, the 356,000 SF complex includes a performing arts theater, aquatic center, athletic and fitness complex, health center, day care center, auditorium, culinary arts, auto-tech, and media center in addition to academic, athletic, and administrative spaces.

A central two-story cafeteria/commons organizes destinations and is accessible during non-school hours as a public gathering space. A collegiate atmosphere is created through a large internal courtyard, community gardens, and improved green spaces. Academic grades and programs are organized into five distinct academies that each have classrooms, flexible multi-use rooms, a television studio, and computer and science labs. Sustainable design is a key feature of the project, targeted for LEED Gold certification.

Designed in three stories, entries and egress are located at each level relative to the slope of the existing site. To avoid the costs and disruption of relocating the existing school population, the new school will be constructed in two phases. During the first phase, the new school building was built in the location of the existing football stadium. During the second phase, the existing school will be demolished and the new stadium and other site work will be constructed in the vicinity of the existing school. Construction was expedited through early site construction packages using a modified Design-Build project delivery method starting late 2012 for building occupancy in January 2015, followed by site work completion.

