

ENVISION 2030 PROJECT UPDATES

September 2025

Construction is complete at the Richard L. Johnson Early Education Center! A ribbon cutting event hosted by the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce was held on August 27 to celebrate the culmination of the two-phase project. Superintendent Dr. Chad Phillips thanked the community for their support of the district's youngest learners before the guests of honor – four children enrolled at Johnson – cut the ribbon.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: Richard L. Johnson Early Education Center

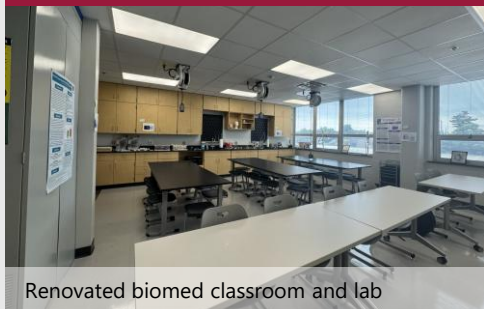


Dr. Phillips making closing remarks



Renovated classroom for toddlers

COLUMBUS NORTH HIGH

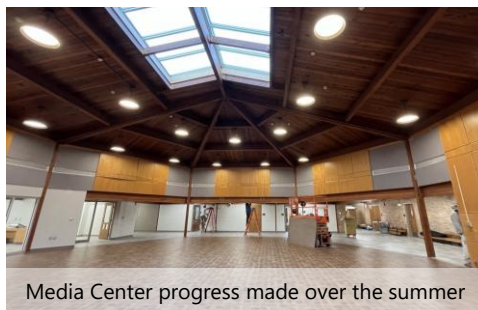


Renovated biomed classroom and lab

Summer work concluded at Columbus North High School with the creation of an expanded biomed classroom and lab that is used by the C4 program. The lab space was added to an existing classroom to provide students with a setting for hands-on learning and to enhance the area for direct instruction. New casework, lighting, finishes, and furniture were used in the space to support C4 program needs.

L. C. SCHMITT ELEMENTARY

Kindergartners and first graders have moved into their recently completed classrooms at Schmitt. These rooms, along with the media center and wellness offices, came online for the start of the school year. Work is ongoing on the east end of the building, as the two-story portion is currently being renovated for the upper grade levels. The project is scheduled to be complete in summer 2026.



Media Center progress made over the summer

NORTHSIDE MIDDLE



New small group roof off of science classroom

Heavy renovations are ongoing on the north portion of Northside. Drywall is being hung in classroom areas, separating each of the spaces and enclosing the newly-created small group rooms (above). Work on the first phase of classrooms, stairs, and corridors is anticipated to last through Spring Break 2026. The subsequent phase will address all three floors of the south portion of the original building.

L. FRANCES SMITH ELEMENTARY

Another gerbil tube is being added at Smith! The circulation tube will run through the new STEM commons and will connect the media center to the south end of the building. Concrete walls to create the STEM commons have been poured (below) and are intended to match both the original 1969 design by John Johansen and the 1997 addition by his son, Christen. The addition will take roughly one year to complete.



New concrete exterior wall

CENTRAL MIDDLE



Construction at new circulation desk

The media center renovation at Central will be wrapping up over Fall Break! Construction crews are currently finishing installation of the casework in the space, including a new, modernized circulation desk. A new green room, larger instructional area, and relocated technology office are also part of the overhaul of the space. A new maker space and set of wellness offices were completed over the summer and opened in August 2025.

COLUMBUS EAST HIGH

The C4 spaces in Columbus East are progressing on schedule. Renovations to the biomedical, nursing, and dental classrooms and labs are scheduled to be complete in early 2026. As those projects wrap up, a new addition will break ground to support the cosmetology, agricultural sciences, welding, and construction technology specialties, centralizing C4 offerings and providing improved facilities for growing enrollments.



New practice exam room in nursing lab

MAPLE GROVE ELEMENTARY

Crews from Pepper and Taylor Brothers Construction are almost ready to begin construction at Maple Grove Elementary. A groundbreaking event is planned for Wednesday, October 22 at 3:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Please join us just south of Westside Community Church to partake in the celebration of BCSC's newest building!

MT. HEALTHY ELEMENTARY

Get ready for major changes at Mt. Healthy! In an effort to improve safety, circulation, and acoustics, the existing open-concept classroom spaces will be receiving major modifications, including new walls, ceilings, and instructional technology. The project is in early design and will go to public bid in early 2026.

TAYLORSVILLE ELEMENTARY

Schematic design has commenced at Taylorsville! A teacher-led design team is meeting with design professionals to establish building needs and teacher preferences. Construction Manager, Meyer Najem, has begun phasing plans for construction, which is set to begin summer 2026.