

Plans for New Sunbeam School Revealed

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On May 6, the Cleveland Planning Commission reviewed conceptual designs for the new Sunbeam School. This new Pre-kindergarten through Grade 8 school will open in August 2018 for the 2018-19 school year.

The new school will be built on the site of the former Alexander Graham Bell School between Larchmere Boulevard and Mount Overlook Avenue at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Demolition of the former Jesse Owens School will begin in late June. It's the second of seven Pre-K-8 grade schools approved for construction as a part of the Cleveland Board of Education's Segment 7 agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC).

The 400-student, 90,060 square-foot facility will cost \$22 million. The new Sunbeam School features a universal design, which means all spaces in the school and on site are accessible to all students, half of whom manage physical, visual or cognitive impairments, have experienced a traumatic brain injury, or have other special education needs.

The new school is made possible thanks to the support of Cleveland residents who passed Issue 4 in November 2014. This \$200 million capital issue paved the way for the District to continue its relationship with the OFCC. The partnership enables the District to receive a 2-to-1 match for every dollar of local funds generated by Issue 4 to fund new or fully renovated school projects.

The design of the new school will meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Guidelines and contain dedicated art, music, and project lab classrooms along with a media center and pre-kindergarten classroom.