

**Red Cedar Elementary School Updates  
Prepared for the RCAA Annual Meeting**

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- **Commitment to the community per the 2017 Elementary Bond Proposal**
  - Red Cedar will house early childhood programming, including...
    - Two Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) preschool classes that are currently housed in the district
    - Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) programming (currently one classroom)
    - Young 5s (previously known as Developmental Kindergarten or DK) – 1-2 classrooms
    - Possibly Head Start classes
    - Possibly tuition-based preschool
  - Red Cedar will house up to seven elementary classrooms (approx. 155 elem. students)
    - Red Cedar programming committee is currently brainstorming options, will be soliciting feedback through a survey and forum(s) and will make a recommendation to the Board of Education late summer/early fall regarding elementary structure and programming
- **Red Cedar Renovations**
  - Phase 1 renovations included mechanical upgrades, plumbing upgrades (water main, bathroom upgrades, fixtures), kitchen upgrades, barrier-free elements, office relocation and updates, masonry repair, roof repair, electrical (lighting, power, fire alarms, data cable, secure entrance), new ceiling and grid, generator for emergency lights, exterior and interior finishes (siding, windows, doors), some flooring replacement, painting, fire protection updates, HVAC (chiller, unit ventilators, boilers), extensive site work (bus curb cutout, parent pick-up/drop-off, parking, walkways), technology (installed from Glencairn), courtyard drainage
  - Phase 2 renovations will include flooring, furniture, casework, playground supplements and customization to fit the long-term programming
- **Red Cedar long-term programming and timeline**
  - 2019-20 – Red Cedar will house Pinecrest population during construction of a new PC
  - 2020-21 – RC will house Marble population during construction of a new Marble **OR** RC board-approved boundary will go into effect with preschool and elementary programming (decision will be made this fall after monitoring operations of two buildings on the Donley site)
  - Red Cedar Programming Committee is exploring scenarios including...
    - Alternate calendar to align with some MSU breaks
    - K – 5 multi-aged classrooms
    - Unique instructional program (such as Montessori or Reggio)

- **Board of Education approved Red Cedar Boundary – to be in effect once Red Cedar is no longer used as a swing school**
  - Currently approximately 90 K-5 students in this boundary, most of whom have elected to attend Glencairn this fall
  - Additional enrollment will come from in-district and/or out-of-district students who apply to be part of the Red Cedar Elementary School community.

