

## CMS Building for Excellence Newsletter



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The \$2.5 billion bond referendum funds 30 high-priority projects focused on providing significant benefits for students and schools. These projects will improve educational environments, offer more academic options, alleviate overcrowding, and renovate and replace aging CMS facilities.

### 'Building X' opens at South Mecklenburg High

On Jan. 28, South Mecklenburg High students and staff stepped into "Building X" for the first time — a modern space designed to enhance learning and growth! This state-of-the-art facility replaces a classroom building from 1958, bringing upgraded learning conditions as part of the 2017 bond.



### South Mecklenburg High 2023 bond project

But the transformation isn't over! South Mecklenburg High is also included in the 2023 bond, with a balance of campus replacement., this will bring the campus to a 100-classroom baseline and a comprehensive athletics package; scheduled planned for completion is in 2028. The excitement is real, and the future looks bright for the Sabres! Learn more about the 2023 bond South Mecklenburg High School project at [cmsbondconstruction.com/projects/south-mecklenburg-high-school-replacement/](https://cmsbondconstruction.com/projects/south-mecklenburg-high-school-replacement/). We're excited to share the fly-through animation of the South Mecklenburg High School partial replacement project! The project includes new administration offices, a welcoming lobby for students and visitors, new gym facilities, an auditorium, media center, culinary arts program spaces and support facilities to complement the buildings that will remain on campus. Site improvements include reconfigured baseball and softball fields, resurfaced tennis courts and a new turf football field. The project is being constructed in multiple phases and will be fully complete in the summer of 2028!



### New Magnet Second Ward High School



On Feb. 27, architects from LS3P shared the latest updates, including renderings on the new Second Ward High, which will be a cutting-edge facility, focused on medical and technology education. It will house Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences. Your support and engagement are key as we move forward. Construction starts in September 2025, and this new choice school will open on Aug. 2028.



## Presentations

*CLICK EACH OF THEM BELOW TO READ MORE:*

[Billingsville Elementary School](#)

[Cotswold Elementary School](#)

[Marie G. Davis Montessori](#)

[Second Ward Magnet High School](#)

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## WHY ATTEND PROJECT UPDATE MEETINGS?

**HEAR UPDATES**  
from CMS staff and project architects

**LEARN ABOUT**  
the project scope and timeline

**GET THE CURRENT**  
project status

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New Middle School #2, Beverly Wood Elementary School Replacement, Huntersville Elementary School Replacement, Dilworth Middle School Magnet Renovations, and Berryhill Replacement School project update meetings will be scheduled. Stay tuned!

## Construction Updates

### DESIGN

- Billingsville Montessori Upfit
- Cotswold Elementary School
- First Ward Creative Arts Academy
- Marie G. Davis Montessori Upfit
- New Magnet Second Ward High School
- North Mecklenburg High School Replacement
- South Mecklenburg High School Replacement

### CONSTRUCTION

- New Middle School #1 South
- Northwest School of the Arts
- Sedgefield Montessori
- New Elementary School on Park Road Site

### NOT STARTED

- Albemarle Road Middle School
- Allenbrook Elementary School
- Berryhill School
- Beverly Woods Elementary School
- Cochrane Collegiate Academy/iMeck
- Cornelius Elementary School
- Coulwood STEM Academy
- Dilworth Latta
- East Mecklenburg High School
- Elbert Edwin Waddell High School
- Garinger High School
- Harding University High School

- Huntersville Elementary School
- J.T. Williams Secondary Montessori
- Matthews Elementary School
- New Middle School #2 North
- South Charlotte Middle School
- New Middle School #3 Southwest
- Steele Creek Elementary School
- University Park Creative Arts School
- Villa Heights Elementary School
- Wilson STEM Academy
- West Regional Athletic Complex

