

Repurposing portion of the *Building a Better Future* plan

Over the last several months, the *Building a Better Future* plan shared that an elementary school would be repurposed to serve pre-kindergarten grades, enrichment and community-based programming needs. After much research and consideration, **Crest View Elementary School has been chosen to be repurposed**. This means Crest View's students and staff will be moving schools in fall 2025—the start of the 2025-26 school year.

Multi-step process



This transition will be a multi-step process with **communication at the forefront to ensure that families and staff are fully informed** and able to make the best next step decisions. Crest View will continue to have elementary programming for 2024-25 school year. In June 2025, construction will begin to transition the site to serve pre-kindergarten grades, enrichment and community-based programming needs.

Opportunity to choose a school



Current Crest View families will have the opportunity to choose a **nearby school to continue their remaining elementary years** for fall 2025 and beyond. Expansive learning opportunities and supports are available amongst these three options: Edinbrook Elementary School, Fair Oaks Elementary School and Zanewood Community: A STEAM School.

Support along the way



This is understandably a significant change for our Crest View families and staff. Please know that our Osseo Area Schools team is fully **committed to supporting each Crest View family member on every step of this journey**. It's important to us that everyone feels cared for and heard along the way. We welcome and encourage the sharing of thoughts and questions throughout this process.

Crest View to continue serving families until the last day of school next year (June 2025).



Apr.
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2024

Family informational session



April
2024+

Reminders shared



May
2024+

Events to commemorate and celebrate Crest View



Sept.
2024

Family preview night at transferring schools



June
2025

Construction starts at Crest View



Sept.
2025

Crest View staff and students begin their new journeys at transferring schools

Frequently asked questions

more at: district279.org/repurposing

When will Crest View start being repurposed to serve pre-kindergarten grades, enrichment and community-based programming needs?

June 2025. This means Crest View will continue to have elementary programming for this school year—the 2024-25 school year. Current Crest View students and staff will begin their new journeys at transferring schools in September 2025—the start of the 2025-26 school year.

Where can families learn more about the fall 2025 transferring schools?

There are three schools that current Crest View families can choose to transfer to in the fall of 2025: Edinbrook Elementary School, Fair Oaks Elementary School and Zanewood Community: A STEAM School. Families can get a quick glance of each of these schools via eb.district279.org, fo.district279.org and zw.district279.org. The best way to learn about these schools is to attend the family preview night in late September or schedule an individual school tour. Individual tours can be set up by calling (Edinbrook at 763-493-4737, Fair Oaks at 763-533-2246 and/or Zanewood at 763-561-9077) or visiting school websites.

Will transportation be provided to/from fall 2025 transferring schools?

Yes. Families that choose one of the three fall 2025 transferring schools will receive free transportation services. This will remain in place until 2024-25 Crest View students reach fifth grade at their transferring school. Note: Transportation services in middle and high school would follow established practices. Many times this is dependent on a family's home address.

Are the school times the same for the fall 2025 transferring schools?

No, some of the school times are different from what's currently in place at Crest View. Current start times for the three transferring schools are: Edinbrook Elementary School is 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., Fair Oaks Elementary School is 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Zanewood Community: A STEAM School is 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

How should families notify the district of the school they'd like to transfer to in the fall of 2025?

Families must complete a Choice School Transfer Form for each of their current Crest View students and any kindergarteners scheduled to begin at Crest View this fall (2024-25 school year). The form will be available Oct. 1, 2024, which will be just a few days after the school preview night at transferring schools.

What will happen to Crest View staff?

The Crest View staff is still needed to service our students throughout the district. This means Crest View teachers and support staff will be transferring schools to fulfill educational needs. An established staffing process will be followed with some special considerations for Crest View staff.

Why was Crest View chosen to be the school to be repurposed to fulfill pre-kindergarten grades, enrichment and community-based programming needs?

Please know that many years of research brought our district to this point. Staff, students, parents/caregivers and community members have been a part of this journey.

For the last seven years the Enrollment and Capacity Management Advisory Committee (ECMAC) has consistently shared variations that exist with enrollment, capacity and building use and the need to address them. ECMAC and six other groups provided suggestions for the *Building a Better Future* plan that included several facility improvements and the repurposing of a school or schools. An Oversight Task Force then reviewed the work and made final recommendations to the school board using criteria in alignment with our district's mission and values. This finalized plan solidified the decision to move forward with an elementary repurposing.

Our Osseo Area Schools team has been working to determine which elementary school to repurpose since our community's support of *Building a Better Future* in 2023. Crest View has specifically been chosen for a variety of reasons, including its central location to neighborhood schools, opportunity to expand to offer more community services and lower student enrollment that is reaching unsustainable levels.

Where should thoughts or questions be directed?

Please don't hesitate to reach out at any time via BetterFuture@district279.org or 763-391-8990.



**Share your thoughts
or questions**

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