

## **SCHOOL: SOUTH SHORE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Repurpose South Shore for a neighborhood middle school; relocate South Lake to a separate facility on the same site.

### **SECTION 1: SCHOOL PROFILE**

#### **A. Educational Profile**

**Grades:** The New School @ South Shore: Preschool-8 (currently preschool-2)  
South Lake: 9-12

#### **Programs:**

The New School @ South Shore

- **Kindergarten:** Full day kindergarten only (no fee)
- **Advanced Learning:** No
- **Special Education:** No
- **Transitional Bilingual Education:** Yes
- **Other:** Preschool for 4-year-olds; extended school year (20 extra days) and non-traditional school calendar
- **Before/After School Programs:** South Shore Kid's Company

South Lake

- **“Re-entry” and Alternative High School Programs**
- **Child care:** On-site child care available for infant/toddler/preschool children of students in the GRADS program

#### **B. Facility**

- **Location:** 8825 Rainier Avenue S, 98118
- **Site size:** 11.4 acres
- **Year Constructed:** 1973
- **Building type and size:** Middle School (142,741 square feet)
- **Portables:** 1 (with 4 teaching stations)
- **Handicap Accessibility:** Rated good
- **Planning Capacity:** 723 students (with portables)
- **Adjacent park:** Rainier Beach Playfield (10.91 acres) and Rainier Beach Community Center
- **Child care:** Dedicated child care space on site
- **Study and survey building condition score (out of 100 possible points): 38.0**
- **Discussion:** South Shore was evaluated by Meng Analysis for the 2002 Study and Survey and was rated as poor or unsatisfactory in the following areas – foundation/structure, exterior walls and roof, exterior windows and trim, floors and ceilings, heating and lighting, means of exit and fire resistance, fire alarm system, and emergency lights.
- **Most recent capital work:** South Shore received technology upgrades in 2001 and roof repair in 2004.
- **Planned capital work:** The BEX II program originally planned to completely renovate the building in 2005 to house The New School's K-8 program. This project is currently on hold pending resolution of facility use.
- **Self-Help projects of note:** (indentations on bubbles)
  - **The New School:** Some interior painting and cosmetic upgrades.

- **South Lake:** Entryway garden in collaboration with District gardener.
- **Comments:** South Shore opened in 1973 as the District’s first open concept middle school. It was closed in June 1999 as a middle school, and reopened in September 1999 as an alternative school (South Lake) and interim site. The New School opened at South Shore in 2002.

**C. Enrollment/Demographics**

**Enrollment**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>The New School</b>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	46	104	151	160
<b>South Lake</b>	127	157	151	147	137	130

**Current Student Demographics: The New School**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Ethnic Group:</b>		
<b>White</b>	22	14.6
<b>Non-White</b>	129	85.4
<b>Asian</b>	44	29.1
<b>Black</b>	70	46.4
<b>Latino</b>	14	9.3
<b>Native American</b>	1	0.7
<b>Free and Reduced Lunch eligible</b>	65	43.0
<b>Bilingual served</b>	38	25.2
<b>Special Education served</b>	1	0.7

**Current Student Demographics: South Lake High School**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Ethnic Group:</b>		
<b>White</b>	18	13.1
<b>Non-White</b>	119	86.9
<b>Asian</b>	37	27.0
<b>Black</b>	69	50.4
<b>Latino</b>	10	7.3
<b>Native American</b>	3	2.2
<b>Free and Reduced Lunch eligible</b>	84	61.3
<b>Bilingual served</b>	0	0.0
<b>Special Education served</b>	25	18.2

**SECTION 2: RECOMMENDATION AND IMPACTS**

- A. Recommendation:** Repurpose South Shore for a neighborhood middle school; relocate South Lake to a separate facility on the same site. Relocate The New School

as a K-5 neighborhood school to Dearborn Park and incorporate The New School methodology at Dearborn Park.

Temporarily co-locate South Lake Alternative High School and Re-entry programs at Rainier Beach; return to South Shore site in 2007.

**B. Financial Effects**

- Initial Savings: \$303,915
- On-going Savings: (\$16,672)

**C. Educational Impact**

The New School

The New School at South Shore is currently a preschool through second grade program that is expected to grow into a preschool through grade eight program. The program is located in the South Shore building, along with the South Lake alternative high school and re-entry programs.

The New School program is endowed by the New School Foundation, and the dollars provided by that endowment provide additional services not found in traditional schools, such as an extended school calendar (200 days of school) and a smaller class size (17:1 student/teacher ratio). The recommendation to relocate The New School to the Dearborn Park building comes from two main rationales: first, The New School's philosophy fits well with the established philosophy and program at Dearborn Park; and second, the South region of the city needs a neighborhood middle school, and the South Shore building fits that need. Additionally, the recommendation to make the program K-5, not K-8, fits with the original program development, as the school was developed as a K-5.

Philosophically The New School and Dearborn Park are a good match. Dearborn Park has a concentration of Bilingual/English Language Learners (ELL), and The New School curriculum is thought to be a good match for Bilingual/ELL students, especially when coupled with the 'Guided Language Acquisition Design' (GLAD) program and trained teachers that currently exist at Dearborn Park. The Dearborn Park building is located on land that includes a forest and wetlands, which offers students the opportunity to participate in an established environmental program, and Dearborn Park's established project-based program will blend well with The New School's program. Last, combining The New School and Dearborn Park allows the continuation of Dearborn Park's certified Advanced Learning Opportunities (ALO) program, which The New School does not currently have. It is anticipated that these two programs, which complement each other well, will quickly develop into one cohesive program that embraces the best of the original programs.