### PROJECT STATUS

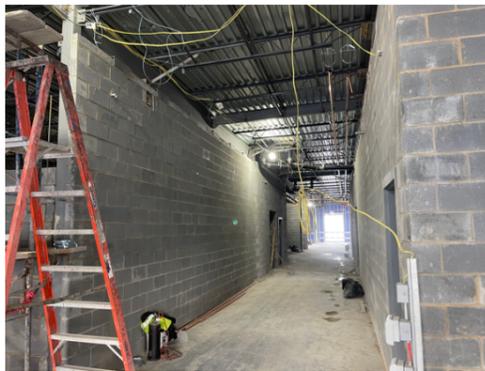
### New Middle School #1 South

Progress continues as Phase 1 erosion control is underway, mass grading operations have started, and construction perimeter fencing and gates are now in place. Utilities, including gas and power, have been turned off and removed, and the building permitting process is in progress. This project involves the construction of a 54-classroom middle school to address overcrowding at Community House Middle, Jay M. Robinson Middle and Rea Farms STEAM Academy. The new facility is scheduled for completion in August 2026.



### Northwest School of the Arts

The G Building construction is progressing well; structural steel is approaching completion, elevated floor slabs are complete, and interior masonry walls continue. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) contractors continue their wall and above-ceiling rough-in on the first and second floors. Preconstruction meetings with trades continue as they mobilize to the site. Occupancy of the new Building G is scheduled for January 2026; renovations, demolition and site work will continue and are scheduled for completion in August 2027.



### Sedgefield Montessori

The project continues, with the remaining Phase 1 site improvements continuing through the permitting process. The construction manager is proceeding with procurement and preparatory work for the Phase 2 renovations (life skills classroom renovations, security vestibule and additional site work with amenities) so work can progress quickly once school is out for the summer.



### New Elementary School on Park Road site

Demolition of the old school is approximately 75% complete, and the site work contractor has mobilized. The construction managers' remaining scope packages bid in December and were approved by the Board of Education in late January. The project consists of a new 45-classroom elementary school.



## Workforce Development

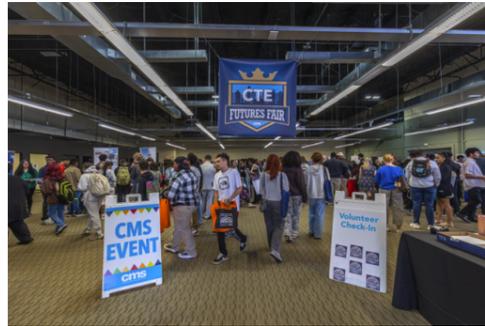


### The ROC

The ROC program equips 11th and 12th graders from Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology, Julius L. Chambers, Garinger, Harding University, West Charlotte and West Mecklenburg high schools with real-world skills in construction, electrical, HVAC and more, preparing them for internships, apprenticeships and careers in the trades. Since 2018, it has grown from 21 to 209 students, proving the demand for skilled professionals!

### CTE Futures Fair

Thank you to all of our amazing suppliers who participated in the CTE Futures Fair on March 13! Your support and dedication to connecting with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' career-ready seniors play a vital role in shaping the future workforce. It was incredible to see the excitement in the students' faces, especially those eager to explore careers in the trades and construction industries. Together, we're building opportunities, inspiring the next generation, and paving the way for success. We appreciate your partnership and commitment!



### ACE Trades Day

Over 10 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, more than 400 students, and 23 vendors participated on March 20 in the ACE Trades Day at CPCC Harper Campus! This hands-on event, hosted by the ACE Mentor Program, ABC Carolinas, Central Piedmont Community College, and The ROC, introduced students to careers in HVAC, plumbing, electrical work, and other skilled trades. Industry professionals helped inspire the next generation of tradespeople through live demonstrations and interactive activities. A great opportunity for students to explore career paths and connect with experts!



### Billingsville Outreach Event

Over 33 vendors attended the Pre-Bid & Site Walk on Feb. 6 for the Billingsville Elementary School bond project. Clancy & Theys Company Construction talked to the suppliers about the project.



### Cotswold Outreach Event

Thank you to the more than 40 vendors who attended the Prequalification Information Session on Jan. 29 at Clancy & Theys offices! We appreciate your interest in the Cotswold Elementary School replacement project.



### South Mecklenburg High School Outreach Event

On Feb. 6 and 7, over 100 contractors attended the first of two pre-bid meetings for the South Mecklenburg High School balance of campus replacement project. Hosted by Whiting-Turner, this event provided an opportunity to review project details and participate in a site walk.



