



## Moves



**Move Tremont Montessori into the Waverly Building**

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## Overview of School Action



**Moving Tremont Montessori to the Waverly building will benefit current students through a higher quality building and potentially attract more students to this district-wide specialty school**

### Tremont Montessori

- Offering a Montessori option on the West Side is aligned with CMSD's vision for K-8 specialty school options
- Tremont Montessori is currently located in a poor condition building; moving Tremont Montessori into the Waverly building will provide students with immediate access to a proximate building in good condition
- Students will continue to have the option of transportation from any home address to this district-wide specialty model
- Additionally, welcoming interested Waverly students to remain in the building will support the need for increased enrollment and an improved student experience
- Tremont Montessori will be renamed Waverly Montessori to continue to promote the specialty model of this school and reflect its new location

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Moving School Data: Tremont Montessori



How the data informed the recommendation		
<b>Building Condition Score</b>	● 54 → ● 89	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Tremont Montessori building is in <b>unsatisfactory condition</b>, lacks A/C, and would need significant investments to stay open</li><li>The Waverly building is in <b>good condition</b> (score of 89)</li></ul>
<b>Choice Options</b>	Montessori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Montessori is a research-based model that uses a <b>child-centered approach</b> with hands-on, self-directed learning in <b>multi-grade classrooms</b>, starting in Pre-K</li><li>Tremont Montessori is the first public elementary Montessori school in Ohio to receive accreditation from the American Montessori Society (AMS)</li><li>Students currently served at Waverly have strong options at nearby neighborhood schools, including their paired welcoming school (Gallagher), or can take action in the School Choice process to stay in their current building if Montessori is the right fit for them</li></ul>

## Building Condition Score

● Like New/Good >80

● Fair/Poor 60-80

● Unsatisfactory <60



Current state at Tremont Montessori and other context		
<b>K-8 Enrollment</b> (SY 24-25)	249	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Enrollment is very low</b> compared to the 450-student target for K-8s</li><li>This move is designed to help increase enrollment at this district-wide specialty school</li></ul>
<b>Enrollment Trend</b> (2019-2025)	-32%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enrollment has <b>fallen at a more significant rate</b> than the district median (-12%)</li><li>Trends will be monitored closely to ensure there is sufficient demand for sustaining this model</li></ul>

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Student Experience



Moving Tremont Montessori into the Waverly building will **allow all students access to additional courses beyond art, music, and PE – along with expanded sports**

	Tremont Montessori <small>SY 2025-26</small>	Waverly Montessori (Waverly building) <small>SY 2026-27</small>	
 <b>Course options</b>	5	5 or more	} <i>Students will have more academic and extracurricular opportunities available to them, in part because the <b>improved building condition, including A/C, offers a path to more sustainable enrollment to support expanded course and sports options</b></i>
 <b>Sport options</b>	2	4 or more	

## Additionally, in school year 2026-27, Waverly Montessori will offer:



More options and better participation in **clubs and extracurricular activities**



**Continued student supports** to meet the 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 **Tremont Montessori** have a **reserved seat at Waverly Montessori**

**Star rating** ★★½ (Tremont Montessori)

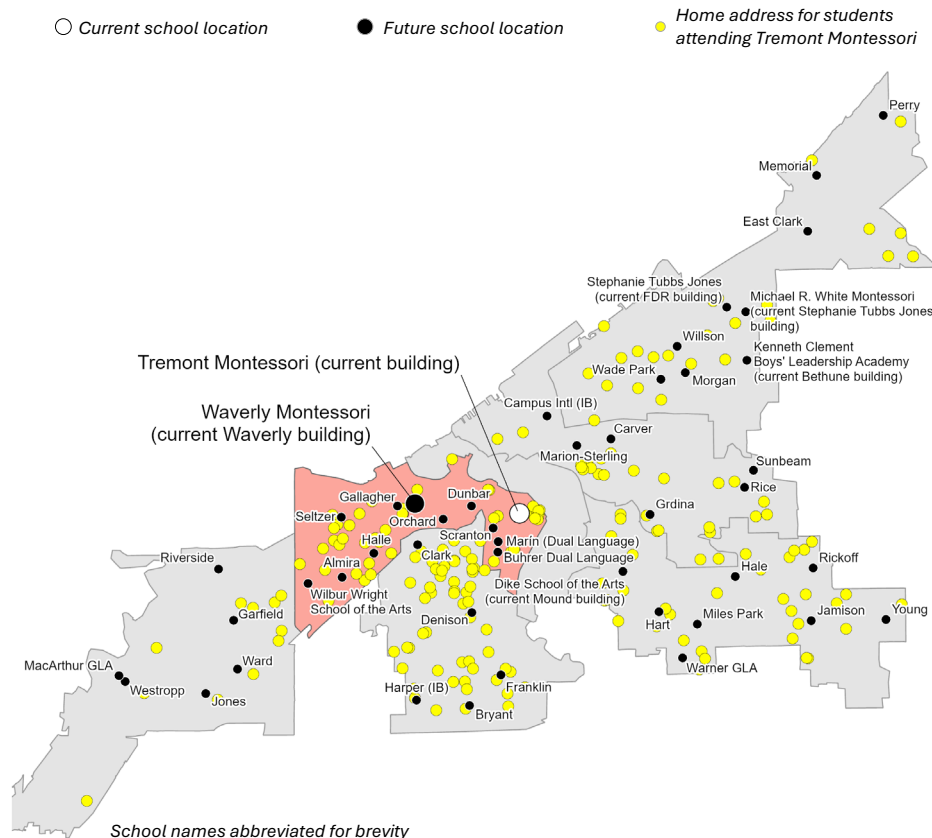
**Building condition score** 89 (Waverly building)

**Address** 1805 E 57th St

**Distance between schools** 2.7 miles

**Transportation\*** Montessori schools are district-wide specialty schools. All in-district students are eligible for district-wide transportation, regardless of their home address. Current Tremont Montessori students will continue to receive district-wide transportation to the Waverly building.

\*All students with transportation-related accommodations on their IEP will continue to receive transportation, regardless of where they live.



If you would like to explore other options, students currently at Tremont Montessori will also receive first priority for *available seats at all schools they are eligible to attend* during the School Choice application process, which launches in January.

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## Looking Ahead



### Moving school

Tremont Montessori students in grades K-7 do **not need to participate in School Choice** to continue enrollment at Waverly Montessori.

If you would like to explore other options, students currently at Tremont Montessori will also receive first priority for *available seats* at all other schools during the School Choice application process.

In addition to current Tremont students who will move to the Waverly building, current Waverly students who want to stay at this location will be able to enroll in available seats.

**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 will move to the new location in alignment with our contractual obligations, enrollment, and the needs of the 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.