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The Reginald R. Bennett Elementary School, Onteora Central's new school being constructed in Boiceville, is scheduled to be completed by August 1 of next year according to the architects, Reisner & Diamond. The announcement was made to the OCS school board at a meeting last Monday evening. The

14-room \$580,300 school will be ready for occupancy by elementary students when school opens next September.

Although it was feared that the recent steel strike would effect construction, enough steel came through to continue work. The new school will be completely closed and ready for heat next month.

Due to the lack of room in the present Boiceville building, kindergarten this year is being held in former one-room schools in Mt. Tremper, West Shokan, Shokan, and the Parish Hall in Phoenicia. Elementary classes are also being conducted at the Woodstock School, West Hurley, and Pine Hill School.

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It was reported at the board meeting that classroom furniture from approximately nine rooms in Boiceville will probably be moved to the new school.

Despite the new school, however, it's no secret that the school is too small and will not accomodate all the students who should attend classes there. Student population has been on a sharp increase during the past few years and a recent survey and projection schedule by Elementary Principal Ronnie Vanni indicates a continuous growth.

Two additional rooms are being constructed on the West Hurley School and will be ready for occupancy on or before January 1st of next year. At Onteora in Boiceville lack

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of classroom has resulted in one class being conducted in the kitchen of the cafeteria.

At the present time almost 2000 stulents are registered and attending classes in Onteora Central District schools.