**UPCOMING MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT DATES:**

- - North Mecklenburg High School: Construction Manager Bidding Activities are scheduled to begin in the summer of 2025.
- - New Magnet Second Ward High School: Construction Manager Bidding Activities are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2025.



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**FIRST WARD  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Bid Opening

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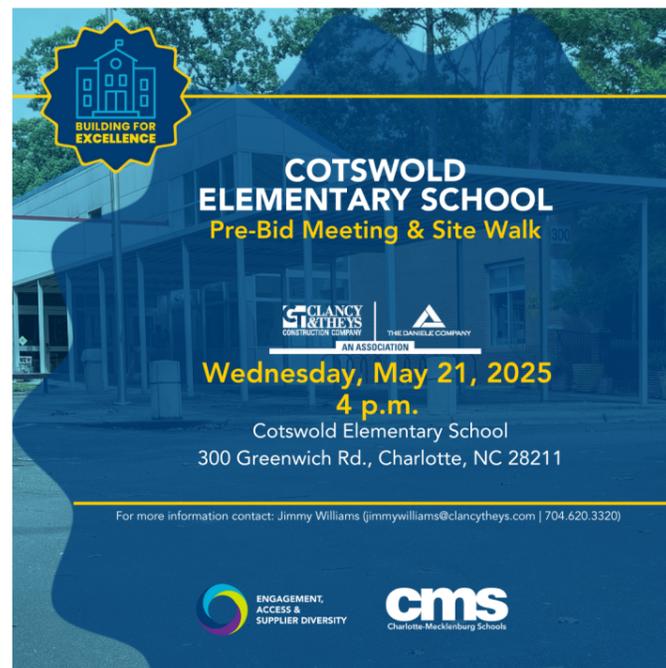
Informal Packages  
**April 3, 2025, 2 p.m.**  
Edifice Annex, 306 Clanton Rd.,  
Charlotte, NC

*\*Prequalified bidders only.*

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**COTSWOLD  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Pre-Bid Meeting & Site Walk

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CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

**THE DANIEL COMPANY**  
AN ASSOCIATION

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**  
**4 p.m.**  
Cotswold Elementary School  
300 Greenwich Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211

For more information contact: Jimmy Williams ([jimmywilliams@clancytheys.com](mailto:jimmywilliams@clancytheys.com)) | 704.620.3320

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**CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR!**

## **CMS Supplier Diversity Summit**

Join us for an exclusive opportunity to collaborate with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) and explore diverse business avenues. Discover how you can partner with our departments, including Building Services, Custodial Services, Procurement Services, Student Services, Technology Services, Transportation and more. Community business resources will be available on-site to provide technical assistance and support.  
Don't miss out! Register now at [bit.ly/cmssummit2025](https://bit.ly/cmssummit2025).



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2025

# SUPPLIER DIVERSITY SUMMIT

APRIL 23, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

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## Skilled Trades Tour

Join us for a Skilled Trades Tour at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) Harper Campus, 315 W. Hebron St., Charlotte, NC 28273, on Monday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This tour is an excellent opportunity to explore CPCC's hands-on learning labs and classrooms, meet the experts behind their trades programs, and discover how these initiatives can strengthen workforce development within your company. It also offers a great chance to build potential partnerships between CPCC and construction firms.

Please register using the following link: [bit.ly/cpccskilledtrades](https://bit.ly/cpccskilledtrades).

**SKILLED  
TRADES TOUR**

**Monday, March 31, 2025**  
**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Central Piedmont Community  
College (CPCC) Harper Campus  
315 W. Hebron St., Charlotte

