



Shenendehowa
Central School District

Early Learning Center Construction Update

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Dear Neighbor of 5 Maxwell Drive-

We are writing to provide an update regarding construction work taking place at 5 Maxwell Drive-- Shenendehowa's soon-to-be Early Learning Center. As part of our efforts to create a full-day Kindergarten facility, this work is necessary and has been carefully planned to minimize disruption as much as possible.

This notice provides some details about the scope of work and the tentative construction schedule. Please know we are doing our best to minimize this work's impact on the residents around us.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time. If you have questions, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 518-881-0610.

Exterior Work Tentative Timeline (see reference map on back)

Construction work will occur from 7 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, with exceptions for paving and roofing due to weather constraints.

June to July 2025: Continue subgrade and drainage for the playground, physical education, and parking areas. The playground is located along the western property line. It will have standard playground equipment (slides, swings, etc.). The surface will be asphalt and a synthetic cushioned surface under the equipment with underground drainage. The physical education area runs parallel to the north property line. It will have a synthetic turf surface with underground drainage. The surface starts at the west end and extends to the midway point of the building towards the east. A small parking area along the north property line will be constructed at the east end of the building. The main parking will be to the east and southeast of the building. A new bus loop will be constructed at the front of the building, and a parent drop-off will be constructed at the east end. There will be stairs and ramps on the north and west sides of the building.

Aug. to Nov. 2025: Install final grades, begin installation of playground equipment, and pave rear parking and play area. Remove existing A/C unit. Begin installation of an 8 ft perimeter fence with privacy screen slats. This will continue along the north and west property line and is set approximately 12 to 15 feet into the school property.

Dec. to March 2026 (weather depending): Complete fencing and final grading, prepare for final spring work.

April to Sept 2026: Final grading and seeding, finish paving and pavement striping.

September 2026: Students occupy the building.



About the building:

5 Maxwell Drive will house Shenendehowa's new full-day Kindergarten program, District Administrative Staff, and some miscellaneous programs when fully occupied. The Kindergarten students are anticipated to begin full days in September of 2026, with the balance of the remaining occupants following later.

The student occupied area will be all three floors of the structure's north side, and the southwest side will house mostly Shenendehowa administrative staff.

The parking and bus drop-off areas will be on the south and west, or front side of the building. An additional new parking area will be constructed on the building's northeast corner, or rear of the building. Student Physical Education will be along the northwest corner at the rear of the building and the playground will be built along the west property line.

An eight-foot-high fence with privacy slats will be installed 12 to 15 feet inside the property line along the west and north property lines. There will be minimal exterior security lighting on the exterior of the building. The district intends to allow the natural vegetation to infill along the fence line over time.

Surface water will be controlled with drainage structures and retention basins as necessary to keep our water on-site.

Building Map:

