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### **Local Organizations Call for Revising Proposed Amendments to School Facilities Master Plan**

BGR has joined with seven local business and civic organizations to ask the Recovery School District and the Orleans Parish School Board to go back to the drawing board on proposed amendments to New Orleans' School Facilities Master Plan. Concerned that the amendments would lead to great disparities in the quality of school facilities, the organizations have requested the school districts to produce a plan that provides a reasonable-quality school facility for every child. Citing the substantial resources that the school districts have received from the federal government for rebuilding schools, the organizations asked the school districts to accomplish this within the confines of the remaining funding.

Signatories to the comment letter making the request include: the Bureau of Governmental Research, the Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region, Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans, Common Good, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana, the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Scott S. Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives at Tulane University.

The letter can be found at [www.bgr.org](http://www.bgr.org)

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