

Stepstone Academy Expands into New Elementary Building



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Thanks to the generosity of OhioGuidestone and Stepstone Academy donors, the first and second grade classes at Stepstone Academy transitioned into a newly renovated, second academic facility at the beginning of December 2013. The expansion is part of the school's long term strategic plan to offer education for kindergarten through 8th grade by 2019.

The new 25,000 square foot Elementary Building, located adjacent to the primary building and next to OhioGuidestone's Downtown Cleveland offices, embraces a campus-like feel. Stepstone Academy Principal, Toni Miller, explains, "Not only does this provide a true sense of community between OhioGuidestone and Stepstone Academy, but it serves as a bright light in the Central Neighborhood. The building is just beautiful and it enhances a sense of pride to both the families of Stepstone and those living in Central."

The building contains five traditional classrooms and one additional classroom designed specifically for small group activities with Stepstone Academy's intervention specialist. Each classroom is open and spacious to strategically cater to the unique Stepstone Momentum Learning Model, combining traditional classroom learning with project-based learning and technological instruction.

In addition to the classrooms, the school also has a 'cafetorium' to host breakfast, lunch and physical education classes. The current cafetorium will transition into two additional classrooms during the next phase of expansion, beginning summer 2014, with completion expected summer 2015. Later this year, renovations will also begin on the market behind the Elementary Building, to create classrooms for grades 4-8, as well as a new cafetorium that can accommodate a larger group of students. Completion of this second phase is expected by

summer 2016. As Stepstone Academy expands, we look forward to continuing to enhance the academic experience of our phenomenal scholars.



Above: Student lockers line the hallways of the new Elementary Building. Below: Classroom doors showcase spirit from the school's "college week".



Main entrance to Stepstone's new Elementary Building.

Interested in touring Stepstone Academy's new Elementary Building?

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