From a capacity standpoint, The New School needs to move from the South Shore building. There are two neighborhood middle schools in the South region (Aki Kurose and Mercer), but additional seats are needed to accommodate all the students who live in the region. South Shore was originally built as a middle school, and the

recommendation to move The New School to Dearborn Park (and a concurrent recommendation to temporarily relocate South Lake) frees up the South Shore building for renovation back to a neighborhood middle school.

### South Lake

The South Lake Alternative High School and Re-entry programs are currently co-located (with The New School) in the South Shore Building. South Shore was originally built as a middle school, and with the increasing demand for middle school seats in the South region, it is recommended that the South Shore building be returned to its original designation. In order to do this, we recommend that The New School be relocated to Dearborn Park (see The New School profile for that discussion), and that South Lake be moved into a dedicated building on the South Shore property.

For South Shore to become a middle school, extensive renovations must be made. Those renovations cannot be made while South Lake students are in the building. Therefore, to accommodate the renovation, we recommend co-locating the South Lake programs with Rainier Beach High School for the 2006-07 academic year. The school would return to the South Shore site for the 2007-08 year, when their dedicated building would be complete.

Because the South Shore property is quite close to Rainier Beach High School, students attending South Lake have an opportunity to access classes and activities at Rainier Beach. During the year that South Lake is co-located with Rainier Beach, students will continue to have access, and it is anticipated that the South Lake students and staff will develop positive learning and working relationships with the Rainier Beach students and staff. Additionally, because the temporary location is so close to the recommended permanent location, it is anticipated that students and staff will not see a significant disruption of their daily routine.

Once the South Shore property is renovated, the South Lake programs will return to that property. While in general it is not highly desirable to co-locate middle and high school students, because the co-location will be in separate buildings, it is anticipated that this relationship can work. The permanence of the new South Lake home will also serve to ensure that the longevity of the program is not an issue. The students can continue to access programs and services at Rainier Beach and, as described above, it is hoped that the relationships forged during their co-location will continue to benefit students and staff in the future.

### **D. Demographic and Integration Effects**

Under the proposed assignment plan changes, students will be assigned to their neighborhood schools and will also have an option to attend selected alternative schools. The New School is currently an elementary program with assignment preference for the South region. With the proposed repurposing of the South Shore building and the move of The New School methodology to Dearborn Park, The New School program will be housed at a neighborhood school and will no longer be a regional alternative school.

The elementary school students living in the current Dearborn Park reference area have larger proportions of non-white, free and reduced lunch, and bilingual students than the population currently attending The New School. Moving The New School program to Dearborn Park and ending its region draw would therefore increase the proportion of non-white, free and reduced lunch, and bilingual students in The New School program.

With the proposed repurposing of the South Shore building, South Lake high school will remain at the South Shore site and will continue to be an all-city alternative school, so no demographic changes are anticipated.

**Affected Reference Area Demographics**

Reference Area	Non-White		Free and Reduced Lunch		Bilingual	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dearborn Park	334	94.9	212	60.2	123	34.9

**E. Facility Effects**

- **Impacts to community use:** South Shore was jointly constructed with the Seattle Parks Department Rainier Beach Community Center and shares gymnasium facilities on a combination of City and District property. Additional planning is necessary to determine the before/after school program use.
- **Proposed site classification of the building:** No change (essential)

# New School (South Shore)



Student data are from the October 2004 P223Y enrollment extract that is supplied to the State. This includes all students regardless of program, as long as they are counted for state funding purposes (The New School enrollment shows pre-k). The cross-hatch shows areas that have both assignment priority and district provided transportation, and the hatch shows areas where only district transportation is provided under the current assignment plan. Gray shaded areas are priority and transportation provided areas under a newly proposed assignment plan.

Data in the table below show the number and type of students assigned to the school/program by each of the planning areas. For example, the first column shows the number of students living in the Northwest (NW) planning area that are attending the school. The column labeled 'In New Region' is the total number of students that are currently living in the proposed draw area for the school, and the 'Out of New Region' column shows the remaining students that will be outside this draw area.

The rows at the bottom of the table show the percentages for each of the demographic characteristics, with the total percentages at the far right. These totals show the types of students that will be impacted by the boundary change. Compare the percentages in the 'Total' column with the percentages in the 'In New Region' and 'Out of new Region' columns.

Column headings: NW (Northwest), NE (Northeast), QAMag (Queen Anne/Magnolia), C (Central), S (South), WS (West Seattle), UK (Unknown and Non-Resident).

**Legend**

SiteID

- ★ South Shore (11111Site)
- ⬆ Deaton Park (Proposed Site)
- Student

Current Clusters

- North
- Northeast
- Northwest
- Queen Anne/Mag
- Central
- South
- Southeast
- WS North
- WS South

Planning Regions

- Northeast
- Northwest
- Queen Anne/Mag
- Central
- South
- West Seattle

