



Moves



**Move Stonebrook-White Montessori into the
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Building**

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Overview of School Action



Moving Stonebrook-White Montessori to the Stephanie Tubbs Jones building will benefit current students through a higher quality building and potentially attract more students to this district-wide specialty school

Stonebrook-White Montessori

- Offering a Montessori option on the East Side is aligned with CMSD's vision for K-8 specialty school options
- Stonebrook-White Montessori is currently located in a poor condition building; moving Stonebrook-White Montessori into the Stephanie Tubbs Jones building will provide students with immediate access to a proximate building in good condition
- Students will continue to have the option of transportation from any home address to this district-wide specialty model
- Additionally, welcoming interested Stephanie Tubbs Jones students to remain in the building will support increased enrollment and an improved student experience
- The Stephanie Tubbs Jones building¹ will be renamed Michael R. White Montessori to continue to promote the specialty model of this school and Mayor White's legacy

¹ This building was renamed in 2022 through a thoughtful, community-informed process, and the name Stephanie Tubbs Jones will endure as the new name for the current FDR building

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Moving School Data: Stonebrook-White Montessori



How the data informed the recommendation		
Building Condition Score	● 50 → ● 83	- The CMSD-owned Michael R. White building is in unsatisfactory condition, lacks A/C, and would need significant investments to stay open; the 2nd building used for this school is leased - The Stephanie Tubbs Jones building is in good condition (score of 83)
Choice Options	Montessori	- Montessori is a research-based model that uses a child-centered approach with hands-on, self-directed learning in multi-grade classrooms, starting in PreK - Students currently served at Stephanie Tubbs Jones have strong options at nearby neighborhood schools, including their paired welcoming school (FDR), or can take action in the School Choice process to stay in their current building if Montessori is the right fit for them

Building Condition Score

- Like New/Good >80
- Fair/Poor 60-80
- Unsatisfactory <60

Current state at Stonebrook-White Montessori		
K-8 Enrollment (SY 24-25)	321	Enrollment is very low compared to the 450-student target for K-8s - This move is designed to help increase enrollment at this district-wide specialty school
Enrollment Trend (2021-2025 ¹)	-8%	Enrollment has fallen, but at a less significant rate than the district median (-12%) - Trends will be monitored closely to ensure that there is sufficient demand for sustaining this model

¹ Michael R. White and Stonebrook Montessori merged in 2020, so the trend calculation begins after this merger.

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Student Experience



Moving Stonebrook-White Montessori into the Stephanie Tubbs Jones building will **allow all students access to additional courses beyond art, music, and PE – along with expanded sports**

	Stonebrook-White Montessori SY 2025-26	Michael R. White Montessori (Stephanie Tubbs Jones building) SY 2026-27	
 Course options	4	4 or more	} <i>Students will have more academic and extracurricular opportunities available to them, in part because the improved building condition, including A/C, offers a path to more sustainable enrollment to support expanded course and sports options</i>
 Sport options	3	4 or more	

Additionally, in school year 2026-27, Michael R. White Montessori will offer:



More options and better participation in **clubs and extracurricular activities**



Continued student supports to meet the academic, physical and mental health, and language needs



Space and support for students served in **self-contained special education and PreK classrooms**

