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INTRODUCTION

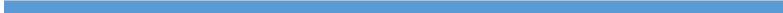
In its mission, Gaston County Schools strives to inspire success and a lifetime of learning. To that end, GCS endeavors to provide each student, teacher, and staff member with outstanding educational facilities that inspire teaching and learning. School facilities support the mission of GCS by providing innovative educational opportunities in a safe and nurturing learning environment.

In an effort to continuously improve the educational environment of the more than 32,000 students who come to learn and grow, GCS must develop and update its Long Range Facility Plan (LRFP). As a guiding resource, the LRFP provides the necessary identification and qualification for priority-based renewals and replacements of GCS facilities which serve our students and teachers each day, week, month, and year. The document is meant to serve as a communication vehicle to demonstrate need, guide implementation, and look to the future to anticipate needs.

The LRFP strives to provide an assessment of each school's current condition and identify the needs required to support a safe and nurturing learning environment. As part of this process, each successive LRFP reviews the former plan in order to remove items undertaken or completed and verifies adequate student capacity based upon enrollment data and projections. Once identified needs have been quantified, a capital estimate is generated and inevitably a district forecast is developed.

As each year brings new challenges to address, GCS facilities are continually evaluated for condition, capacity, and function. With anticipated growth, not only is additional educational space needed but it is also vital that existing facilities are reconditioned and repurposed in order to continue to meet the demands of quality learning







2018 LONG RANGE FACILITY STUDY

ASHBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

2222 SOUTH NEW HOPE ROAD

Building Size: 204,982 Sq.Ft.

Capacity: 1,459

Grade Level: 9-12

H.H. BEAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

200 DAVIS PARK ROAD

Building Size:	75,070 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	723
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1974, 1991, 2005
Site Size:	12 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$ 2-4M

HISTORY

Hershal H. Beam Elementary houses grades K-5 and is located on Davis Park Road in Gastonia. The original school, South Gastonia, was built on the current school site in 1925 and over the years housed grades 1-9. This school was replaced with on-site major building projects in 1991 and 2005. The school is named for the late Hershal H. Beam,



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BELMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

110 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE

Building Size: 116,006 Sq.Ft.



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BESSEMER CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

525 ED WILSON ROAD

Building Size:	89,531 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	751
Grade Level:	6-8
Year Built:	1954, 1979, 1985, 1989
Site Size:	18.3 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$5-7M

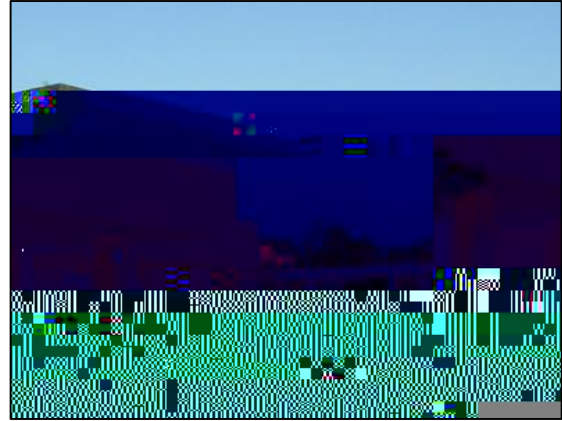
HISTORY

Bessemer City Middle was built in 1954 with several later additions and is located on Ed Wilson Road in Bessemer City. The school has a rich history traced from the Lincoln Academy for African American elementary through high school students started in 1888 in the Crowders Mountain area to the present location where in 1955 Lincoln Academy was relocated. The school then became Lincoln High and when students were merged into Bessemer City High the school ()TJETQ0.00000912h G2g(al) in thlater additions and is locatednf1 (a)9(ln)5(H)-4(igh)7(and w)7(h)3(en)3(-th

