



**DCPS Capital Improvement Program
Fact Sheet 17 September, 2003**

**Thomas Elementary School
650 Anacostia Ave., N.E.
New School Construction**

Background:

Neval Thomas Elementary School is an existing 82,100 square foot school, originally constructed in 1946, with additions in 1966 and 1971. In 1999, the school was identified as Tier One priority school, as part of the District of Columbia Public School Modernization Program. In the Fall of 2001, a site specific educational specification and feasibility study were completed for Thomas. The school and community recommended and approved the replacement scheme. The planned new school is programmed at 70,290 square feet, with a student capacity of 502. Swing space will not be required, as the new school will be built behind the existing building. Demolition of the existing school will occur after students and staff are relocated into the new school.

Status:

Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architects Engineers of Washington, D.C. is the architect. This design is complete. Construction proposals received but are significantly over the IGE. Cost reductions are being evaluated.

