

## WSD Purchases Land for New Elementary School

The Wentzville School District has announced the purchase of 31.1 acres on Highway Z near Perry Cate Boulevard, where the District will soon start construction on a new elementary school. “This is a great location for our next building,” said Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain. “We have seen unprecedented growth in the southeast area of our District and this school will provide much needed space for our students.” The WSD continues to be the fastest growing district in the state, adding on average between 500 and 600 new students each year since 2000.

The purchase price of the property was \$1,400,445 and was funded with revenue from Proposition E which was approved by voters in April. This will be the tenth elementary school in the Wentzville School District, and the tenth school built in the WSD since 2000. The land has an appraised value of \$1,760,000 according to Real Estate Analysts, Limited. “We are very pleased with the purchase price, given the appraisal and the prime location of the property,” said WSD CFO Pam Frazier.

Closing on this land is an integral part of the Board of Education’s K-6 Plan for Growth which calls for two elementary schools being built simultaneously beginning next spring with a targeted completion date in time for the start of the 2017-18 school year. The two new schools, along with re-districting, will provide enough space to move 6th grade students out of the three middle schools into the District’s elementary schools. The plan is designed to free up much needed space at the middle school level for the next 3-5 years, depending on growth.

Once the plans for the second new elementary school are finalized, the District will form a Boundary Committee made up of parents, staff, and community members to help determine the new attendance areas for WSD schools.