BESSEMER CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

1320 NORTH 12TH STREET

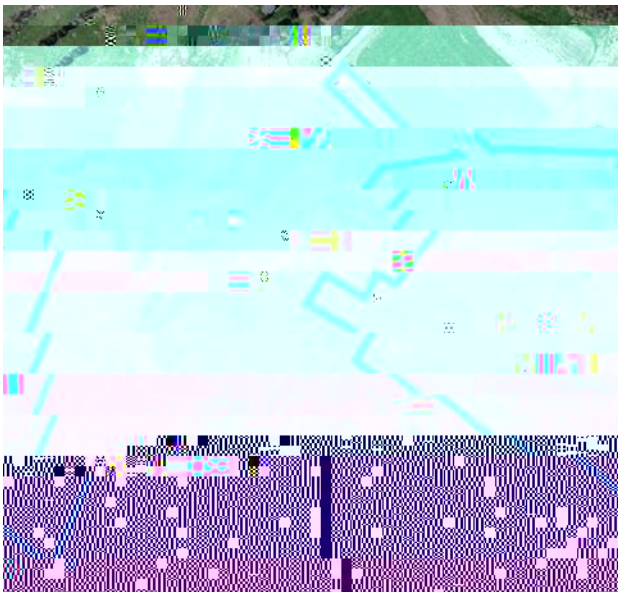
Building Size:	51,860 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	502
Grade Level:	K-2
Year Built:	1976, 2008
Site Size:	27 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$2-4M



HISTORY

Bessemer City Primary houses grades K-2 and is located on North 12th Street in Bessemer City. The main school was built in 1976 with an eight classroom addition built in 2008. The school was originally constructed to relieve crowding at the old Bessemer City Central Elementary which housed grades 1-6. With the opening of Bessemer City Primary, the school was paired with Bessemer City Central and through the years both schools continue to serve grades K-5. Presently, both schools are located side-by-side, serve the same attendance area and are served by a consolidated transportation system.

SITE PLAN



PROJECT NEEDS

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Furniture
- Life Safety
- Paving/Site Work
- Plumbing
- Roofing
- Other

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BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1925 AUTEN ROAD

Building Size:	63,126 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	528
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1994
Site Size:	30.5 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$4-6M

HISTORY

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CARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

307 SOUTH PINE STREET

Building Size:	73,253 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	743
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1961, 1989, 1997, 1999
Site Size:	19.6 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$4-6M

HISTORY

Carr is a grades K-5 elementary school located on South Pine Street in Dallas. It is named for longtime educator and principal of Dallas School (1930-



2018 LONG RANGE FACILITY STUDY

CHAPEL GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5201 LEWIS ROAD

Building Size: 54,064 Sq.Ft.

Capacity: 528

Grade Level: K

JOHN CHAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

103 SOUTH CHAVIS DRIVE

Building Size:	68,366 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	619
Grade Level:	6-8
Year Built:	1951, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1978
Site Size:	10.7 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$4-6M

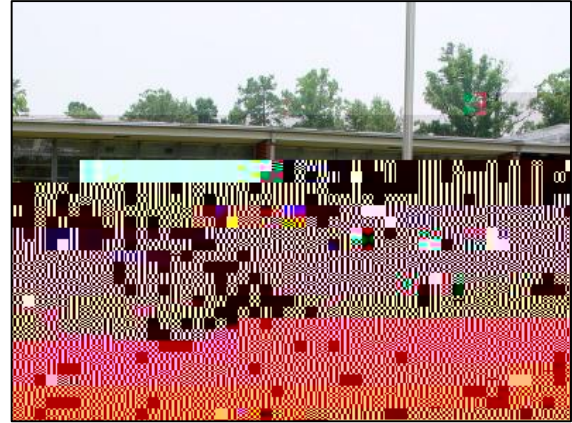
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John Chavis is a grades 6-8 middle school located on South Chavis Drive in Cherryville. The original school was John Chavis High serving African American students in 0.56 Tf30.ri0ca7 EMC /P 4MCID 7-BDC q0.00000912 0 612 792 reW*BT/F3 14.

CHERRYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

700 EAST ACADEMY STREET

Building Size:	66,473 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	500
Grade Level:	K-3
Year Built:	1956, 1963, 1975, 1996
Site Size:	17 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$2-4M



HISTORY

Cherryville Elementary is a K-3 school located on East Academy Street in Cherryville. The school opened in 1956 as Cherryville East Elementary housing grades 1-6. In 1966 the school housed only grades 1 and 2 and in 1973 Kindergarten and grade 3 were added. Several building projects have expanded the school and with the X]df]Mg[Ycf[Ub]zation to grades 6-8 middle schools/9-12 high schools, Cherryville East became Cherryville Elementary housing grades K-5. To accommodate growth, W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School opened in 2004 housing grades 4 and 5; thus allowing Cherryville Elementary to house grades K-3.

