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Greenville breaks ground for elementary project

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Greenville school board President Dennis Weber, right, oversees youngsters breaking ground for an expansion of Hempfield Elementary School. LYNN SATERNOW | Herald

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GREENVILLE – A \$17.5 million plan to consolidate elementary schools in the Greenville Area School District is underway.

A ceremonial groundbreaking Monday marked the beginning of a 60,000-square-foot addition to the Hempfield Township elementary school. The expansion will bring much needed space for a new gymnasium and cafeteria and will house nearly 600 students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade, said Superintendent Mark Ferrara.

When school starts Wednesday, it will be the last year students will attend the East Side Elementary School in Greenville, he said. That school is outdated and would cost too much to update, he said. It will be closed and sold once the Hempfield school’s expansion is complete.

The project is expected to take nearly a year and a half, but Ferrara said he’s pleased the project came in significantly under budget.

Other improvements will include an upgraded computer lab and library, he said. He also said there will be increased security for students with improved drop off and pick up sites for students.

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