

Horry County Schools Facility Needs 2008-2013



Horry County Schools

1995-2008 Thirteen Years of Progress

- In 1995 the school district had 25,953 students.
- In 2008 the school district is expected to have 37,845 students.
 - Over this period there have been...
 - several reductions in pupil teacher ratios.
 - expansions of the 4-year old Child Development Program.
 - various other staffing adjustments.
- In 1995 there were 41 schools in the school district.
- In 2008 there are 50 schools in the school district.
- Since 1995 the district has constructed 22 new/replacement facilities and by the end of Phase III will have completed renovations/additions to every other school. The district met or exceeded the voter approved scope of work in every instance.
- Since 1995 major athletic facility improvements have been completed.
- During this period, the district implemented an annual capital improvements program currently funded at \$5,000,000 per year.
- At the end of the current construction program, the school district will have completed over ½ billion dollars in construction since the beginning of Phase I.
- In 1995 the debt service millage for Horry County property owners was 28 mills.
- In 2008 the debt service millage is the same at 28 mills.



2008 Focus Group Meetings

St. James Attendance Area	Thursday, March 6, 2008	Superintendent's Support Cabinet	Thursday, April 10, 2008
Socastee Attendance Area	Tuesday, March 11, 2008	Superintendent's Business Cabinet	Thursday, April 17, 2008
Conway Area Chamber of Commerce	Tuesday, March 11, 2008	Superintendent's Teacher Cabinet	Thursday, April 17, 2008
Carolina Forest Attendance Area	Thursday, March 13, 2008	Superintendent's Parent Cabinet	Thursday, April 17, 2008
Loris Attendance Area	Tuesday, March 18, 2008	NMB Chamber Executive Board	Thursday, April 24, 2008
Green Sea Floyds Attendance Area	Wednesday, March 19, 2008	Coastal Carolina Association of Realtors	Thursday, April 24, 2008
NMB Attendance Area	Thursday, March 20, 2008	Superintendent's Support Staff Cabinet	Thursday, May 1, 2008
Aynor Attendance Area	Tuesday, April 1, 2008	NMB Chamber of Commerce	Wednesday, May 7, 2008
Conway Attendance Area	Wednesday, April 2, 2008	*Myrtle Beach Chamber Executive Board	Tuesday, May 20, 2008
Myrtle Beach Attendance Area	Thursday, April 3, 2008		
HCS Learning Specialists	Thursday, April 3, 2008		

* Survey results not included



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- Further review of survey results by approximately 1,000 people

- Further review of needs by school Principals

Previous Speaking Engagements Associated with 2006 Local Option Sales Tax

Monday, September 11

3:15 p.m.: NMB Elementary Staff, PTO and SIC

3:15 p.m.: Academy for Technology and Academics

3:30 p.m.: Socastee High School Staff

3:45 p.m.: Forestbrook Middle School Staff, PTO and SIC

3:45 p.m.: Black Water Middle School Staff

Tuesday, September 12

6:00 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Middle School PTO

6:00 p.m.: North Myrtle Beach Middle School PTO

6:00 p.m.: Conway Elementary School PTO

6:15 p.m.: Waccamaw Elementary School PTO

6:30 p.m.: Seaside Elementary School PTO

6:30 p.m.: Black Water Middle School Open House

7:00 p.m.: Aynor Elementary School PTO

Wednesday, September 13

4:30 p.m.: NMB Area Focus Group, Surf Club

Thursday, September 14

11:15 a.m.: AAST - SIC

12:00 noon: St. James Attendance Area Advisory Board

1:00 p.m.: MBES & MBPS PTO Boards

2:30 p.m.: Conway Education Center

6:00 p.m.: St. James Middle School Open House

7:30 p.m.: Burgess Community Center

Friday, September 15

1:00 p.m.: Conway Education Center, Adult Education Staff

Monday, September 18

12:00 noon: Pilot Club at Thornys in Conway

2:50 p.m.: North Myrtle Beach Primary Staff

2:45 p.m.: Midland Elementary School Staff

3:00 p.m.: Socastee Elementary School Staff

2:45 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Elementary School Staff

3:00 p.m.: Pee Dee Elementary School Staff

3:30 p.m.: Green Sea Floyds High School Staff

7:00 p.m.: Aynor Middle School PTO

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 a.m.: Myrtle Beach Area Advisory Board

