



Roosevelt Brown, Chief Operating Officer

Roosevelt Brown joined the Kansas City, Missouri School District (KCMSD) as **Chief Operating Officer** in September 2009.

Brown has worked closely with some of the nation's most innovative superintendents to bring improved management practices to historically-troubled districts in **Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Prince Georges County, Md.** He honed those skills in his hometown of Chicago, where he attended Washburn Trade School through a carpentry program organized by a local union. Soon after graduation he established his own firm, the R Management & Construction Co.

In 1998, the Chicago Public Schools, under nationally-recognized superintendent Paul Vallas, tapped Brown to manage its district-wide "construction cluster." In this role, Brown administered all of the construction-related vocational programs for America's third-largest school district. He succeeded by forging innovative links between the Chicago Public Schools and local employers. In 2002, Brown became the district's Director of Career and Technical Education.

Building upon the practices he had developed in Chicago, Brown created partnerships with major Philadelphia-area employers, and transformed decrepit career-training facilities into state-of-the-art learning laboratories. These and other measures helped turn around Philadelphia's once-neglected vocational programs. Under Brown, vocational education enrollment grew from 12,000 students to 17,000 students in less than three years.

Once again, Brown's success led to new opportunities. When one of Vallas's top administrators, Creg Williams, became the superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools, he asked Brown to join him. Brown served as executive director of facilities and planning, and then as deputy chief operating officer and buildings commissioner.

After leaving St Louis in July 2006, Brown then accepted the Chief Operating Officer position in Prince Georges County, Md., the nation's 17th largest school district with more than 140,000 students. Brown oversaw the departments of safety, real estate; maintenance; plant operations; food and nutrition services; planning and architectural services; transportation and central garage services with a budget of nearly \$400 million.

In 2007, Brown then left Prince Georges County Schools for a very unique opportunity, to assist in the rebuilding efforts in New Orleans Recovery School District after Hurricane Katrina. Brown worked for Alavarez & Marsal, a consulting firm hired by the state of Louisiana to assist in the rebuilding of schools. As the director of construction, Brown was responsible for reconstruction and demolition of all schools damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Brown's next step was the executive director of facilities management position in Jefferson County, Colo., an affluent school district with more than 90,000 students. Beginning in February 2009, Brown managed a \$100 million annual operating budget dedicated to buildings, grounds, maintenance, custodial, environmental and real estate services for more than 150 buildings in Jefferson County.

Roosevelt Brown has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Operations from DeVry Institute of Technology, and a Masters of Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Business.