



Mergers



Merge Stephanie Tubbs Jones with Franklin D. Roosevelt

Recommendation: Merge Stephanie Tubbs Jones with FDR

Overview of School Action



Merging Stephanie Tubbs Jones with FDR will benefit both schools through a higher-quality student experience, including additional courses beyond art, music, and PE – along with expanded sports

Stephanie Tubbs Jones

- Stephanie Tubbs Jones's enrollment is unsustainably low and declining, limiting the school's ability to offer a robust student experience
- There are available seats in the region that are in good condition buildings and will allow for a higher-quality student experience
- Specifically, students will have a reserved seat at FDR, a school with a higher star rating (2.5 stars compared to Stephanie Tubbs Jones's 2 stars) housed in a larger building with investments in progress
- This building was renamed in 2022 through a thoughtful, community-informed process, and the name Stephanie Tubbs Jones will endure as the new name for the current FDR building

Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR)

- FDR is in a large building with investments in progress and a need for greater enrollment to sustainably offer more opportunities for students
- FDR will continue to serve students in its current location, welcoming students from Stephanie Tubbs Jones and will be renamed Stephanie Tubbs Jones

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Transitioning School Data: Stephanie Tubbs Jones



Transitioning School Data: Stephanie Tubbs Jones		How the data informed the recommendation
K-8 Enrollment (SY 24-25)	● 205	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enrollment is very low compared to the 450-student target for K-8s450 is the level at which a school can sustainably offer more opportunities for students
Enrollment Trend (2019-2025)	● -24%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enrollment has fallen at a more significant rate than the district median (-12%)
Building Condition Score	● 83	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The building was renamed in 2022, and the name Stephanie Tubbs Jones will follow students to the FDR building which will now bear that nameThe building is in good condition and is an ideal candidate for reuse as a CMSD specialty school, given its locationThis building will become Michael R. White Montessori, which is a district-wide specialty school
Building Planning Capacity	510	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The building is large enough to hold 2 classes per gradeWhile the building is large enough to hold 2 classes per grade, enrollment is below the building's planning capacity, requiring resources that could otherwise be used for students and staff

K-8 Enrollment

- Strong (>450)
- Low (360-450)
- Very low (<360)

Enrollment Trend

- >0% growth
- 0-12% decline
- >12% decline

Building Condition Score

- Like New/Good >80
- Fair/Poor 60-80
- Unsatisfactory <60

Building Planning Capacity

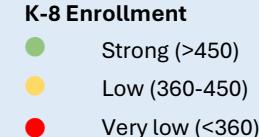
- Below 450

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Welcoming School Data: FDR



Welcoming School Data: FDR		How the data informed the recommendation
K-8 Enrollment (SY 24-25)	● 356	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enrollment is very low compared to the 450-student target for K-8s450 is the level at which a school can sustainably offer more opportunities for students
Enrollment Trend (2019-2025)	● -20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enrollment has fallen at a more significant rate than the district median (-12%)Continued enrollment decline threatens the ability to provide a robust student experience in the future
Building Condition Score	● 79	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The building is in fair condition and will continue to serve the community as a K-8 school with planned and in-progress investmentsThe investments will move the building condition score from Fair to Good, allowing students to be served in an upgraded buildingThe building will be renamed Stephanie Tubbs Jones
Building Planning Capacity	1,035	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The building is large enough to hold 4 classes per gradeAchieving strong enrollment will ensure this space is used most effectively for students



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Student Experience



Merging Stephanie Tubbs Jones with FDR will **allow all students access to additional courses beyond art, music, and PE – along with expanded sports**

	Stephanie Tubbs Jones SY 2025-26	FDR SY 2025-26	FDR (merged) SY 2026-27	
 Course options	3	3	4 or more	 <i>Students will have more academic and extracurricular opportunities available to them</i>
 Sport options	6	7	7 or more	

Additionally, in school year 2026-27, FDR will offer:

-  More options and better participation in **clubs and extracurricular activities**
-  **Continued student supports** to meet academic, physical and mental health, and language needs
-  Space and support for students served in **self-contained special education and PreK classrooms**



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Map View

Students at **Stephanie Tubbs Jones** have a **reserved seat** at Franklin D. Roosevelt

