

Master Plan Update 9

January 26, 2009

Segment 5 and beyond

The new Master Plan guiding the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's school renovation and replacement program was approved by the Ohio School Facilities Commission in late November 2008. The approval allowed the District to begin work on the 11-school Segment 5 of the 10-segment program (for details, see Program Progress Update 9, January 26, 2009).

The District plans to begin architectural planning of Segment 5 schools immediately and of the five Segment 6 schools late this year.

The Bond Accountability Commission offers the following notes regarding these developments:

Core Teams. We have often asserted that community support is vital to the facilities program's success and that community engagement – the process of soliciting and responding to the ideas and opinions of the city's residents – is crucial to gaining that support. It is important now for the District to vigorously recruit neighborhood Core Teams to monitor and advise the District on the planning and development of each school, segment by segment. Core Teams will work with the architects.

In the words of the District's community relations manager, "A Core Team is a group of school-based individuals representing the large community who provide input into the design of the school. In addition, the Core Team provides output by reporting to the larger school and neighborhood community regarding actual design and construction."

In November 2008, school principals in each of the Segment 3, 4 and 5 schools were asked to assemble Core Teams including the principal, the Student Parent Organization president, parents of current students, students, Cleveland Teachers Union representative, the District-employed family liaison, City Council representatives, religious leaders, Community Development Organization director, city planning liaison, ward club leader, civic club representatives, neighborhood residents, business partners, and city Building and Housing Department representative.

If that is done, the Core Teams will be a great improvement over previous rosters, which were predominantly employees of the District. We are awaiting an update from the District on the recruitment effort. Meanwhile, **anyone wishing to participate on a Core**

Team should contact the principal of their neighborhood's school or their children's school. For a list of schools, their principals and phone numbers, see <http://www.cmsdnet.net/Schools/SchoolList.aspx> Click on your school of interest.

A complete segment list for the new Master Plan is attached to this report.

Building Program Web site. The District's Web pages for the building program are in serious need of updating. For example, the new Master Plan is not shown. The segment-by-segment list of schools is for the defunct Master Plan. The last Construction Manager's report posted was for February 2008. The Core Team lists have not been updated. We are told that the District will be unveiling an entirely new Web site, which will provide a good opportunity to give current information on the building program. In the meantime, see the latest Bond Accountability Commission postings on the program at <http://net.cmsdnet.net/administration/BAC.htm>

West Side Relief High School. Several potential sites have been identified for the new school. The search had been led by the District's chief operating officer, who has resigned. The effort will now be coordinated by the District's deputy chief of capital projects and the chief executive officer. Once the architects have been selected for Segment 5, they will do feasibility studies of the sites and help prepare cost/benefit analysis of the options.

Max Hayes High School. Part of the designated Hayes site at West 65th St. and Walworth Ave., previously purchased by the District as a potential location for the West Side Relief High School, is contaminated by chemicals from a former dry-cleaning plant. Several members of the Board of Education have expressed concern about this.

The District Administration has expressed the preliminary view that, based on reports from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and consultants, the contaminated portion can safely be used for the school after minimal excavation and covering the area with a parking lot. Groundwater contamination was not regarded as a major problem, because the school will not use well water. However, administrators have promised to undertake a thorough study of the issue and publicly share the findings, including OEPA reports.

Financial issues. Although the District has the money to pay architects for Segment 5, it will not be able to proceed with construction co-funded by the Ohio School Facilities Commission until it is able to raise more funds through sale of bonds authorized under Issue 14. The District plans to issue \$55 million in Issue 14 bonds this spring, which would provide the required construction money for Segments 5, 6 and at least part of 7. However, given the state of the national economy and turmoil in the credit markets, the success of the \$55 million issue is not absolutely assured.

The District Administration estimates the cost of the 10-segment program outlined in the new Master Plan at \$1.47 billion, including the two-thirds share of basic costs paid by the OSFC. It estimates that the \$335 million in Issue 14 funds approved by District voters in May 2001 will be exhausted by the end of Segment 7 (It may be sooner) and that \$217 million in additional local tax money will be needed to complete the final three segments.

