

What's up for local schools?

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GENEVA – ... Staffs in Batavia and West Aurora school districts also started work related to referendums voters approved Tuesday.

With the voter-approved 50-cent increase in West Aurora school district's operating rate, officials will be able to buy mobile classrooms for Fearn Elementary School in North Aurora to relieve overcrowding.

Plans are for the mobile classrooms to be ready in the fall, West Aurora Superintendent James Rydland said.

"The school was built for 600 students, and we have an enrollment of between 620 and 625 students," Fearn Principal Paul Barton said of the school, which opened in August 2001.

A recent study estimated that enrollment at Fearn would increase to 698 by 2008.

The district also will look at maintenance needs at the district's buildings, Rydland said.

"We are committed to reporting to the public what we are doing," Rydland added.

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