

Building construction needed by Dover, New Phila schools

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifteenth in a series of articles detailing the findings of an Ohio State University survey team which led it to the conclusion that the Dover and New Philadelphia school districts should merge.)

The survey team reported that specific building recommendations must be consistent with the long-range plan.

The long-range plan sets the direction for any building program initiated since all that is planned and completed facility-wise must be a step toward realizing the long-range plan.

Recommendations are as follows:

(1) — That the Dover Avenue elementary be continued in use to house approximately 280 pupils in grades 1 through 5 and 56 pupils in kindergarten. That the interior of the building be modified to provide the spaces required for the educational program.

(2) — That East elementary in Dover be continued in use to house approximately 420 pupils in grades 1 through 5 and 56 pu-

pils in kindergarten. That the building be modified and expanded to provide the necessary spaces to house the desired educational program.

(3) — That Park elementary building be continued in use to house approximately 420 pupils in grades 1 through 5, 112 pupils in kindergarten and 30 pupils in special education. That the building be modified and expanded to provide the necessary facilities to house the desired educational program.

(4) — That South elementary in Dover be continued in use to house 420 pupils in grades 1 through 5 and 56 pupils in kindergarten. That the building be modified and expanded to provide the necessary facilities to house the desired educational program.

(5) — That the Central building in New Philadelphia be continued in use to house approximately 280 pupils in grades 1 through 5, 56 pupils in kindergarten and 30 pupils in special education classes. That the building be modified to provide the spaces necessary to house

the desired educational program.

(6) — That East elementary in New Philadelphia be continued in use to house approximately 420 pupils in grades 1 through 5 and 56 pupils in kindergarten. That the building be modified and expanded to provide the necessary facilities to house the desired program and that the site be expanded.

(7) — That West elementary be continued in use to house approximately 420 pupils in grades 1 through 5 and 56 pupils in kindergarten. That the building be modified and expanded to provide the learning spaces necessary to house the desired program and that the site be expanded.

(8) — That a new elementary center with a capacity of 420 pupils in grades 1 through 5 and 112 pupils in kindergarten be constructed in south New Philadelphia to replace South, York and Stone Creek buildings. That the new center be located on the board-owned site south of the existing South elementary.

Upon completion of these im-

mediate-action building recommendations there will be 1540

pupil stations available in the existing Dover attendance area and 1540 pupil stations available in the New Philadelphia attendance area.

This total of 3080 is somewhat above the enrollment projected in the report. Contractability is available, however, through the Dover Avenue and Central buildings which can be phased out should enrollment decrease.

Should enrollments increase beyond those projected in the report, replacing the Dover Avenue building with a new and larger center is a feasible plan. Also, expansion of the Park elementary building to a 20-room center is a distinct possibility.

(8) — That the Tuscarawas building be abandoned as a school center, but that the building be modified to house the central office facilities for the consolidated district.

(9) — That the South, Stone Creek and Front elementary buildings be abandoned and that the buildings and or sites be sold.

Each of the aforementioned centers are inadequate to house a modern elementary school program.

Equality of educational opportunity throughout the district cannot be a reality with conditions which exist at these centers. The centers are small, with small classrooms, and a dearth of auxiliary and service facilities. In most cases sites are inadequate.

York is a relatively young center, being less than 30 years old, but was constructed with inexpensive materials and shows its age to an advanced degree.

Stone Creek elementary is a hodge-podge which has been very poorly maintained.

South has had an addition of a multi-purpose room and also has had some money spent on both the interior and exterior of the building. However, the size of the building and the inability to conduct the desired educational program within the building force its abandonment.

Front is on a very inadequate size site and does not contain the spaces necessary to house the desired educational program. Rather than consider purchasing additional land area to make the site adequate and to replace the building on the existing site, a more desirable alternative, that of constructing a new center south of the river, is recommended.

(NEXT: Secondary school recommendations.)