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Cabrini High School (New Orleans Churches.com, photography by John and Kathleen DeMajo).

Construction plans unveiled by a Cabrini High School official reveal that the Mid-City school plans to build a new state-of-the-art gym, a project which would force the onsite daycare center to relocate.

School officials are in the midst of a feasibility study to analyze the impacts of the proposed project, according to the school's president, Ardley Hanemann.

"We still have to have a huge community meeting dictated by the city, and raise about \$10 million," Hanemann told Faubourg St. John residents at a recent meeting. "It's not going to happen tomorrow."

Hanemann predicts the building could be erected on the Moss Street campus within the next three or four years. He added that the school wouldn't normally reveal information this early in the process, but that he wanted to dispel any rumors that might be circulating about the state of the school's buildings.

Contrary to what Hanemann has overheard, Cabrini officials have no plans to tear down the existing gym or other historic buildings that are part of the school's campus, he added. Instead, the school will convert the existing gym building into a fine arts center, which will be connected to the new gym.

The new gym building would face Esplanade Avenue, Hanemann said, and would be set back from the street. So far, he said plans call for a combination of Cabrini's signature white facade and brick, "to blend it all together."

To make room for the facility, the school will have to get rid of what was Theo's and relocate Crescent Cradle, an onsite daycare center that provides early education to children ages six weeks to three years, he added.

Hanemann did not say where Crescent Cradle would be relocated.

The all-girls, private Catholic high school originated as the Sacred Heart Orphan Asylum in 1905. Built by Italian-born nun Maria Francesca Cabrini, the building was converted into a high school for girls in 1959.