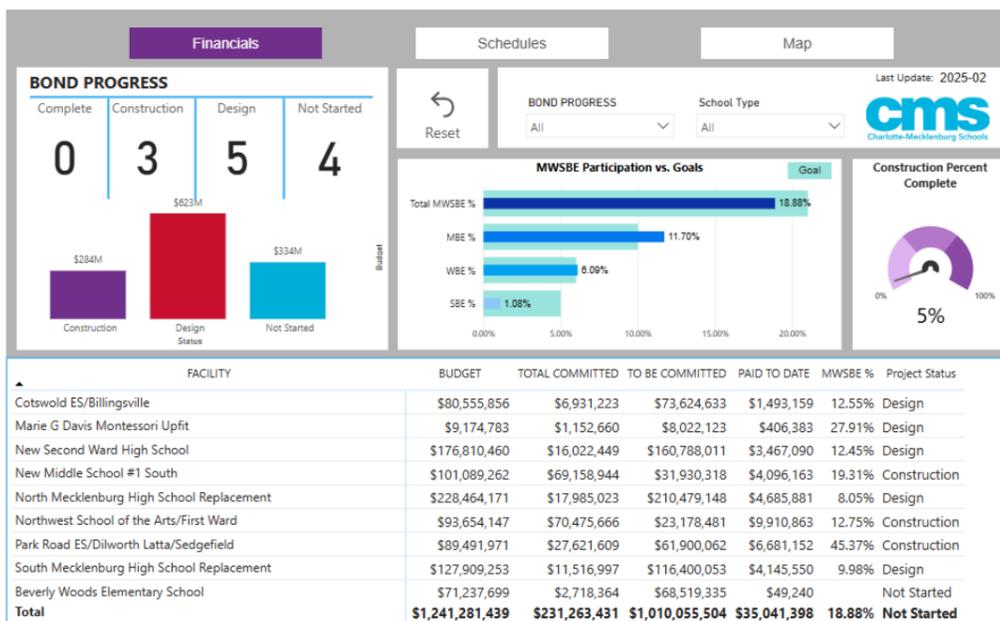


**Women in Construction Week**  
 In celebration of Women in Construction Week, we're shining a light on the incredible women leading the way in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' bond projects. From the construction project manager of the Northwest School of the Arts project and the LS3P architect designing transformative spaces like the new magnet Second Ward High School, to the inspiring voices of The ROC's associate director and a dedicated ROC student, these women are building more than just schools — they're building dreams, opportunities and a stronger future for our community. Their work is a powerful reminder that the future of construction is bold, bright and inclusive. We appreciate your hard work!

Explore the CMS Bond Construction website! Stay informed on Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools bond projects, including project updates, reports, outreach events, procurement opportunities and MWSBE resources.

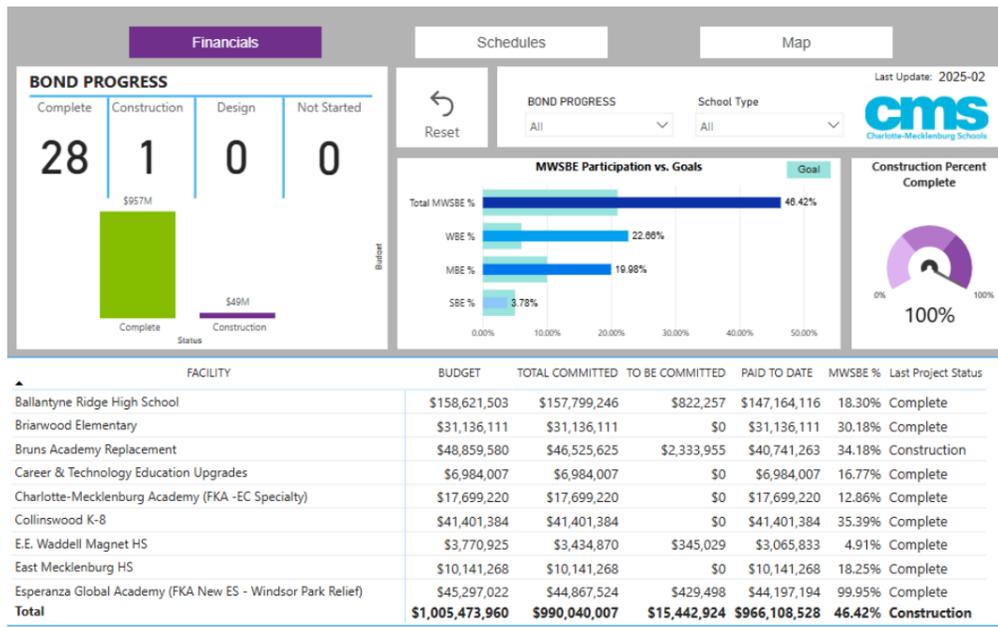


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### 2017 Dashboard



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