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## Crushing old foundations for new

• Concrete portions of old Central Middle School being used to build new retail and office complex

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The Central Middle School site that has been acquired by Whitney Benefits Inc. should be clear of debris by the end of the month, said the Whitney Benefits Board president.

Eighteen to 25 tons of gravel that will be used to construct a massive retail, residential and office development close to the intersection of Grinnell Avenue and Connor Street are being crushed at the school site now.

The gravel, which is being made from concrete portions

of the school, is just one example of how materials from CMS are being recycled, Whitney Benefits Board President Tom Kinnison said.

In all, he said 93 percent of the materials, including steel, concrete, windows and doors, are being recycled.

The remaining 7 percent went to the city landfill at no cost to Whitney Benefits per an agreement with the city.

Kinnison said dirt and bricks from the site are being used as fill at portions of the landfill that are full.

Whitney Benefits has a Department of Environmental Quality permit to crush the gravel, city Public Works Director Jackie Flowers said.



**Tom Kinnison**  
Whitney Benefits Board President



Construction crews grind up concrete on the site of the old Central Middle School on Tuesday morning as the demolition continues.  
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