SITE PLAN



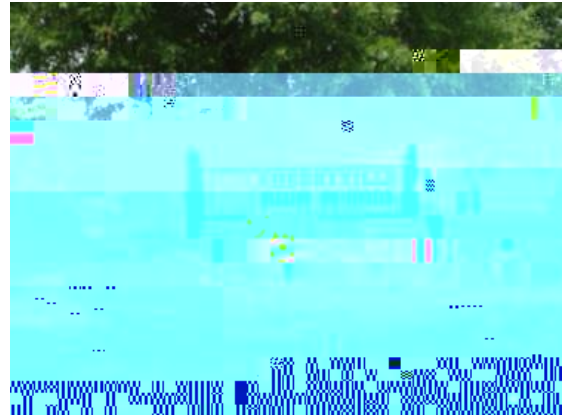
PROJECT NEEDS

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Furniture
- HVAC
- Life Safety
- Paving/Site Work
- Plumbing
- Roofing
- Other

CHERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

313 RIDGE AVENUE

Building Size:	116,354 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	707
Grade Level:	9-12
Year Built:	1965, 1981
Site Size:	21.2 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$14-18M



HISTORY

Cherryville High, located on Ridge Avenue in Cherryville, opened in 1965 as a junior high school. With a major addition in 1981 the school expanded to a comprehensive junior-senior high configuration in 1982 housing grades 7-12. With the addition of grades 6-8 middle schools/9-12 high schools, the school became a comprehensive grades 9-12 high school in 1997. The school continues to utilize Starnes Auditorium (1949) (which is also part of the current W.B. Beam Intermediate School), Nixon Gym (1956) and Rudisill Stadium (1963; completely renovated in 2013) which were facilities of the old high school located on Pink and First streets. Students from the all African American John Chavis School were merged into Cherryville High in 1966.

SITE PLAN



PROJECT NEEDS

- Auditoriums
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Furniture
- HVAC
- Life Safety
- Paving/Site Work
- Plumbing
- Roofing
- Other

COSTNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

353 OLD 277 LOOP ROAD

Building Size:	54,975 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	489
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1965, 1974, 1975, 1977 1980
Site Size:	11.5 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$2-4M

HISTORY

Costner is a grades K-5 elementary school located on Old 277 Loop Road in Dallas. Land for the school can be traced to Valentine Costner and her son Peter for which the school is named. The school has been consolidated/merged at least twice Jenkins School in 1913 and High Shoals School in 1998 (which had already merged with Harden School in 1966). The school originally taught all grades. It served grades 1-7 during the time grades 8-12 attended Dallas High. With the building of Friday Junior in 1971, Costner became a grades 1-6 school with Kindergarten added soon after.

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STUART W. CRAMER HIGH SCHOOL

101 LAKEWOOD ROAD

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CRAMERTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

601 CRAMER MOUNTAIN ROAD

Building Size:	103,394 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	884
Grade Level:	6-8
Year Built:	1998
Site Size:	39.2 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$3-5M

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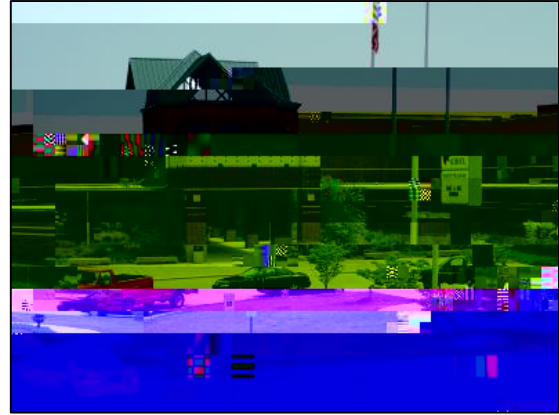
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FORESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