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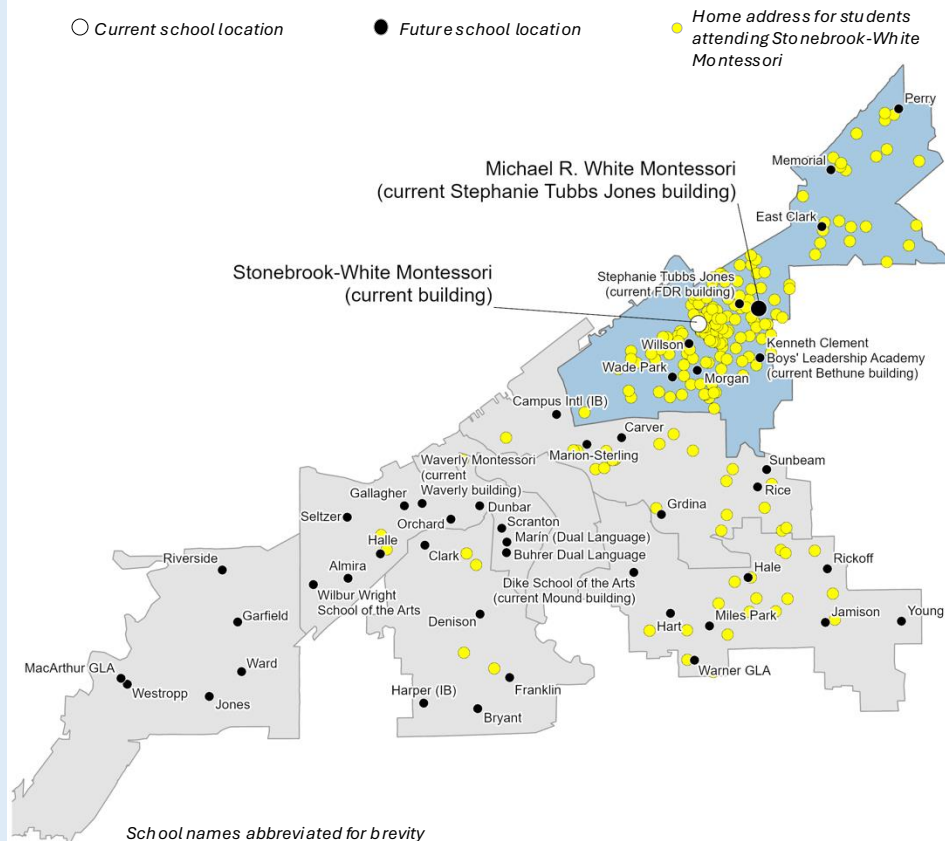
Map View



Students at **Stonebrook-White Montessori** have a **reserved seat at Michael R. White Montessori** (current Stephanie Tubbs Jones building)

Star rating	★★★ (Stonebrook-White)
Building condition score	83 (Stephanie Tubbs Jones building)
Address	11901 Durant Ave
Distance between schools	1.6 miles
Transportation*	Montessori schools are district-wide specialty schools. All in-district students are eligible for district-wide transportation, regardless of their home address. Current Stonebrook-White Montessori students will continue to receive district-wide transportation to the Stephanie Tubbs Jones building.

*All students with transportation-related accommodations on their IEP will continue to receive transportation, regardless of where they live.



If you would like to explore other options, students currently at Stonebrook-White Montessori will also receive first priority for *available seats at all schools they are eligible to attend* during the School Choice application process, which launches in January.

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Looking Ahead



Moving school

Stonebrook-White Montessori students in grades K-7 do **not need to participate in School Choice** to continue enrollment at Michael R. White Montessori.

If you would like to explore other options, students currently at Stonebrook-White Montessori will also receive first priority for *available seats* at all other schools during the School Choice application process.

In addition to current Stonebrook-White students who will move to the Stephanie Tubbs Jones building, current Stephanie Tubbs Jones students who want to stay at this location will be able to enroll in available seats.

All current 8th graders across CMSD will continue to be supported in making a high school choice.

Special education single classrooms will still be offered at multiple schools in every region. Families whose children are in these specialized classrooms will get additional outreach and support to enroll.



School choice

Families can use the CMSD School Finder and School Choice Book to better understand their options starting in December.

School Choice will launch in January and run through the end of February.



Leadership

Principals for the 2026-27 school year will be appointed in December.



Staff

Staff assignments will be confirmed in Spring 2026, following the School Choice process.

School staff will move to the new location in alignment with our contractual obligations, enrollment, and the needs of the student community.



School community

Students, families, and staff will have opportunities to connect and collaborate around the future of the unified school community over the course of the spring and summer before the start of the 2026-27 school year.