

A CLOSER LOOK: The Proposed 2013 Capital Improvement Plan

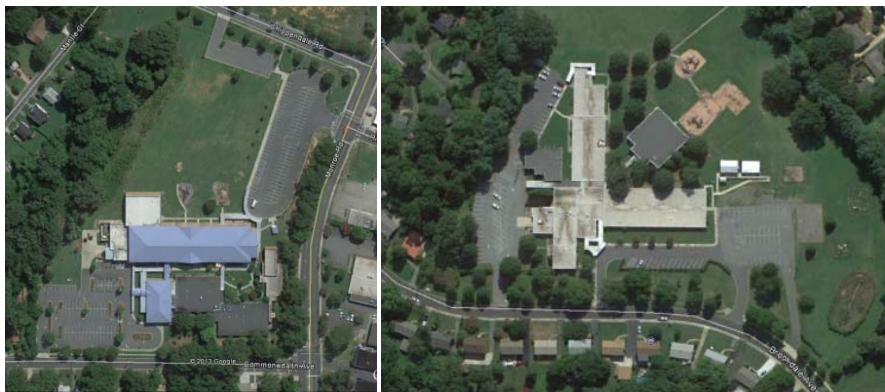
One of the most important outcomes of a long-range facilities master plan is the development of a practical capital investment plan (*CIP*). The *CIP* contains the capital projects that will be accomplished by a specific capital program. In most instances, the program is funded through general obligation bonds. These bonds are approved by county voters in a referendum. In other cases, Certificates of Participation (COPs) may be issued by the county without a popular vote. The third primary means of funding a *CIP* is through the direct employment of tax revenues, referred to as “pay/go,” or “pay as you go” funds.

The proposed 2013 *CIP* was culled from the top 50 projects identified by the long-range facilities master plan. The proposed *CIP* includes 18 capital projects which could impact more than 27 schools; the total value is \$300 million. The number of projects included, and the total dollar value these projects represent, is a result of guidance from the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners and Mecklenburg County staff. It is not expected that all 18 projects will ultimately be advanced for funding by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners.

Repurpose Facilities: Oakhurst STEAM and Starmount ES (\$5,500,000)

Oakhurst and Starmount have not served students since the 2010-2011 school year. In their last incarnations, Oakhurst was an elementary school with a small attendance boundary and a partial Paideia magnet; Starmount was a pre-Kindergarten center. Both currently host staff, with Oakhurst housing budget, finance, accountability, and IT. Starmount is home to the Southwest Zone office and transportation. Relocating all of these functions to other facilities will allow both schools to provide relief and expand program choices.

Oakhurst is proposed to serve as a full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) magnet program, targeting the immediately adjacent elementary school boundaries. Starmount would be restored to an elementary school, providing relief for Huntingtowne Farms and Montclair elementary schools. This will provide additional capacity in the partial International Baccalaureate (IB) magnet program at Huntingtowne Farms. The \$5,500,000 project cost for the restoration of both facilities is much less than the \$18,000,000 cost to construct a new elementary school.



Oakhurst Elementary

Starmount Elementary

Additions and Renovations: Olympic HS (\$8,300,000)

Olympic HS is a 90 classroom campus constructed in 1965, and currently houses 2260 students in five small schools. Olympic has not received any work to its educational buildings since 2000, and is well overdue for a comprehensive renovation. The first step in this process will be the construction of a classroom addition building to provide modern science classrooms and “swing space” for the work to occur within the main building. Updating of the auditorium will also be a focus. The classroom addition will increase the school capacity and reduce drastically the use of portables on the campus.



Replacement School: J.M. Alexander MS (\$28,400,000)

Alexander MS is a 51 classroom campus constructed in 1959, and currently houses 886 students through an attendance boundary and a partial IB program supported by the IB programs at the adjacent Blythe ES and North Mecklenburg HS. Alexander has not received capital attention in several years, and was the most overcapacity middle school in CMS prior to the construction of Ridge Road MS. Alexander requires replacement; sufficient acreage is available on-site. The project cost also includes the demolition of the existing school.



New K-8 Magnet: Language Immersion relief for Albemarle Road ES/MS (\$27,200,000)

This is a baseline K-8 partial magnet school to provide relief for Albemarle Road elementary and middle schools, Collinswood Language Immersion K-8, and other immediately adjacent elementary schools. This school is one of the links in the chain that will result in the off-site replacement of Collinswood K-8.

New PK-8 Schools: New PK-8 #1, potential Berryhill/Reid Park relief (\$27,200,000)

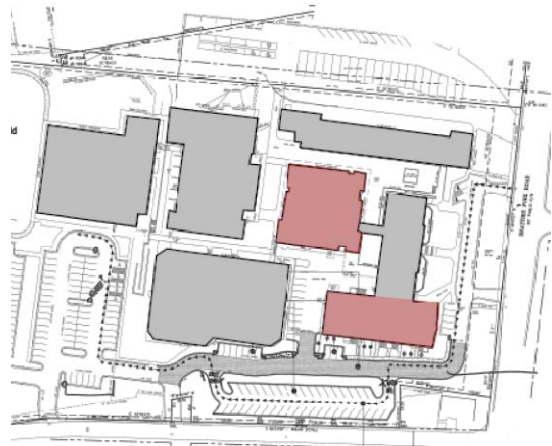
This is a baseline Pre-K-8 school to provide relief for Berryhill and Reid Park Pre-K-8 schools. Berryhill Academy has a packaged wastewater treatment plant, which is currently near its capacity. Reid Park is significantly overcapacity and requires immediate relief. This project may also provide relief for other Pre-K-8 schools, depending on siting and boundary drawn.