9:30 a.m.: Horry County Education Center MS Teachers

12:00 noon: Socastee Area Advisory Board

1:15 p.m.: Horry County Education Center HS Teachers

3:30 p.m.: Superintendent's Teacher Cabinet

6:00 p.m.: Loris Middle School PTO

6:30 p.m.: GSFE PTO and GSFH SIC

7:00 p.m.: Lakewood Elementary School PTO

7:00 p.m.: Kingston Elementary PTO

Wednesday, September 20

2:45 p.m.: Forestbrook Elementary School Staff

Previous Speaking Engagements Associated with 2006 Local Option Sales Tax

Thursday, September 21

11:30 a.m.: Business Cabinet, Wild Wing

Monday, September 25

2:45 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Primary School Staff

3:00 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Intermediate School Staff

3:40 p.m.: Carolina Forest High Staff

5:00 p.m.: North Myrtle Beach High SIC

6:30 p.m.: North Myrtle Beach High PTO

Tuesday, September 26

5:30 p.m.: Whittemore Park Middle School

6:00 p.m.: Parent Cabinet at the District Office

6:30 p.m.: Coastal Carolina University, Scholars Open House

Thursday, September 28

6:00 p.m.: Homewood Elementary PTO

7:00 p.m.: Aynor Senior Citizens Building- Aynor Lions Club

Friday, September 29

12:15 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Chicora Rotary Club at The Dunes Club

Monday, October 2

2:00 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Intermediate PTO

4:00 p.m.: North Myrtle Beach Intermediate SIC

Tuesday, October 3

12:30 p.m.: Murrells Inlet Rotary

5:45 p.m.: Conway Middle PTO

6:00 p.m.: Socastee Elementary School PTO

6:00 p.m.: St. James Elementary School PTO

6:00 p.m.: St. James High PTSO

6:30 p.m.: Conway High School PTSO

6:30 p.m.: Myrtle Beach High 9th Grade Parents

Wednesday, October 4

5:00 p.m.: Palmetto Bays Elementary Parent Steering Committee

Thursday, October 5

6:30 p.m.: North Myrtle Beach Primary PTO

7:00 p.m.: HC Judicial Center, Public Hearing in the Jury Pool Selection Room

Saturday, October 7

11:30 a.m.: Education Society at Friendly's

Monday, October 9

7:00 p.m.: Aynor High Parent Teacher Conference

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 a.m.: Athletic Directors

5:00 p.m.: St. James High SIC

5:30 p.m.: Palmetto Bays Elementary PTO

Previous Speaking Engagements Associated with 2006 Local Option Sales Tax

Wednesday, October 11

4:30 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Chamber at Conway High

Thursday, October 12

4:30 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Chamber at Myrtle Beach High

Monday, October 16

2:30 p.m.: Daisy Elementary School Staff

5:00 p.m.: St. James Elementary SIC

Thursday, October 19

12:00 noon: South Conway Elementary SIC

Monday, October 23

3:30 p.m.: Daisy Elementary School Parents

7:00 p.m.: Loris Elementary PTO

Tuesday, October 24

4:30 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Chamber at Ocean Bay Elementary

7:00 p.m.: Carolina Forest Elementary School PTO

Wednesday, October 25

4:30 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Chamber at North Myrtle Beach High

Thursday, October 26

4:30 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Chamber at Socastee High

Monday, November 6

12:30 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Rotary at the Ocean Reef

Focus Groups Were Asked to Consider the Following Strategies for Addressing Growth through 2012-13

- Expand existing schools to increase capacity/accommodate unique populations
- Build additional schools
- Utilization of other properties
 - Conway Education Center
 - Myrtle Beach Education Center
 - Loris Education Center
 - Current District Office Building
- Explore primary-elementary-intermediate grade structure where feasible
- Evaluate and reorganize all grade structures to take advantage of total available classrooms (PK-12) inside the attendance area
- Increase utilization rates at middle schools and high schools
- Continued and expanded use of temporary classrooms
- Explore possible attendance line adjustments where feasible
- Implement a “year round”, “multi-track”, or other alternate calendar designed to increase capacity



Focus Groups Were Asked to Consider Other Possible Capital Needs through 2012-13

- Field house/dressing facility:
 - Carolina Forest, Green Sea Floyds, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach, Socastee
- Visitors' side concession/restrooms:
 - Aynor, Carolina Forest, Green Sea Floyds, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach, Socastee
- Other
 - Core/support/site improvements
 - System upgrades
 - Roof
 - HVAC
 - Technology



Focus Group Survey Results

- **Top 3 Strategies for Accommodating Growth**
 - 70% Expand existing schools
 - 61% Build additional schools
 - 55% Utilize other properties
- **Funding Source**
 - 90% Sales tax
 - 8% Property tax
 - 2% Both sales tax and property tax

The survey results may indicate a gap between expected revenue from sales tax and preferred strategies for accommodating growth. The results may also indicate there is not an in-depth understanding of other approaches.



