

FAST FACTS ABOUT OUR NEW PRESCHOOL

The Troy School is proud to announce the development of a brand-new Early Childhood Education Center, designed to serve hundreds of students who will benefit from the same world class education the district offers in the K-12 system.

The new building, expected to open in the fall of 2019, will be constructed on property the district owns behind the Niles Center at 201 W. Square Lake Road. It will include large classrooms with natural light and common spaces where multiple classes can come together to collaborate and share learning. Plans include several outdoor play areas as well as dedicated inside space for students to run, jump and play!

The entire facility is being designed around the needs of a 3-to-5-year-old child, instead of trying to retrofit classrooms meant for older students. This means we can plan the building around our curriculum and create spaces that will facilitate a literacy-rich environment with developmentally appropriate learning and plenty of room to explore. What's more—it will allow us to offer a high-quality preschool experience to significantly more students, children who now enter kindergarten without the benefit of a great early learning experience.

Most importantly, this new Early Childhood Education Center marks a turning point for preschool in the Troy School District. In August, the District made “Investing in the Learning of Pre-Kindergarten Students” one of its four key characteristics of a world class school district. This important development means much more than the construction of a building. Making early learning a top priority means the District is taking a comprehensive look at the programs we now offer—and how they can be made even better.

Teachers, administrators and curriculum specialists have worked diligently in two important areas. First, the TSD preschool curriculum—which has always been an excellent learning program for students—is being reimagined to fully align with the district's K-12 curriculum. This means a student who attends a TSD preschool will move seamlessly into Kindergarten, with the skills and background to make an easy and successful transition.

Second, the District is investing in the professional development of preschool teachers, offering additional training in literacy and other content areas, as well as inviting them to participate alongside K-2 teachers as team members, where curriculum is developed and ambitious outcomes are determined at every grade level.

This is a very exciting time for Early Childhood Learning in Troy. As we move forward, there will be opportunities for the public to see tour the facility and learn more about our world class early learning. Stay tuned for more updates as the journey unfolds!