

Out with the old, in with the new



Innes

History: Built in 1959. Named for Walter Innes, a 1926 graduate of Kenmore High School who taught physical education and history in the district. He served in the Army during World War II and was killed in combat in France in 1944.

Address and cluster: 1999 East Ave., Kenmore.

Plans for school: Building is the first under the district's project to be renovated, rather than torn down and rebuilt. Updated school will have three additions.

Estimated cost: \$20,640,316.

Square feet: 129,481.

Number of students: 800 students in sixth through eighth grades.

Architect: TC Architects, one of six firms that make up the Akron Architectural Group.

Existing building



Design details: Existing school is L-shaped. A

25,000-square-foot cafeteria will be added to the back, which will create a loop, allowing two-way traffic around the building. Will be smaller additions for offices by the front entrance and an art room. Inside and outside of the school will be renovated.

Swing space: Sixth-graders will attend Heminger Elementary, while seventh- and eighth-graders will go to Margaret Park Elementary. Heminger and Margaret Park will be closed at the end of this school year.

Barber

History: Built in 1929. Named for George Barber, who founded the Barber Match Co. with his son, O.C. Barber. When George Barber died, the company was making one-fifth of the "strike anywhere" matches in the United States.

Address and cluster: 665 Garry Road, East.

New school location: Existing school will be torn down and a new one built in the same location.

Existing building



Estimated cost: \$11,785,710.

Square feet: 68,407.

Number of students: 484 students in

New building



kindergarten through sixth grade.

Architect: Moody-Nolan Inc., one of six firms that make up AAG.

Design details: Two-story, split level, with a

mix of the traditional and contemporary. Two classroom wings will be dark brown brick or concrete masonry that looks like brick. The center portion, including the library, will be lighter brick or concrete masonry. Library will feature multicolored glass windows of varying shapes at staggered heights.

Swing space: Students will share space in the current Jennings Middle School with Barber school students. (Jennings students are expected to move to a new building next door in the fall.)

Findley

History: Built in 1906. Named for Samuel Findley, who was named Akron's superintendent in 1868, serving in that role for 15 years. After his retirement, he was editor of Ohio Educational Monthly.

Address and cluster: 65 W. Tallmadge Ave., North.

New school location: Existing school will be torn down and a new one built in the same location.

Existing building



Estimated cost: \$11,766,044.

Square feet: 69,225.

Number of students: 450 students in

New building



kindergarten through fifth grade.

Architect: Braun & Steidl Architects Inc., one of six firms that make up AAG.

Design details: Two-story, red brick or concrete masonry building with light tan accents in an L-shape. Terra-cotta and stone pieces on the current school will be saved and incorporated into the new building, including a stone crest over the entrance. A popular skylight in the existing school also will be spared.

Swing space: Students will share space in the current Jennings Middle School with Findley school students. (Jennings students are expected to move to a new building next door in the fall.)

Leggett

History: Built in 1889, it is the oldest school in Akron. Named for Mortimer Leggett, Akron's first superintendent from 1847 to 1849. While serving in this role, he also was principal of the grammar school, earning \$500 a year. He was responsible for the organization of the Akron school system. When the school board wouldn't give him a raise, he resigned.

Address and cluster: 619 Sumner St., Central-Hower.

Existing building



New school location: North of the existing school.

Estimated cost: \$10,233,414.

New building



Square feet: 56,966.

Number of students: 400 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Architect: Hasenstab Architects Inc., one of six firms that make up AAG.

Design details: Contemporary look to fit in with its setting in University of Akron residential area. Two-story, dark brown brick or concrete masonry with blue metal wall panels, long, rectangular windows and a flat roof.

Swing space: Students will remain at the current school while the new one is built.

SOURCES: Akron Public Schools and What's in a Name?