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2026-27 CLOSURE OF MARY M. BETHUNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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PURPOSE

1. Present the recommendation to close Mary M. Bethune Elementary School for instructional purposes
2. Outline the transition of Mary M. Bethune students to the new S. L. Lewis replacement school
3. Review next steps in the closure process

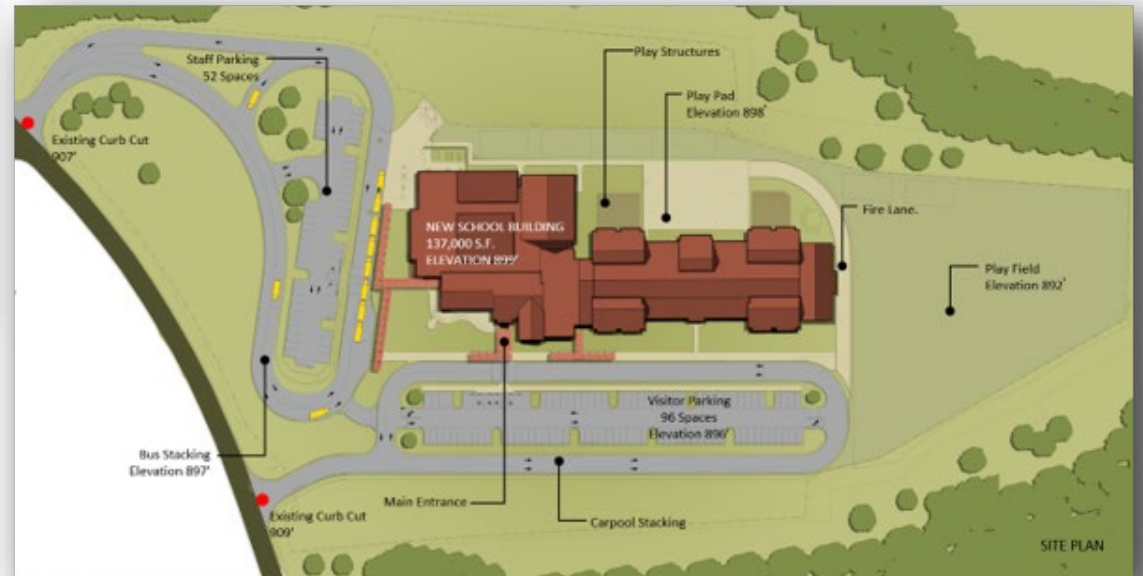


S. L. LEWIS ELEMENTARY REPLACEMENT

OPENING AUGUST 2026



RENDERING



SITE PLAN

SCHOOL CLOSURE



- Close Mary M. Bethune ES as a school site – June 2026
- All Bethune students transition to the new S. L. Lewis replacement school – August 2026
- No changes to current attendance boundaries
- Bethune/S.L. Lewis school community moves into S.L. Lewis replacement school



NEXT STEPS



1. Public Hearings

- Two public hearings required for school closure
- Provide opportunities for community stakeholder input
- Hearing dates:
 - December 18 (South Learning Center)
 - January 13 (North Learning Center)
 - 6:00 p.m.

2. Community Engagement

- Board hosts community meetings to consider the new replacement school's name and mascot
- Engagement process can begin after public hearings



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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