



Capital Improvements PROJECT UPDATE



**CLASSROOM
ADDITION**

Burnt Hickory Elementary School

CONCEPT
PLANNING
CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETED

HISTORY & BACKGROUND

- BHES opened August 2008.
- The school sits on 15.74 acres.
- Currently is 105,257 square feet with 59 instructional units.
- Current capacity is a capacity of 915 FTE (students) per DoE Standards.
- Current project is an addition to assist Burnt Hickory in meeting current enrollment and expected growth projections in the next ten years.

DESCRIPTION

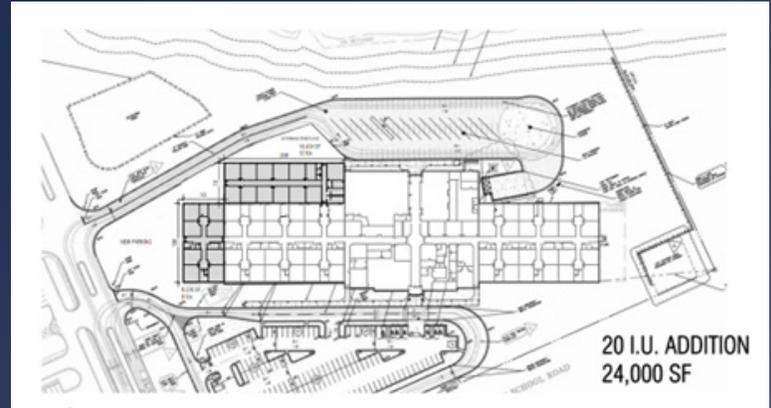
- This project consists of two 1-story classroom additions for a total of 20 instructional units.
- Will also include complete support spaces (administrative offices, resource classrooms, storage spaces, and restrooms).
- Addition capacity will be 1,200 FTE (students), similar in size to Abney and Shelton elementary schools.
- Addition will add 24,000 SF to the existing building.

TIMELINE

- Construction phase is under way. Contractor began work February 2023.
- Construction is expected to take 12-15 months, with potential adjustments based on current market impact.

PROJECT UPDATES

- Architect selected and schematic design began in Spring 2022.
- Construction Manager at Risk was solicited Summer of 2022 and Board approved August 22, 2022.
- Construction began in Q1 2023.



SAFETY & SECURITY

- Designed to remain as a standalone single building.
- Fire alarm and life safety systems will be included in the addition to comply with local codes and ordinances.
- An upgrade to the current intercom system will be completed to accommodate the additional units.

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC

- Current proposed project will not impact front of school traffic.
- Traffic control on North Paulding Drive will remain.
- Bus loop will remain.
- Parking area in the back of the school will be relocated and will add additional needs for additional staff.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE PROJECT?

The project has moved to the Construction phase and the contractor is set to begin work in late January / early February 2023. Construction should take 12-15 months.

HOW DO YOU SELECT DESIGN?

Many factors go into the design of the addition – from where it is located on campus, -1-2 or-3 story design, to interior finishings. The architect will assist in providing models and a design team made up of key stakeholders review these models based on budget, goal of the addition, operations, and aesthetics. This design was chosen first for safety as a part of the existing structure rather than a separate structure. Based on the number of instructional units being added, the footprint is relatively small – therefore it did not warrant a 2nd story or any other modifications to the existing core structures like cafeteria or media center.

HOW IS SAFETY OF THE SITE MONITORED WHILE CONSTRUCTION IS OCCURRING?

Of course, safety and security of our students is key during construction, therefore we work closely with our construction management team to ensure separation of the construction site and crew and the existing school site and staff. The workspace will be fenced off and closed from the interior. Loud/disruptive work will be performed during summer/off schedule times, same with deliveries. Screening is performed, like other visitors. A construction supervisor is on site to always ensure coordination with the local school principal.

WITH EXITS LIMITED, HOW DO WE CONDUCT DRILLS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS?

The school's safety coordinator will work with the construction management team and the district safety team to review safety plans at the beginning of construction and make adjustments as needed. Drills will be conducted as required to ensure that any alterations to the plan are well communicated and known by staff and students. Exit ways are modified in construction, but in the event of an emergency situation – construction work is halted, and safety of students becomes top priority, using all means possible.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING VENDOR PARTNERS IN CONSTRUCTION OR PROCURING NEW FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY?

The Paulding County School District follows all state and policy requirements to ensure that all contracts and purchases are made in such a way as to provide the best quality services and goods in an economical manner. Our policies provide for preference of local vendors within Paulding County, surrounding counties, and our State. The PCSD Policies regarding contracting, bidding, and procurement can be found at <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/PolicyListing.aspx?S=4125>.

HOW IS THIS PROJECT FUNDED?

This project is funded through E-SPLOST VI, a one-cent sales tax which is collected over the five year period of May 2022 through April 2027.

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