5545 UNION ROAD

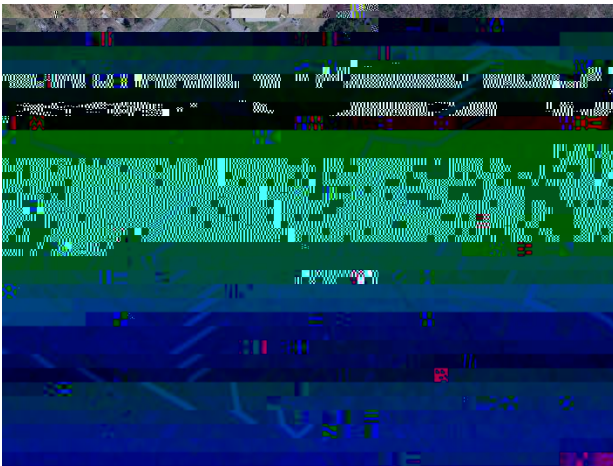
Building Size:	197,500 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	1,105
Grade Level:	9-12
Year Built:	1998
Site Size:	67.4 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$8-10M



HISTORY

Forestview is a comprehensive high school housing grades 9-12. The one-story school is located on south Union Road in Gastonia. The school opened in 1998 to relieve overcrowding primarily at Ashbrook and Hunter Huss high schools as well as serve an expanding population in the southern portion of Gastonia/Gaston County.

SITE PLAN



PROJECT NEEDS

- Auditoriums
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Furniture
- HVAC
- Life Safety
- Paving/Site Work
- Plumbing
- Roofing
- Other

W.C. FRIDAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

1221 RATCHFORD DRIVE

Building Size:	106,032 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	729
Grade Level:	6-8
Year Built:	1970
Site Size:	50.1 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$5-7M

HISTORY

William C. Friday Middle houses grades 6-8 and is located adjacent to North Gaston High on Ratchford Road in Dallas. The school along with North Gaston High serves as a replacement (ed a)10(dja)-2old0(d4)tRoad in

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GARDNER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

738 ARMSTRONG PARK ROAD

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W.P. GRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

1622 EAST GARRISON BOULEVARD

Building Size:	119,215 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	954
Grade Level:	6-8
Year Built:	1955, 58 , 85 , 03
Site Size:	24.6 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$12-16M

HISTORY

Grier is a grades 6-8 middle school located on Garrison Boulevard in Gastonia. The original school opened in 1956 with seven buildings housing grades 1

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HAWKS NEST STEAM ACADEMY

3430 ROBINWOOD ROAD

Building Size:	64,067 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	376
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	2002
Site Size:	4.9 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$1-

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HIGHLAND SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

1600 NORTH MORRIS STREET

Building Size: 125,910 Sq.Ft.

Capacity: 575

2018 LONG RANGE FACILITY STUDY

HOLBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

418 SOUTH CHURCH STREET

Building Size:	91,859 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	774
Grade Level:	6-8
Year Built:	1945, 1954, 1975, 1989
Site Size:	19.5

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HUNTER HUSS HIGH SCHOOL

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2018 LONG RANGE FACILITY STUDY

KISER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

311 EAST COLLEGE STREET

Building Size:	66,110 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	592
Grade Level:	3-5
Year Built:	1948, 150
Site Size:	11.4 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$10-12M

HISTORY

Kiser is a grades 3-



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LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1500 POWER DRIVE

Building Size: 54,552 Sq.Ft.

Capacity: 567

Grade Level: K-5

MCADENVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

275 EAST WESLEYAN DRIVE

Building Size:	38,708 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	215
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1949
Site Size:	7.9 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$4-6M

HISTORY

McAdenville is a grades K-5 elementary school located on East Wesleyan Drive in McAdenville. The school was built to relieve overcrowding at the old 6-classroom wooden structure located across the street from the present school. Selected renovations were completed at the school during 2016. Several interesting facts include the following. The school was built on land owned by the local textile mill which is now Pharr Yarns. In an agreement with the county school system, should the facility cease to function as a school, all facilities revert to the mill. Also, the school was the site of the first non-



