



Cuyahoga Falls City School District

6-12 Campus Project Update

Our Mission: "Every Student, Every Day, Every Opportunity"



★ We Are Here

Since the October 19th "schematic intent" event was cancelled, here is a snapshot from the presentation!

While school design officially started in April 2021, this project actually stretches back to the Spring of 2015, when the master plan was submitted. Then in November 2019, the community approved a Bond issue to fund the project. The finished building is scheduled to open for the 2025-2026 school year.

NEWBERRY PROGRESS

You will soon see activity on the site, starting with abatement of the Newberry School. The district will be hosting an online auction to sell various loose items in the building. Watch District social channels for more information soon!



Abatement, which is the removal of certain harmful building materials (including asbestos) happens prior to demolition. Once complete, building services will be discontinued, and the school will be locked and secured through the remainder of the winter months. Final demolition of the building will be a part of the full campus site development work to be completed next year.



AN "ITERATIVE" PROCESS

Architectural design is an **iterative process**. It involves generating many potential solutions and quickly refining the best ones, while dismissing those that don't satisfy project goals. For those working in the creative fields, this is a familiar process. A variety of schemes have been developed and are being refined to best understand if they meet the needs of the district, while staying within budget.

COST ESTIMATION

Hammond Construction is providing cost estimate analyses, ensuring designs stay within budget. Due to the **current economic climate**, the construction industry is facing several supply-chain issues, labor shortages and inflationary concerns. The team is working to identify all potential risks to the project and will develop mitigation strategies into the final plan.

Newberry Elementary:

Do you have memories from Newberry Elementary? We would love to hear from you before it's demolition!

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND SCHEMATIC INTENT OF BUILDING

A great deal of time has been spent on the inner workings of the building. Classrooms will follow a "pod" structure, with various grades broken down into small communities known as "neighborhoods," "villages" and "communities." Each of these differently sized pods represents a self-contained learning environment where students will spend most of their time. "Neighborhoods" are the smallest and contain classrooms, an open collaborative space and small group room. "Villages" and "neighborhoods" are larger but contain similar academic spaces.

Key Points on School Design

- ▶ Dividing spaces into "learning pods," allows students to interact with a core group of peers, while diminishing the scale of the building.
- ▶ 6th Grade, Middle School and High School "pods" are separated from each other, but can still share common spaces.
- ▶ This facility could be considered two different buildings under one roof.
- ▶ Pooling educational resources offers expanded opportunities for all.

"When will my child be in the new building?"

| STUDENT'S CURRENT GRADE | STUDENT'S GRADE WHEN NEW BUILDING IS OPEN |
|-------------------------|---|
| 2021 / 22 | 2025 / 26 |
| 2nd grader | 6th grader |
| 3rd grader | 7th grader |
| 4th grader | 8th grader |
| 5th grader | 9th grader |
| 6th grader | 10th grader |
| 7th grader | 11th grader |
| 8th grader | 12th grader |

EXISTING SITE AND VISIONING

The site is a **45 acre plot in Cuyahoga Falls**. While steeply graded, the Bolich Middle School, Newberry Elementary School and Laybourne Field are scheduled to be demolished with the new 6-12 building planned to occupy the site, along with a Performing Art Center and new athletic facility.

During Educational Visioning, the community identified goals for the site which included maintaining some of Newberry Park and allowing the new building to have a visual presence on Portage Trail, with athletic facilities being located towards the Park. These ideas **are being incorporated** into the design.



Newberry Park:

Do you regularly use Newberry Park? We would love to hear your thoughts on how this park could be used!

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