Horry County Schools Estimated Facility Needs 2008-2013



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Attendance Area Analysis

Aynor

- 13 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at Aynor Elementary and Midland Elementary
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound system to accommodate large assemblies at middle school(s) gymnasium
- Provide upgraded sound/lighting in middle school(s) auditorium to accommodate school performances
- Visitors' side concession/restrooms needed at high school

Carolina Forest

- 47 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at Carolina Forest Elementary, Ocean Bay Elementary and Palmetto Bays Elementary
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary
- 17 additional classrooms needed at Ocean Bay Middle
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound system to accommodate large assemblies at middle school(s) gymnasium
- Field house and visitors' side concession/restrooms needed at high school



Attendance Area Analysis

Conway

- 15 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at Pee Dee Elementary, Homewood Elementary, Conway Elementary and Kingston Elementary
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound system to accommodate large assemblies at middle school(s) gymnasium

Green Sea Floyds

- Additional classrooms needed at Green Sea Floyds Elementary to accommodate unique populations
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound system to accommodate large assemblies at middle school(s) gymnasium
- Field house and visitors' side concession/restrooms needed at high school



Attendance Area Analysis

Loris

- 17 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at Loris Elementary and Daisy Elementary
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound system to accommodate large assemblies at middle school(s) gymnasium
- Provide upgraded sound/lighting in middle school(s) auditorium to accommodate school performances
- Field house and visitors' side concession/restrooms needed at high school

Myrtle Beach

- Additional classrooms needed at Myrtle Beach Primary to accommodate unique populations
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound/lights to better accommodate large assemblies and student performances in middle school gymnasium
- Provide upgraded sound in middle school lecture hall
- Field house and visitors' side concession/restrooms needed at high school



Attendance Area Analysis

North Myrtle Beach

- 2 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at North Myrtle Beach Elementary
- 10 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at North Myrtle Beach Middle
- 8 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at North Myrtle Beach High
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary at all above schools
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound system to accommodate large assemblies at middle school(s) gymnasium
- Provide upgraded sound/lighting in middle school(s) auditorium to accommodate school performances
- Field house and visitors' side concession stand needed at high school



Attendance Area Analysis

Socastee

- 13 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at Forestbrook Middle
- 10 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at Socastee High
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary at the above schools
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound/lights to better accommodate large assemblies and student performances in middle school gymnasium
- Provide upgraded sound in middle school lecture hall
- Field house and visitors' side concession/restrooms needed at high school



Attendance Area Analysis

St. James

- 14 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at Seaside Elementary and St. James Elementary
- 13 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at St. James Middle
- 7 additional classrooms needed to accommodate forecasted student growth at St. James High
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary at the above schools
- Provide increased capacity through development and implementation of a plan that will increase utilization rates at middle school(s) and high school
- Provide upgraded sound system to accommodate large assemblies at middle school(s) gymnasium
- Provide upgraded sound/lighting in middle school(s) auditorium to accommodate school performances
- Expansion of existing field house at St. James High

District-Wide Facilities

- Facilities to accommodate Scholars Academy
- Facilities to accommodate Early College
- Facilities to accommodate Horry County Education Center
 - Core/support/site improvements may be necessary



Adjustments to Planning Parameters

- Elementary school capacities can be expanded and/or constructed for 1,000 students where feasible
- Middle school capacities can be expanded to over 1,000 students where feasible
- High school capacities can be expanded to over 2,000 students where feasible
- The FIRST option to increase capacities at middle and high schools will be higher utilization rates
- Facilities that have been replaced are to be improved and brought back into service where feasible



Challenges

- Anticipating future staffing levels
- Transitioning to more environmentally friendly buildings
- Determining the rate at which growth will move inland
- Preventing school choice from creating overcrowded or underutilized facilities or failing schools as defined by the state report card
- Creating an understanding that the definition of “equality” does not mean “equal”
- Matching recommendations to accommodate student growth with projected cash flows

