

Central Middle School Campus Connections – May 2025



About the School Building Campus Project

This is the first project bulletin. It serves as a vital update on the exciting projects and events taking place at Central Middle School this month. We encourage you to engage with the initiatives highlighted here, as your support and involvement can greatly enhance our school community. Together, we can achieve remarkable things!

The Town of Greenwich is finally realizing a new facility on the existing Central Middle School property with a new middle school serving the same 6th - 8th grade population. The new middle school will house up to 660 students in approximately 125,000 gross square feet in a two-story structure. The building is designed with safety flexibility, and sustainability in mind — goals generated in a Visioning Session with civic leaders, community members, and school faculty, in conjunction with the Educational Specification set forth by the Board of Education.

The First Floor will provide a secured main entrance, meeting the latest school safety guidelines, and will be the central hub for assembly spaces such as the Auditorium, Gymnasium, Media Center and Cafeteria. The Main Office, Nurse and Counseling suites, Visual and Performing Arts spaces, Family and Consumer Science, and Innovation Lab/Wood Shop will all be located on this level, conveniently accessed and shared by all students. The north side of the first floor is built into the hill and provides appropriate space for building services such as storage, mechanical and electrical rooms, the kitchen, and receiving area.

The Second Floor will house Academic Classrooms to support modern educational pedagogy. In comfortable climate-controlled areas with plenty of natural daylight, students will have the opportunity to participate in large groups, small groups, and individualized learning. Three well-defined academic pods are designed to support the two teams in each grade level. Between the pods, specialty services will be housed and on-grade access is provided to outdoor courtyard spaces nestled into the property's forested north hill.

The Site program is equally exciting with the redevelopment of the athletic fields to support baseball and softball fields, along with a new multipurpose field. New site circulation will provide

safe and separate drop off areas for buses and cars, as well as accessible pedestrian paths for student walkers from the new parking lots. The benefit of a long access driveway for vehicles utilizing the existing Indian Rock Lane curb cut, is that parent drop-off and pick-up cueing will be on the school property, rather than on the public roadways as is the current situation. Local traffic will be improved by this significant design change as well as all bus traffic entering and exiting the school property via new driveways on Orchard Street.

The new Central Middle School will be a dynamic learning center for generations of students.

The official groundbreaking ceremony took place on December 20, 2024 and work on the site commenced on January 16, 2025. This is a multi-phase 21-acre campus project with construction of the new school building in the first phase.

The following work has been accomplished:

- The construction fence was installed along the perimeter
- Turner Construction mobilized with onsite parking
- Trees approved for removal in Phase 1 by the Tree Warden were removed
- Site preparation activities including setting up trailers and implementing erosion control measures
- Topsoil stockpiled and removed
- Pre-blasting surveys for Phase 1 completed on adjacent structures
- Phase 1 of ledge drilling and blasting began in March and April and is substantially complete
- Multiple blasting notices were sent through multiple means to each household within 500' of the site. Required notifications were sent and acknowledged
- The truck route is Stanwich Road to Orchard Road, avoiding school drop-off and dismissal times (Monday – Friday)
- Installation of footings and foundations
- Site utilities installed
- Foundation system preparation and placement
- Processing of soils and rock crushing
- Removal of structurally unsuitable soils

Work anticipated in this month:

- Continue installation of foundation systems for building structure
- Backfill operations and waterproofing of foundation systems
 - Underground MEP (mechanical electrical and plumbing) systems where applicable
- Start of masonry at gymnasium
- Prep and planning for mobilization of structural steel starting
- Removal of structurally unsuitable soils
- Processing of soils and rock crushing

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