



# Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools 2013 Bond Referendum **Our Children. Our Schools. Our Future.**

## ***A Closer Look at the CMS Bond Request***

*On Nov. 5, Mecklenburg County voters will decide on a \$290 million bond referendum for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. The 17 high-priority projects in the bond package would: 1) offer more academic options for students by increasing access to high-demand programs, 2) relieve major areas of overcrowding with new schools and additions and 3) provide much-needed renovations and replacements for many aging CMS facilities. Here is a closer look at each of the projects included in the referendum.*

### **Repurpose Facilities: Oakhurst STEAM and Starmount Elementaries (\$5.94 million)**

Oakhurst would open as a full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) K-5 which would draw from the immediately adjacent elementary schools. Starmount would become an elementary school which would relieve overcrowding at Huntingtowne Farms and Montclair elementarys. This also would provide additional capacity in the partial International Baccalaureate (IB) magnet program at Huntingtowne Farms. This project provides our community with two new schools for less than \$6 million -- much less than the \$36 million cost to build two new elementary schools.



Oakhurst Elementary



Starmount Elementary

### **Replacement School: Nations Ford Elementary (at Waddell) (\$19.44 million)**

This 39-classroom elementary school would replace the current Nations Ford Elementary which was constructed in 1957 with 27 classrooms. The current school's condition makes replacing it more cost-effective than renovating it. The E.E. Waddell Academy of International Languages campus has enough land for the construction of this school and the site is well within the existing Nations Ford attendance boundary.



### **Replacement School: Statesville Road Elementary (\$20.34 million)**

Statesville Road Elementary is a 28-classroom school built in 1955. The school is well beyond its defined lifecycle and in need of full replacement. The 39-classroom replacement school would most likely be built at a nearby site.



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### **Additions and Renovations: Olympic High (\$8.96 million)**

Olympic High is a 90-classroom campus constructed in 1965. It currently houses 2,260 students in five small schools. This project would fund the construction of a 20-classroom addition to increase school capacity, provide modern science amenities and drastically reduce the use of mobile classrooms on the campus. It also includes upgrades to the auditorium.



### **Replacement School: J.M. Alexander Middle (\$30.67 million)**

Alexander Middle is a 51-classroom campus constructed in 1959. It currently houses 886 students and a partial IB program supported by the IB programs at the adjacent Blythe Elementary and North Mecklenburg High. This project would fund a 54-classroom replacement school on site for Alexander, enabling increased IB program enrollment. The condition of the existing school makes replacing it more cost-effective than renovating it. The project cost also includes demolition of the existing school.



### **New K-8 Magnet: Language Immersion relief for Albemarle Road Elementary/Middle (\$30.38 million)**

This project would fund the construction of a new K-8 partial magnet school, expanding capacity for the Spanish language immersion magnet program in CMS. It would provide much-needed relief for Albemarle Road elementary and middle schools and other nearby elementary schools while expanding capacity at Collinswood Language Academy. K-8 schools can provide consistency and stability for students as they move from kindergarten to a new elementary school and then to a new middle school. This project provides our community with a cost-effective new school for less than the \$48 million cost of building separate elementary and middle schools.

### **New PK-8 Schools: New PK-8 #1, potential Berryhill/Reid Park relief (\$30.38 million)**

This Pre-K through eighth-grade school would provide relief for Berryhill School and Reid Park Academy. Berryhill is supported by a wastewater treatment plant which is currently near its capacity. Reid Park is significantly over capacity and requires immediate relief.

### **Renovations: Selwyn Elementary (\$2.59 million)**

Selwyn Elementary shares a campus with Alexander Graham Middle and Myers Park High. Selwyn consists of a 25-classroom building constructed in 2002 and a series of older buildings. Among the old buildings, only a 12-classroom standalone building and the media center remain in use. Comprehensive renovation to these two buildings would expand the number of classrooms to 39 and make the facility consistent with other newer schools. Demolition of the balance of the old buildings would provide expanded parking and play areas.



### **Additions and renovations: East Mecklenburg High (\$12.74 million)**



The East Mecklenburg High campus dates to 1949. This project would include a multi-story, 30-classroom addition to expand enrollment capacity. The new classroom building will also provide swing space for renovation of the buildings which will remain. The former principal's house on the property will be demolished to make room for a reconfigured entrance, parking and administrative space; this should strengthen campus security. Finally, renovations to the locker rooms will be completed as part of this work.

### **Renovations: Myers Park High (\$22.25 million)**

Myers Park High is a multi-building facility originally constructed in 1951. This project would replace three classroom buildings with a multi-story classroom building and provide much-needed renovations to the kitchen and cafeteria.



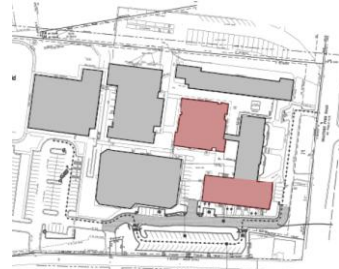
### **Additions – existing schools: Northridge Middle (\$6.45 million)**

Northridge Middle is a one-story, 40-classroom brick school located on The Plaza near J.W. Grier Elementary. The Northridge addition would add 14 new classrooms to the campus site to expand student enrollment capacity.



