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JOIN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN BRINGING FORTH THE SOLUTIONS SHARED IN THIS PRESENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR INPUT AND FEEDBACK
STUDY: ENROLLMENT & FACILITIES

Orangeburg County School District Administration and its Board of Trustees are engaged in comprehensive studies of enrollment trends and learning environments in partnership with independent professional organizations contracted to support this effort. The initial results were shared at the May 25, 2021, school board meeting and are linked below for public review.

DEMOGRAPHY & FACILITIES STUDIES

Census: Region loses people; population drops in Orangeburg, Bamberg, Calhoun

Orangeburg County’s population dropped 8.9%. It had 92,501 people in 2010 and 84,233 in 2020.

28,822 TOTAL SEAT CAPACITY
11,338 STUDENTS IN THOSE SEATS

39% OCCUPANCY OF SCHOOL CAMPUSES

$3,181,778 ANNUAL ENERGY COSTS FOR OCSD SCHOOL FACILITIES

Enrollment Forecast Models

ARCBridge Consulting used data from the SC DHEC, County Department of Permitting and Inspections, the Census data and the American Community Survey to detail enrollment trends. Click on the words “Demographic Study” to see details of the study.

ARCBridge Consulting & Training, Inc.
$428 MILLION IN REPAIRS

Lake Marion High School & Technology Center
Branchville High School/ Lockett Elementary
Bethune-Bowman K-12

Vance-Providence Elementary
Orangeburg-Wilkinson High
Rivelon Elementary
Howard Middle*

Sheridan Elementary*
Whittaker Elementary
Clark Middle*

* indicates repairs underway

Brookdale Elementary
Carver-Edisto Middle
Cope Area Career Center
Dover Elementary
Edisto Elementary
Edisto High
Edisto Primary
Elloree Elementary/Middle
Holly Hill Elementary
Holly Hill-Roberts Middle
Hunter-Kinard-Tyler K-12
Marshall Elementary
Mellichamp Elementary
North Middle High
St. James-Gaillard Elementary
The Technology Center

moderate to extensive repairs
Response

Can a new facility be built to accommodate the students of Vance and St. James?

Response

The demolition of school such as Vance-Providence Elementary would certainly save the district some funds.

Response

I think that this is leading to the closure of schools. In my opinion, I think that the district should close Rivelon, Brookdale, and Vance primary. We could take these schools and use them as homework centers and Parent workshop centers. Taxes could also be increased as well.

Response

The purpose of the consolidation was to pool our resources together and provide a good education for the students in Orangeburg county including better school buildings. Closing some buildings was what we expected given the decrease in enrollment. My suggestion for the East is: Vance-Providence Elem. merge with Elloree Elem., St.James-Gaillard merge with Holly Hill Elem. and move HollyHill-Roberts and Elloree Middle schools to Lake Marion H.S. campus. This would eliminate our teacher shortage and money in the operation and maintenance of 3 buildings.
PROPOSED SOLUTION:
K-12 LAKE MARION CAMPUS
PROPOSED ELEMENTARY AT LAKE MARION
ELLOREE ES

ST. JAMES-GAILLARD ES

HOLLY HILL ES

VANCE-PROVIDENCE ES

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT LAKE MARION
PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR EAST ELEMENTARY

MARCH 2022
DESIGN PHASE OF NEW SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2023
GROUNDBREAKING OF NEW SCHOOL

JUNE 2024
CLOSE ELLOREE, VANCE-PROVIDENCE, ST JAMES-GAILLARD, AND HOLLY HILL

AUGUST 2024
OPEN NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON LAKE MARION’s CAMPUS
PROPOSED MIDDLE SCHOOL WING AT LAKE MARION
HOLLY HILL-ROBERTS MS

$19,387,750
32% OCCUPANCY

ELLOREE MS

$7,176,015
26% OCCUPANCY

MIDDLE SCHOOL WING AT LAKE MARION

65-75% OCCUPANCY
PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR EAST MIDDLE CHANGES

MARCH 2022
DESIGN PHASE OF NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL WING

FEBRUARY 2023
GROUNDBREAKING OF NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL WING

JUNE 2024
CLOSE ELLORIE & HOLLY HILL-ROBERTS MIDDLE

AUGUST 2024
OPEN MIDDLE SCHOOL WING ON LAKE MARION’s CAMPUS
Response

I would suggest building state-of-the-art facilities and combine schools without any particular location of the county alone making the sacrifices for the good of all.

Response

The information was very informative, and we recognize that change is going to be painful, but we look forward to what is in store for the district and its students, teachers, administrators, and stakeholders.

