

Jefferson School Timeline of Building Use

1916 – School constructed.

1948 – First addition

1966 – Second addition.

1996 – Remodeling.

2003 – Closes as an elementary school; Burnside and Sunnyside become grade-level centers.

2005 (?) – Goodhue County Education District moves in.

2009 – River Bend Montessori opens in Jefferson (alongside GCED). School was a collaboration with Jones Family Foundation.

2011 – River Bend Montessori closes following Year 2 of a three-year pilot.

2015 – Goodhue County Education District moves out and into River Bluff Education Center.

2016 – RWPS uses the building for offices during other building construction. (Community Ed?)

2017 – RWPS uses the building for offices during other building construction. (District Office?)

2018 – Board begins discussion of potential sale.

2018-2019 – City and school agree that the playground should stay; if a private party purchases the building site, city would keep the park (for \$1 or something similar?). There is no other playground in that section of town.

2019 – District issues 2 requests for proposals; after round 2, board accepts Jim Patterson's proposal in November.

2020 – Patterson seeks to withdraw; district agrees. Jefferson opens as a K-4 elementary for a year due to COVID-19.

2021 – Jefferson closes again.