Last of the modulars gone

Four old, deteriorating modulars were removed last week from the former Edgewood Elementary School.

They were the last of 23 modulars the Pottstown School District had installed starting in the late 1990s to house students during renovations to Pottstown middle school and later the high school. When the renovations were finished, the 13 original modulars were redistributed among Pottstown’s five elementary schools.

Ten more were acquired in 2008. Each elementary school property was degraded by their presence—a horrible image for the school district.

When renovations to the elementary schools were completed in 2015, the modulars were all removed except those at Edgewood.

Now they’re all gone. The Edgewood building, which is still owned by the school district, is leased to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for pre-school classes.

“Progress erases itself.” When we see something dramatically improve, we quickly forget how bad things were in the past.

Commentary by Tom Hylton

EDGEWOOD’S MODULAR YEARS 2000-2020 — Edgewood served as an elementary school from its construction in 1969 until 2014, when its students were assigned to other elementary schools. Four modular classrooms added in 2000 were vacant and deteriorating.

EDGEWOOD SCHOOL BUILDING TODAY — The modulars were finally removed last week. The Edgewood building is still owned by the school district, which leases most of it to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for pre-school classes.

RUPERT SCHOOL with modulars, above, and what it looks like today, below.