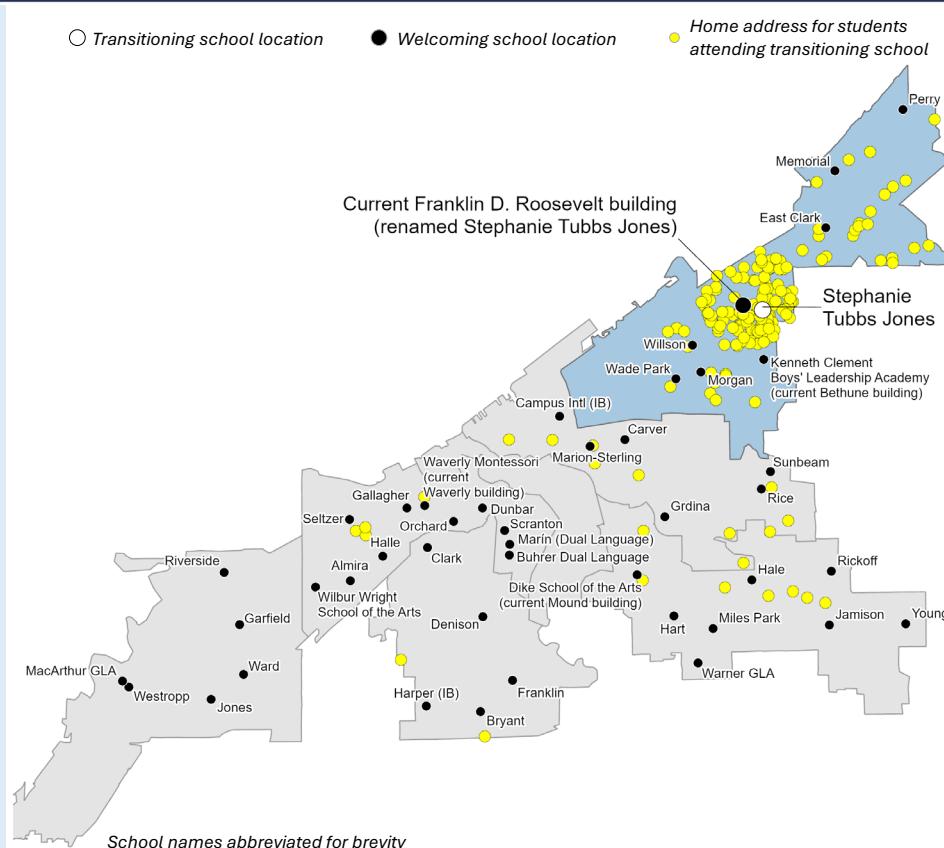
Star rating ★★½

Building condition score 79

Address 800 Linn Dr

Distance between schools 0.6 miles

Transportation* Current Stephanie Tubbs Jones students who accept this reserved seat and reside within 3 miles of Stephanie Tubbs Jones and more than a mile from FDR are eligible for transportation to FDR for SY 26-27 and SY 27-28.



If you would like to explore other options, students currently at Stephanie Tubbs Jones will also receive first priority for *available seats at all schools they are eligible to attend* (including the Montessori school that is relocating to the current Stephanie Tubbs Jones building) during the School Choice application process, which launches in January.

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Looking Ahead



Transitioning school

Stephanie Tubbs Jones students in grades K-7 have a reserved seat at FDR and first priority for *available seats* at all other schools during the School Choice Process (including the Montessori school that is relocating to the current Stephanie Tubbs Jones building).

Welcoming school

FDR students in grades K-7 do not need to participate in School Choice to remain at their current school.

All current 8th graders across CMSD will continue to be supported in making a high school choice.

Special education single classrooms will still be offered at multiple schools in every region. Families whose children are in these specialized classrooms will get additional outreach and support to enroll.



School choice

Families can use the CMSD School Finder and School Choice Book to better understand their options starting in December.

School Choice will launch in January and run through the end of February.



Leadership

Principals for the 2026-27 school year will be appointed in December.



Staff

Staff assignments will be confirmed in Spring 2026, following the School Choice process.

School staff teams will be merged in alignment with our contractual obligations, enrollment, and the needs of the merged student community.



School community

Students, families, and staff will have opportunities to connect and collaborate around the future of the unified school community over the course of the spring and summer before the start of the 2026-27 school year.