**Renovations: Northwest School of the Arts (\$12.42 million)**

Northwest School of the Arts is a 50-classroom school serving grades six-12 in a performing arts magnet program that has been nationally recognized for its performances. The campus dates to 1937. This project includes a complete renovation of the multi-story 1969 classroom building, a new state-of-the-art auditorium to support this acclaimed arts magnet program and site improvements to address parking.



**Renovations: South Mecklenburg High (\$18.36 million)**

The project at South Mecklenburg High would replace the two oldest buildings on the campus, which date to the school's founding in 1958. It includes a new kitchen and cafeteria and the renovation of the existing cafeteria to accommodate South Meck's large and growing student population.



**K-8 Conversion: Davidson K-8 (\$9.50 million)**

Davidson Elementary is a 32-classroom facility dating to the mid-1990s. Converting the current Davidson Elementary to a K-8 facility would provide relief to Bailey Middle and continuity to the families currently in the Davidson Elementary boundary. The project would add 20 general and specialty classrooms to accommodate enrollment growth.



### **Career and Technical Education: CTE Phase I (\$8.64 million)**

This project would expand access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for students by creating technical institutes at Garinger, North Mecklenburg, West Mecklenburg and Independence high schools. These institutes would provide the full slate of CTE course offerings, including: automotive, carpentry, culinary, cosmetology and horticulture classes. Each school will leverage local businesses and industry to emphasize real-world, program-specific experiences for students.

### **PreK-8 Conversions, Phase II: Ashley Park/Bruns Avenue/Walter G. Byers/ Druid Hills/Reid Park/Westerly Hills (\$24.73 million)**

This project is the second phase of work to complete the conversions of each of these former elementary schools to PreK-8 facilities. The work varies by site, as detailed below:

- Ashley Park would receive a gymnasium, specialty classrooms (such as dance, art, music, and technology) and kitchen/cafeteria upgrades
- Bruns Avenue would receive kitchen/cafeteria upgrades and the addition of specialty classrooms
- Walter G. Byers would receive additional specialty classrooms and enhanced technology space
- Druid Hills would receive the addition of a gymnasium, specialty classrooms and expansion for the dining room
- Reid Park would receive a gymnasium and specialty classrooms, along with a dining room expansion
- Westerly Hills would receive a gymnasium, specialty classrooms and enhanced technology spaces



*Ashley Park*



*Druid Hills*



*Reid Park*



*Westerly Hills*

### **New K-8 Magnet: New STEAM K-8 (\$31.38 million)**

This new K-8 school in south Charlotte would expand capacity for the district's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) program and address the wait pool at Morehead STEM Academy. It would also provide much-needed relief for Community House and Jay M. Robinson middle schools as well as the elementary schools which feed them.

# Summary of Bond Projects

- ✓ Two new K-8 magnet schools
- ✓ One new PreK-8 school
- ✓ Three replacement schools
- ✓ Repurposing of two facilities as schools
- ✓ Phase two of PreK-8 conversions at six schools
- ✓ Career and Technical Education Institutes
- ✓ Numerous renovations and additions



Project	Budgeted Cost	Anticipated Delivery	Board District
Oakhurst STEAM Magnet ES/Starmount ES conversion	\$5,940,000	Aug 2015	4
Nations Ford ES replacement	\$19,440,000	Aug 2016	2
Statesville Road ES replacement	\$20,340,000	Aug 2016	3
Olympic HS addition/renovation	\$8,964,000	Jan 2017	3
J.M. Alexander MS replacement	\$30,672,000	Aug 2017	1
New Language Immersion PK-8 Albemarle Rd. ES/MS relief	\$30,376,000	Aug 2017	4
New PK-8 Berryhill-Reid Park relief	\$30,376,000	Aug 2017	2
Selwyn ES renovation	\$2,592,000	Jan 2018	5
East Mecklenburg HS addition	\$12,744,000	Aug 2018	4
Myers Park HS addition	\$22,248,000	Aug 2018	5
Northridge MS addition	\$6,448,000	Aug 2018	3
Northwest School of the Arts renovation	\$12,420,000	Aug 2018	2
South Mecklenburg HS addition	\$18,360,000	Aug 2018	5
Davidson K-8 conversion	\$9,500,000	Jan 2019	1
Career and Technology Education Phase I: Garinger/West	\$8,640,000	Aug 2019	1,2,3,6
Meck/ North Meck/Independence high schools			
PreK-8 conversion Phase II ( <i>Ashley Park, Bruns Ave, Walter G. Byers, Druid Hills, Reid Park, Westerly Hills PreK-8s</i> )	\$24,732,000	Aug 2019	2,3
New STEAM K-8 ( <i>Potential relief for Ballantyne, Elon Park, Hawk Ridge, and Polo Ridge elementaries and Community House and Jay M. Robinson middle schools</i> )	\$31,376,000	Aug 2020	6

## Key dates:

- General election: Nov. 5.
- Deadline to register for the Nov. 5 election: Oct. 11.
- Early voting: Oct. 24 through Nov. 2.



## For more information or if you have questions about the CMS 2013 bond referendum:

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