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West Memphis School District gets over \$20 million for new schools



The Arkansas Department of Education recently approved \$22.5 million for the funding of two new schools in West Memphis.

Mayor McClendon was happy to hear that the state will be funding the project.

"West Memphis is on a winning streak.

Black and Gold I am a wonder lion."

The over \$20 million that was awarded to the district will go towards the very school that shaped McClendon.

"Actually I just left my alma mater Wonder Junior High. With funds being used to help rebuild that school it's definitely going to be good."

The plan is to merge Wonder and East Junior High by building one new school, and Wonder Junior High will also be rebuilt.

"They have four years to complete the project," Brad Montgomery said.

He helped push to get the funding approved for the West Memphis School District. He says the new schools will help the city to thrive as a whole.

"It's one of the first things employers look for in a potential relocation, it's school system."

Once the agreement is signed the district has 18 months to find a contractor for the project.