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PATRICK DAVIS, FORMER COO AT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, JOINS PERKINS EASTMAN

In newly formed PE Strategies consulting group, Davis will collaborate with K12 clients in their strategic planning to navigate the future



Washington, DC (September 23, 2021) Global design and architecture firm Perkins Eastman announces that Patrick Davis, former Chief Operating Officer (COO) of District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), has joined the firm as Principal in the firm’s newly formed [PE Strategies](#) group.

In this role, Patrick will champion and evolve Perkins Eastman’s industry-leading approach to K-12 planning and design through data-driven and equity-focused strategic planning. With a unique understanding of the linkages between strategic planning and design and facility and student performance, Davis will bring rich expertise to Perkins Eastman and PE Strategies, which will help clients establish a vision and align their assets and resources with their future needs.

“Working with Perkins Eastman over the past seven years and over the course of nine projects, I have long admired their commitment to high-performance school design that prioritizes the experience, well-being, and outcomes of the students, teachers, and staff for whom these buildings exist,” said Davis. “Perhaps now more than ever K-12 schools have an opportunity—if not responsibility—to set the pace for the industry, and Perkins Eastman is in this vanguard. I am truly excited to contribute my knowledge and experiences to this dialogue with schools around the world.”

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As COO for DCPS, Davis oversaw all operational aspects of the school district, including portfolio planning, capital budget planning, the school modernization program, and facility management—for some 51,000 students, more than 7,000 educators and employees, and nearly 120 schools and campuses. DCPS is recognized as the fastest-improving urban school district in the country. Under his leadership, DCPS launched key initiatives that led to the creation of world-class learning environments for students in all eight wards. For DCPS, Davis oversaw the: development of five 6-year Capital Improvement Plans, averaging \$7B total; development of the DC Public Education 2018 Master Facility Plan; creation of Educational Specifications; and implementation of 40 school modernizations as part of the \$4B school modernization program. As part of the modernization program, Davis led the transformation of community and school engagement. Prior to this, Davis led GIS analysis and program development for Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) and was a key member of the team that developed a 10-Year 21st Century Buildings plan for BCPS, leading to a historic initial \$1B in funding for school modernizations.

“Patrick brings rich knowledge and leadership to our K-12 practice, and to PE Strategies,” said Sean O’Donnell FAIA, LEED AP, who leads the firm’s K-12 practice area. “Throughout our many collaborations, Patrick embraced and encouraged our research-based approach to design—which is to create buildings that not only reflect the schools’ academic cultures and look to the future, but also promote the health and well-being of both students and staff in order to enhance student outcomes. His experience and insights will be instrumental as our K-12 practice expands and as Perkins Eastman expands its offerings to clients across markets.”

In addition to helping launch PE Strategies, Davis joins Perkins Eastman at an exciting time for the K-12 practice area. The firm recently celebrated the openings of two schools in Washington, DC targeting net zero energy—Banneker Academic High School and West/John Lewis Elementary School—which would make them the first net-zero schools in the nation’s capital and in Perkins Eastman’s portfolio. Building on the Perkins Eastman/Drexel University research that included Davis’ involvement as a DCPS representative and that was [awarded the prestigious Latrobe Prize](#) in 2019, these schools are the next generation in Perkins Eastman’s portfolio of high-performance schools that link great design to improved student health and happiness—and, as a result, improved performance, enrollment, and graduation rates.

“We have always said that our projects actually begin long before we are engaged to start designing any one of the building types with which we work,” says Perkins Eastman Co-founder and Chairman Bradford Perkins FAIA, MRAIC, AICP. “Through the launch of PE Strategies, we are building on our 30-year history of serving as an advisor and partner to our clients at all scales, whether school districts or healthcare systems or entire metropolitan regions. Patrick is a natural and formidable addition to this history.”

ABOUT PERKINS EASTMAN

Perkins Eastman is a global design firm founded on the belief that design can have a direct and positive impact on people’s lives. The firm’s award-winning practice draws on its 1,100 professionals networked across 22 studios worldwide. By keeping the user’s needs foremost in the design process, the firm enhances the human experience across the spectrum of the built environment. For more information visit perkinseastman.com.

ABOUT PE STRATEGIES

PE Strategies builds on the multidisciplinary expertise and global platform of Perkins Eastman, and a 30-year history of serving as trusted advisors to healthcare and educational institutions, cities, and public agencies, and landowners to help the firm’s clients establish strategic priorities and align their assets and resources with future needs. PE Strategies brings a wide range of expertise and services to help advance project implementation, deal with change, and optimize organizational performance. Drawing on a full complement of analytical resources including award-winning research and data units, the firm is able to provide its clients with actionable insights to better understand the potential risks and rewards associated with major strategic initiatives.

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