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The Summer Project

Our work this summer includes:

- **Summer school for students** who have fallen behind in their studies.
- **Afternoon recreational opportunities** so that children have an alternative to staying in their small FEMA trailers.
- **Hot lunch** for children. In some cases this will be the only daily hot meal for these children.
- **Professional development for teachers** in support of new curriculum adopted before Katrina arrived.
- **Repairs of schools and homes** to help leverage the limited resources available to school districts and teachers.

The School Sites

We are working with three school districts and the New Orleans parochial schools.

**The MAX school**

The parochial schools in the New Orleans area were very hard hit. Schools need significant repair, and housing for the nuns and priests who teach at the schools was damaged as well. In order to meet the needs of their students, three historically African American Catholic schools have united on the least damaged campus, forming a combined school called the MAX school.

**St. Tammany Parish School District**

This district lost several school structures including one high school. In order to provide classrooms for all students, schools have had to be combined and school days shortened.

**St. Bernard Parish School District**

Every building in this school district was flooded by Katrina's storm surge. Originally operating 14 schools with almost 9000 students, the district is operating one school with 400 students.

**Jefferson Parish School District**

Many the buildings in this district were severely damaged by the hurricane. This district is also serving students displaced from the city of New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish.