

This Operations Brief provides an overview of school infrastructure improvements that have been completed and are underway in 2024. Thank you to Cedar Rapids taxpayers who approved the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) renewal. With 72% of voters supporting the renewal, the district exceeded the required simple majority (50%), securing critical funding for the ongoing maintenance and improvements of district facilities over the next 10 years. Thank you!

**Harrison Elementary School**

Renovation plans are underway for this historic school nestled in this core Northwest Neighborhood of Cedar Rapids. This school is vital to the revitalization of this neighborhood that was devastated by the flood of 2008. This project is funded through SAVE\*.

**Maple Grove Elementary School**

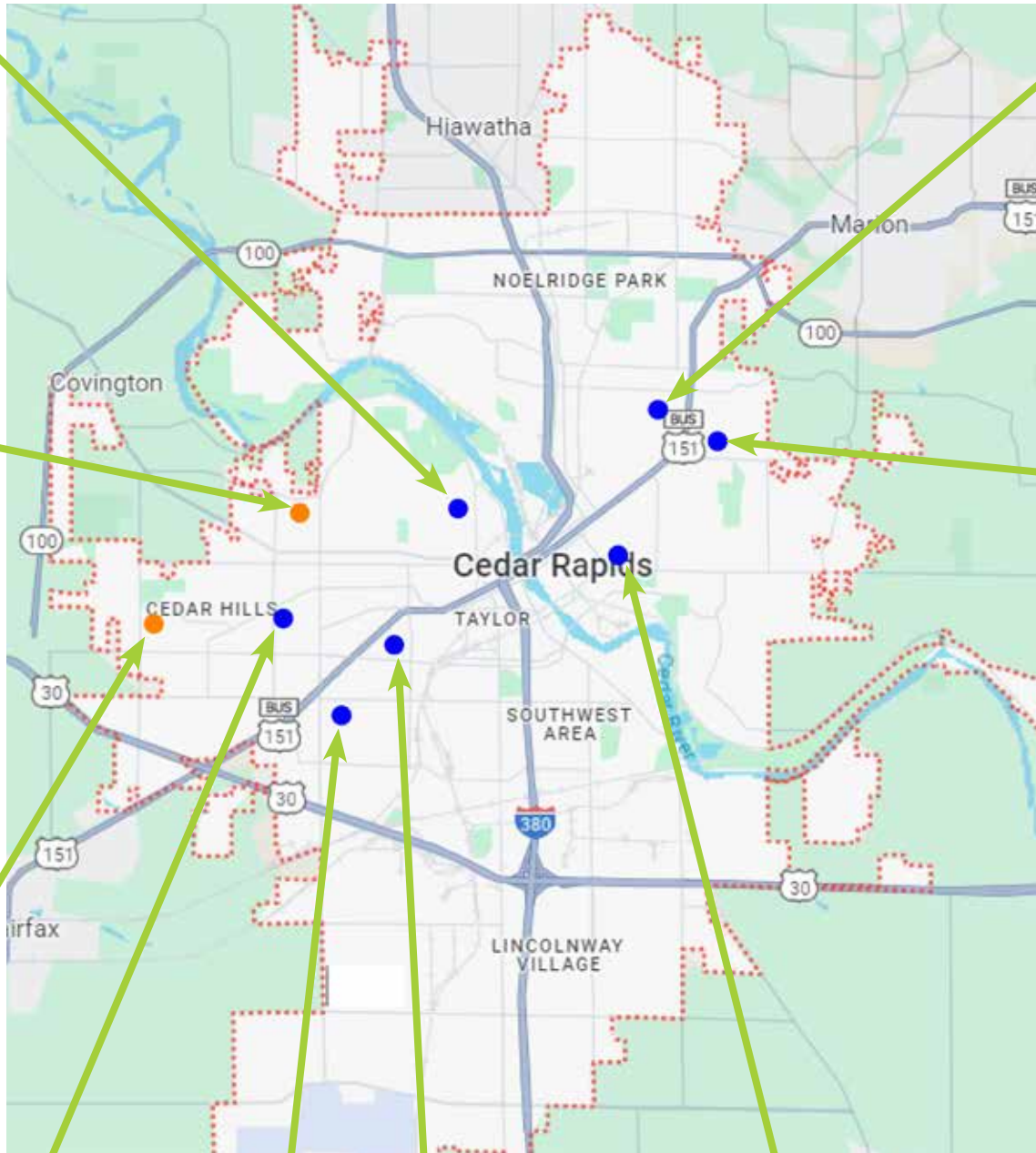
Opening in the fall of 2023, this elementary school replaced Jackson Elementary. Serving 541 students, Maple Grove is positioned to address population growth along the Highway 100 corridor. Another example of how new efficient facilities help the district save operational cost. SAVE\* funding was utilized to fund this school.

**West Willow Elementary School**

The first new elementary building introduced to the district since 2000, West Willow serves the greater Cedar Hills neighborhood on the West side of the district. This elementary school opened its doors in the fall of 2021 and currently serves 557 students. SAVE\* funding made this school possible.

**Hoover Elementary School**

Students and staff will open the doors to a new school on the west side of Cedar Rapids in 2027. With 23 languages spoken by Hoover students, this diverse elementary school is a cornerstone for this Cedar Rapids neighborhood. The \$32M elementary school is funded through SAVE\*.



**Trailside Elementary School**

Opening its doors this fall, Trailside Elementary welcomed students from Arthur and Garfield Elementary Schools. Positioned in a Northeast neighborhood just blocks off of 1st Ave, the school backs up to a paved trail winding through the heart of Cedar Rapids. Trailside was funded through SAVE\*.

**Washington High School**

Renovations at Washington High School include the addition of a Freshman Academy and space for the Engineering, Design, and Technology Academy. The District's goal of providing every student with more than a High School diploma at graduation is one step closer with these upgrades. The funding for this project is provided through PPEL‡ and SAVE\*.

**Van Buren Elementary School**

Students and staff will open the doors to a new school on the west side of Cedar Rapids in 2027. Van Buren is experiencing growth and overcrowded classrooms and is nestled in a neighborhood just blocks off of Wilson Avenue. The Van Buren Elementary School project is funded through SAVE\*.

**Jefferson High School**

The District has committed to additions and renovations at Jefferson High School. These additions and renovations will provide space for a Freshman Academy and an Aviation and Engineering Academy. The funding for this project is provided through PPEL‡ and SAVE\*.

**McKinley STEAM Academy**

In collaboration with local health systems, McKinley is strengthening college and career readiness for students interested in the healthcare path. Reinforcing the commitment to this historical building, the health sciences program will benefit from two updated classrooms and a health care lab. This project is funded through PPEL‡.

\* Secure an Advanced Vision for Education  
 ‡ Physical Plant and Equipment Levy  
 ● Projects completed prior to 2023 bond  
 ● Projects started/completed after 2023 bond vote

**SCHOOL FINANCE**



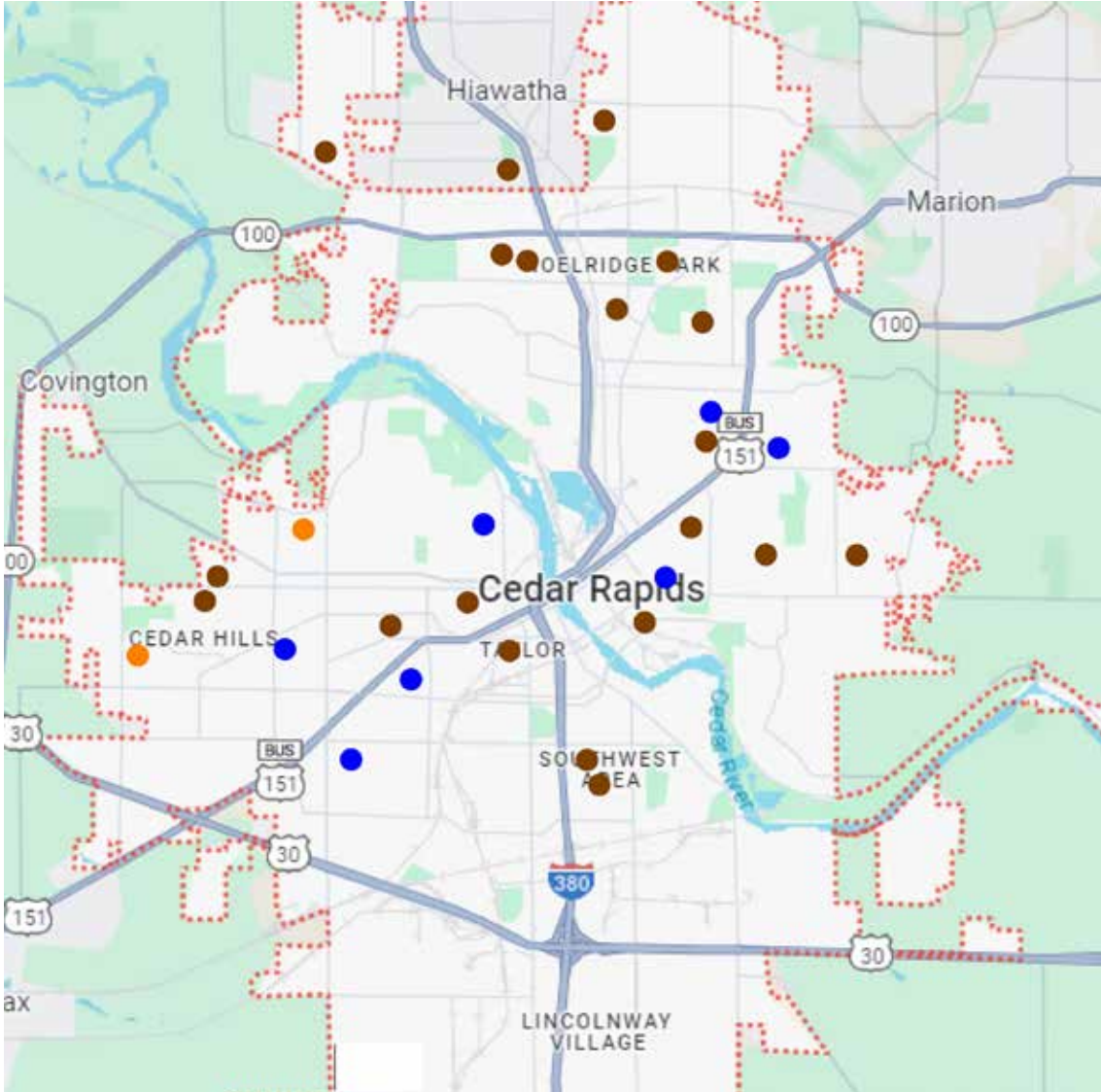
**\$253 Million**

Amount of new construction shown in the schools above.

Funds contributed by SAVE and PPEL

Construction began in 2021 and will be completed in 2027





**Schools Yet to be Impacted**

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Cedar River Academy at Taylor  | Franklin Middle School                       |
| Cleveland Elementary School    | Harding Middle School                        |
| Erskine Elementary School      | Roosevelt Creative Corridor Business Academy |
| Grant Elementary School        | Taft Middle School                           |
| Grant Wood Elementary School   | Wilson Middle School                         |
| Harrison Elementary School     | Kennedy High School                          |
| Johnson STEAM Academy          | Metro High School                            |
| Kenwood Leadership Academy     |                                              |
| Nixon Elementary School        |                                              |
| Pierce Elementary School       |                                              |
| Truman Early Learning Center   |                                              |
| Viola Gibson Elementary School |                                              |
| Wright Elementary School       |                                              |

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**CRCSD Secures \$15 Million Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant to Elevate College and Career Academies**

This transformative grant will launch the Future Ready College & Career Academies, empowering students by expanding opportunities for real-world, career-connected learning. These academies represent a bold leap toward breaking down barriers and raising achievements for all students, staff, families, and community partners. Starting with the 9th Grade Freshman Academies in the 2025-2026 school year and expanding to three career pathway-specific upper academies for 10th-12th graders in the 2026-2027 school year, this initiative reflects CRCSD’s unwavering commitment to ensuring that everyone is equipped, empowered, and engaged to excel.

“With this grant, we will be able to accelerate our partnerships with local businesses and industries, helping to prepare our students for college, the workforce, and active participation in the community.”



— Dr. Tawana Grover  
Superintendent, CRCSD



**School of Law & Human Services**  
Academy of Pre-Law · Academy of Education  
Academy of Public Safety (fire, forensics, police, EMT)

**School of Aviation & Aerospace**  
Academy of Aviation & Aerospace (pilots, techs)  
Academy of Automotive Technology · Academy of Engineering, Construction & Manufacturing

**School of Environmental Science & Sustainability**  
Academy of Agriculture Science · Academy of Environmental Science · Academy of Business

**School of Medical Sciences**  
Academy of Pre-Med/Nursing · Academy of Mental Health  
· Academy of Medical Laboratory Science (phlebotomy, ultrasound tech, radiology tech, pharmacy tech)

**School of Business & Media**  
Academy of Finance & Entrepreneurship (3DE) · Academy of Marketing · Academy of Creative Media & Production

**School of Engineering & Technology**  
Academy of Engineering & Manufacturing · Academy of Architecture & Construction · Academy of Information Technology & Artificial Intelligence

**School of Liberal Arts**  
Academy of Automotive Technology · Academy of Business Innovation & Marketing · Academy of Computer Science & Technology Sciences · Academy of Construction & Engineering · Academy of Creative Arts & Design · Academy of Education · Academy of Environmental Science & Sustainability · Academy of Finance · Academy of Health Occupations · Academy of Health Sciences · Academy of Pre-Law and Public Safety

**School of Health & Hospitality**  
Academy of Food Science & Urban Agriculture  
· Academy of Hospitality & Business  
· Academy of Medical Laboratory Science



**School of Early College**