New Special Schools: CPCC Campus Middle College Building (\$5,500,000)

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Central Piedmont Community College have long worked in partnership to educate the children and adults of our community. A successful middle college at the CPCC Cato campus will be joined by similar offerings at additional CPCC campuses. This 20 classroom building, to be constructed by CMS on a CPCC campus, will provide seats for 200 students in the middle college program.

Renovations: Northwest School of the Arts (\$11,500,000)

Northwest School of the Arts is a 50 classroom school serving grades 6-12 in a performing arts magnet program. The campus dates to 1937. The work contemplated by this project includes a complete renovation of the historic auditorium and the multi-story 1969 classroom building. Site improvements will also be made to address parking and circulation.



Renovations: Myers Park HS (\$20,600,000)

Myers Park HS is a multi-building facility originally constructed in 1951. This project involves the replacement of three classroom buildings, the newest of which dates to 1963, through the erection of a multi-story classroom building. Additionally, renovations to the kitchen and cafeteria are included in the project scope.



Replacement School: Nations Ford ES (at Waddell) (\$18,000,000)

This is a baseline elementary school to replace the current Nations Ford ES. Nations Ford was constructed in 1957 and is not at standard. Sufficient real estate exists on the E.E. Waddell Academy of International Languages campus for the construction of this school; further, the site is well within the existing Nations Ford attendance boundary. Relocation of Nations Ford to the Waddell campus provides for interim usage of the existing school until the replacement for Collinswood is funded. This project is, therefore, another link in the chain that leads to the replacement of Collinswood with a baseline K-8 on the current Nations Ford ES site.



Additions and Renovations: East Mecklenburg HS (\$11,800,000)

The proposed project at East Mecklenburg HS will bring the school to baseline through a multi-story 30 classroom addition. The campus dates to 1949, and the new classroom building will provide on-site “swing” for renovation of the buildings which will remain. The former principal’s house on the property will be demolished, providing for a reconfigured entrance and circulation pattern. This will aid parking, administrative space, campus security, and wayfinding. Finally, renovations to the locker rooms will be completed as part of this work.



Pre-K-8 Conversions, Phase II: Ashley Park/Bruns Avenue/Walter G. Byers/Druid Hills/Reid Park/Westerly Hills (\$22,900,000)

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

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



Ashley Park



Druid Hills



Reid Park



Westerly Hills

Renovations: South Mecklenburg HS (\$17,000,000)

The proposed project at South Mecklenburg HS will replace the two oldest buildings on the campus, which date to the school’s founding in 1958. The scope also includes a new kitchen/cafeteria and the renovation of the existing dining hall.



Career and Technical Education: CTE Phase I (\$8,000,000)

The proposed first phase of work to enhance Career and Technical Education offerings will feature investments in Technical Institutes at Garinger, North Mecklenburg, West Mecklenburg, and Independence high schools. The work on each campus will allow CMS to implement a new choice program for students in each transportation zone.

K-8 Conversion: Davidson K-8 (\$7,000,000)

Davidson ES is a 32 classroom facility dating to the mid-1990s. Converting the current Davidson ES to a K-8 facility will provide relief to Bailey MS and continuity to the families currently in the Davidson ES boundary. The proposed project will provide the addition of general and specialty classrooms.



New K-8 Magnet: New STEAM K-8 (\$27,200,000)

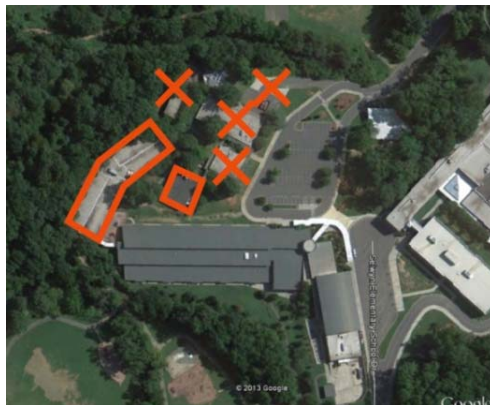
Through a limited attendance boundary and a targeted magnet overlay, this baseline K-8 facility in south Charlotte will provide relief for Community House and Jay M. Robinson middle schools as well as the elementary schools which feed them. A STEAM program will be hosted here, to further regionalize the offering and address the wait pool at Morehead STEM K-8.

Replacement School: Statesville Road ES (\$18,000,000)

Statesville Road ES is a 28 classroom, non-baseline school first built in 1955. The school and its discrete components are all well beyond their defined lifecycles. Replacement with a 39 classroom baseline school will most likely occur off-site.

Renovations: Selwyn ES (\$2,400,000)

Selwyn ES is collocated with Alexander Graham MS and Myers Park HS on what is referred to as “The SouthPark Campus.” Selwyn consists of a 25 classroom building constructed in 2002, and a series of older buildings. Of the “Old Selwyn” buildings, only a 12 classroom standalone building and the media center remain in use. Comprehensive renovation of the “hot dog” building will bring the campus to baseline. Demolition of the balance of “Old Selwyn” will provide for expanded parking and play areas.



Additions – Existing Schools: Northridge MS (\$5,600,000)

Northridge MS is a one-story, 40 classroom brick school that is located on The Plaza near J.W. Grier ES. Northridge was built in 1996 and is not at baseline. The classroom addition in this project will bring the facility to baseline and stabilize enrollment capacity.