NEW HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

137 STOWE ROAD

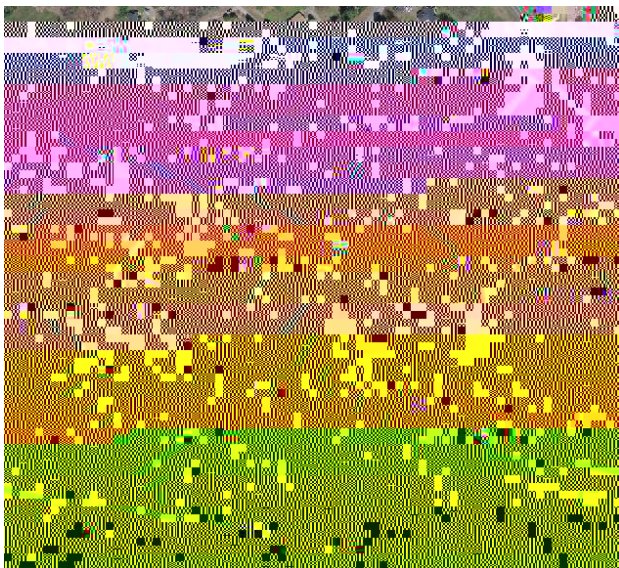
Building Size:	54,561 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	528
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1955, 1965, 1981, 1988
Site Size:	21.4 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$2-4M



HISTORY

New Hope is a grades K-5 elementary school located on Stowe Road off South New Hope Road. Originally begun in 1855, the school has moved several times over the years. In 1936 the school closed. In 1955 the present school was built to accommodate population growth in this area of the county. Over the years, population has continued to grow as indicated by the three major additions to the school. In 1981 and 1988 the school was expanded to accommodate grades K-5 elementary school in 1997.

SITE PLAN



PROJECT NEEDS

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- HVAC
- Life Safety
- Paving/Site Work
- Plumbing
- Other



2018 LONG RANGE FACILITY STUDY

PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1925 NORTH MAIN STREET

Building Size:	71,490 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	606
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1969, 2005
Site Size:	28.5 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$3-5M

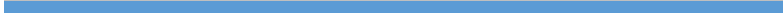
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PLEASANT RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1260 FLOYD LANE

Building Size:	132,710 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	800
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1990, 2008, 2017
Site Size:	13.1 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$



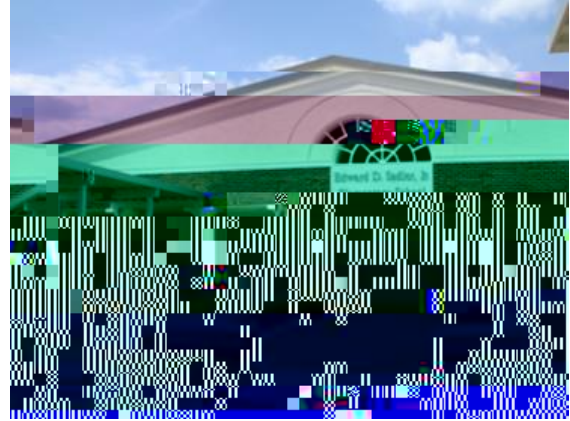


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EDWARD D. SADLER JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3950 WEST FRANKLIN BOULEVARD

Building Size:	63,597 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	508
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	2004
Site Size:	21.1 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$5-7M



HISTORY

Edward D. Sadler, Jr. Elementary School opened in 2004 as a replacement for the aging Arlington Elementary (built in 1922). The one-story school is located on West Franklin Blvd. in Gastonia and houses grades K-5. The school is currently led by Principal [Name], Assistant Superintendent [Name], and Superintendent [Name].

SITE PLAN



PROJECT NEEDS

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Life Safety
- Paving/Site Work
- Roofing

2018 LONG RANGE FACILITY STUDY

SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1744 DIXON BOULEVARD

Building Size:	75,922 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	743
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1969, 2003
Site Size:	13 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$2-4M

HISTORY

Sherwood is a grades K-5 elementary school located on Dixon Road in Gastonia. The school opened in August 1969 for the purpose of consolidating three schools.

SOUTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL

906 SOUTH POINT ROAD

Building Size:	137,930 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	1,061
Grade Level:	9-12
Year Built:	1964, 1972, 1985, 1999, 2016
Site Size:	33.3 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$14-17M

HISTORY

South Point is a comprehensive high school housing grades 9-12 and located on South Point Road in Belmont. South Point was constructed as a replacement for an aging Belmont High and opened in 1964 (before the school was completed) as Belmont High. In 1969, CfUa Yfrcb H] [\ UbX RY]X H] [\ (BY'a cbhU` A Z]Wb Aa Yf]Wb g]Ncc') Wbq` XUhYX k Jh BY'a cbh H] [\ hc Zcfa Sci h Pc]bhH] [\. W]h hY X]gf]M]a cj Y hc [fUXYg 6-8 middle schools/9-12 high schools, South Point received a new auxiliary gym and a new classroom. 0.00000912 0 612 792 reW`hBT/F3 10.56 Tf1 0 0 1 238.49 359.81 733t4Als/2

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SOUTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

NO. 1 ROADRUNNER DRIVE



2018 LONG RANGE FACILITY STUDY

STANLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

317 HOVIS ROAD

Building Size: 136,551 Sq.Ft.

Capacity: 800

Grade Level: 6-8

Year Built: 2018

Site Size: 68.4 Acres



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TRYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WARLICK ACADEMY

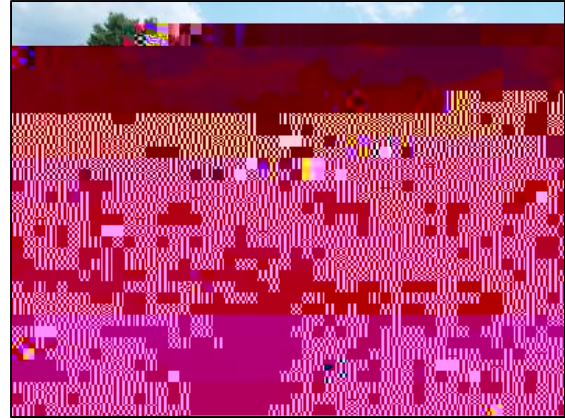
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Building Size: 44,172

WEBB STREET SCHOOL

1623 NORTH WEBB STREET

Building Size:	49,186 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	N/A
Grade Level:	K-12
Year Built:	1949, 1981, 1985, 1986
Site Size:	10.3 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$2-4M



HISTORY

Webb Street is a public, separate school serving Kindergarten through 12th grade students with cognitive impairments. Students may attend the school until they turn 22 years of age and may attain a Certificate of Attendance upon graduation. The school opened in 1949 as Arlington Elementary School and two years later became Minnie Lee Peedin Elementary School serving grades 1-6. Miss Peedin was a first grade teacher and the elementary supervisor from 1912-1950. Arlington Junior High was located next door; when it was converted to an elementary, Peedin became a primary school paired with Arlington. In 1985 it closed, was renovated and reopened in 1986 as the current Webb Street School.

SITE PLAN



PROJECT NEEDS

- Auditoriums
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Furniture
- HVAC
- Life Safety
- Paving/Site Work
- Plumbing
- Other

WOODHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1027 WOODHILL DRIVE

Building Size:	65,530 Sq.Ft.
Capacity:	587
Grade Level:	K-5
Year Built:	1967
Site Size:	15.8 Acres
Capital Needs:	\$1-3M

HISTORY

Woodhill is a K-5 school (with some modifications) for Belmont Central, Pinewood, and Sherwood schools which were built in 1969-1970 as part of the new consolidated Gaston County Schools. Opened in August 1968, Woodhill was constructed to consolidate and replace two aging facilities: Highland Elementary (an all African American school) and East Elementary (a predominately white school). The newly opened school was formerly known as the Oral School. Of special note, Woodhill was chosen to open one of eight state-funded pilot kindergarten programs. The program opened on December 1, 1969. The school received renovations in 2010.

2018 LONG RANGE FACILITY STUDY

YORK CHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

601 SOUTH CLAY STREET

Building Size: 84,723 Sq.Ft.

Capacity: 530

Grade Level: 6-8

Year Built: 1939, ~~1950~~

Site Size: 3.7 Acres