Response

Is it possible to merge boundaries and build new schools instead of spending large amounts to patch buildings that need more work than can possibly be done to sustain those buildings long term.
PROPOSED SOLUTION:
NEW ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON HIGH SCHOOL

- APPROXIMATE HIGH SCHOOL
  SF: 295,120 SF
ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON HIGH SCHOOL

NEW OW HIGH SCHOOL

$53,986,500

57% OCCUPANCY

75% OCCUPANCY
PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR NEW OW HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 2022
DESIGN PHASE BEGINS

AUGUST 2022
COMPLETE SITE SELECTION

FEBRUARY 2023
BREAK GROUND FOR THE NEW OWHS

AUGUST 2024
OPEN NEW ORANGEBURG WILKINSON HIGH SCHOOL
Some schools need to merge if updates and or repairs can not be made. Close some schools if its possible.

Response

Consolidate some of the schools to have less buildings.

Response

To combine schools and close the ones that need the most work.

Response

We may need to consolidate smaller schools.
PROPOSED SOLUTION:
RENOVATE EDISTO PRIMARY & TRANSITION RIVELON STUDENTS TO EPS
RIVELON ES

$14,329,500

44% OCCUPANCY

EDISTO PRIMARY SCHOOL

65% OCCUPANCY
PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR RENOVATIONS TO EDISTO PRIMARY & TRANSITION OF RIVELON

JULY 2022
BEGIN MINOR RENOVATIONS & REPAIRS TO EDISTO PRIMARY

JUNE 2023
CLOSE RIVELON ELEMENTARY

AUGUST 2023
TRANSITION RIVELON STUDENTS TO EDISTO PRIMARY
Response

Very informative. Shared information that I wasn't aware of.

Response

Close some of the low capacity schools in the district.

Response

I believe we should look into schools with low student population (250 & below) and consider combining those schools/students with other schools nearby to increase their school building usage and student body population.

Response

As a whole, is there discussion about possibly 'consolidating' those schools that are in the red for capacity to serve?
PROPOSED SOLUTION:
BUILD ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM WING ONTO CLARK MIDDLE
PROPOSED ADDITION TO CLARK MIDDLE
PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR ADDITION TO CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARCH 2022
BEGIN DESIGNING NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL WING FOR CLARK MIDDLE

FEBRUARY 2023
BREAK GROUND ON THE NEW WING

JUNE 2024
VACATE HOWARD MIDDLE FOR RENOVATIONS

AUGUST 2024
OPEN THE NEW WING AT CLARK
Response

I agree with the decisions to upgrade the facilities and would also like to see some things done in the restrooms for the students.

I have always been intrigued by budgeting, finances, utilizations, and overall assessment of operations in general.

I think it would be in the best interest to condense school communities and to start bringing some of our communities together. Sadly, that concept requires closing of some schools, but I believe it is the best interest for our county and school district.

Here are some general considerations I have in mind:

Combine Brookdale and Whittaker Elementary Schools
Combine St. James Gaillard and Holly Hill Elementary Schools
Combine Vance and Elloree Elementary Schools (Relocate Middle Grades 6-8)
Move Holly Hill-Roberts and Elloree Middle Schools to Lake Marion HS OR Build a New Middle School in the Santee Area
Build a K-8 for H-K-T Elementary-Middle, Dover Elementary, and North Middle Grades;
Combine Upper Levels of North High and H-K-T
Combine Rivelon and Mellichamp Elementary Schools
PROPOSED SOLUTION:
RENOVATE & REPURPOSE HOWARD FOR ELEMENTARY LEARNING
PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR RENOVATING HOWARD & REPURPOSING FOR ELEMENTARY LEARNING

MARCH 2022
PLAN & DESIGN RENOVATIONS TO TRANSFORM HOWARD MIDDLE TO AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JUNE 2025
CLOSE WHITTAKER, BROOKDALE AND MELLICHAMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2025
WELCOME STUDENTS TO THE NEW HOWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PROPOSED SOLUTION:
ATHLETIC, PLAYGROUND & FINE ARTS UPDATES ACROSS THE COUNTY
PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR ATHLETIC & ARTS UPGRADES

JANUARY 2023
BEGIN UPGRADES TO ARTS & ATHLETICS COMPLEXES

AUGUST 2025
COMPLETE UPGRADES
POTENTIAL PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR REUSE OF VACATED SCHOOL FACILITIES

PLAYGROUNDS...BASKETBALL COURTS...ATHLETIC FIELDS...GYMNASIUMS...COMMUNITY MEETING SPACES...TEACHER HOUSING...ADULT LEARNING CENTERS...
PROPOSED “HOW”

NOVEMBER 2022
BOND REFERENDUM ON THE
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

REFERENDUM
VOTERS TO CONSIDER A
$190 MILLION BOND WITH
NO TAX INCREASE, ALLOWING
DISTRICT TO ADVANCE FUNDS
FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AT
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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ORANGEBURG
COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED SOLUTION:
ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT UPGRADES
JANUARY 2022
PRESENT SCOPE OF WORK
FOR PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH
ABM FOR ENERGY PERFORMANCE

FEBRUARY 2022-AUGUST 2022
DESIGN AND PLAN UPGRADES

AUGUST 2022
CONSTRUCTION UPGRADES BEGIN

AUGUST 2025
COMPLETE ENERGY PERFORMANCE
UPGRADES
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