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Building	Enroll	Scope	Segment 4 Fall 06 -Fall 09			Segment 7 Spring 09-Spring 12		
Segment 1			Adlai Stevenson	450	New			
Andrew J Rickoff	720	New	Anton Grdina	540	New	Brooklawn	450	New
Memorial	631	New	Charles Dickens	450	New	Denison	720	New
Miles Park	650	New	Charles H. Lake	400	New	Empire	450	New
Riverside	436	New	Euclid Park	351	New	Woodland Hills	450	New
John Hay	1,232	Renovate	G.W. Carver	450	New	Emile B. deSauze	450	New
Warm, Safe, Dry		Improve	Mound	450	New	Watterson-Lake	450	New
East High gym		Renovate	Nathan Hale	400	New	Iowa-Maple	350	New
Successtech	400	Renovate	Robert H. Jamison	450	New	Subtotal	3,320	
John Adams	1,335	New	Thomas Jefferson	785	New			
Subtotal	5,404		Subtotal	4,726		Segment 8 Spring 10-13		
Segment 2			Segment 5 Summer 08- Spring 11					
Daniel E. Morgan	480	New	Charles A. Mooney	650	New	Clara E. Westropp	720	New
Franklin D. Roosevelt	1,115	Renovate	CSA preK-12	1,000	New	Clark	540	Reno/Add
Hannah Gibbons	351	New	Almira	450	New	Dike	450	New
Mary B. Martin	490	Renovate	Louisa May Alcott	192	Reno	<i>Joseph M. Gallagher</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>New</i>
Mary M. Bethune	500	Reno/Add	Max Hayes	800	New	Marion-Sterling	490	Reno/add
Warner	570	New	Forest Hill Parkway	350	New	Subtotal	2,740	
James Rhodes	1,005	Renovate	Orchard School of Sc	450	New	Segment 9 spring 11-14		
Subtotal	4,511		Miles	450	New	Bolton	350	Reno
Segment 3			John Marshall HS	1,400	New	Glenville	1,150	New
Artemus Ward	450	New	Paul L. Dunbar	450	New	McKinley	450	New
Burher	350	New	West Side Relief HS	600	new	Walton	450	New
East Clark	450	New	Subtotal	6,792		Waverly	450	New
Garfield	426	New	Segment 6 Spring 08-Spring 11			William Cullen Bryant	600	Reno/add
Harvey Rice	450	New	Alexander Graham Be	350	New	Subtotal	3,450	
Patrick Henry	450	New	Case	375	Reno	Segment 10 Spring 12-15		
Robinson G. Jones	450	New	Giddings	450	New	Buckeye-Woodland	350	New
Wade Park	501	New	Gracemount	450	New	East Tech	431	Reno
Willson	574	New	Paul Revere	450	New	Marion C. Seltzer	423	Reno/Add
Subtotal	4,101		Subtotal	2,075		Willow	450	New
						H. Barbara Booker	450	New
						Scranton	350	Reno
						Carl and Louis Stokes	450	New
						<i>Luiz Munoz Marin</i>	<i>720</i>	<i>New</i>
						Subtotal	3,624	
						TOTAL	40,743	

The Italic Schools need OSFC approval to build new vs. renovation

Maintain-only K-8 and high schools

Agassiz	Owens	Addams HS						
Audubon*	Pasteur	Collinwood HS*						
Baker*	Perry	East HS*						
Benesch	Raper	G. Morgan HS						
Clement	Rockefeller	Ginn Academy (Health Careers)						
Cranwood	Roth	Kennedy HS						
Davis	Spellacy	Lincoln-West HS						
Eliot	Sunbeam	MLK HS						
Franklin*	Tremont*	Shuler HS						
Fullerton*	Union	South HS						
Fulton	Valley View	Young 6-12						
Halle	White							
Harper	Wright							
Hart	*Limited improvements planned beyond routine maintenance, \$2 million to \$5 million each							
Hawthorne								
Howe								
Ireland								
Kentucky								
Landis								
Longfellow								
MacArthur								
Mt. Pleasant								
Orr	Bond Accountability Commission reports: http://net.cmsdnet.net/administration/BAC.htm							