

Students first



STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS 2022-2023





“the South Carolina Constitution's education clause requires the General Assembly to provide the opportunity for each child to receive a **minimally adequate education**,” and defined the minimally adequate education “to include providing students adequate and safe facilities in which they have the opportunity to acquire:

- The ability to read, write, and speak the English language, and knowledge of mathematics and physical science;
- A fundamental knowledge of economic, social, and political systems, and of history and governmental processes; and
- Academic and vocational skills.”

OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

26 schools/31 facilities

16,000 students

(3) 9-12 High Schools

(3) 6-8 Middle Schools

(1) K-6 Elementary School

(14) K-5 Elementary Schools

Advantage Academy

Early Childhood Centers

County Adult Education Center

OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

37 Languages

51% African American 31% White 18% other

2,351 Full time employees

\$157 million budget

2nd largest employer in Florence County

Consolidated with Florence 4 (500 students)

F1S Current Enrollment 8/1/2022 (10:00 am)

SCHOOL	Total	AA	% AA	White	% White	2 or More Races	% Other	Asian	% Asian	Hispanic	% Hispanic	Other	% Other
Briggs Elementary	428	168	39%	201	47%	37	9%	1	0%	19	4%	2	0%
Brockington Elementary	153	114	75%	20	13%	5	3%	2	0%	11	9%	1	3%
Carver Elementary	568	228	40%	248	44%	48	8%	15	3%	26	5%	6	1%
Lucy T Davis	564	248	44%	229	41%	39	7%	23	4%	24	4%	1	0%
Delmae Elementary	964	455	47%	278	29%	92	10%	54	6%	84	9%	1	0%
Dewey L Carter	609	261	43%	246	40%	43	7%	0	0%	52	9%	5	1%
Greenwood Elementary	531	313	59%	138	26%	51	10%	0	0%	21	4%	8	2%
Lester Elementary	289	202	70%	37	13%	25	9%	1	0%	21	7%	3	1%
McLaurin Elementary	971	466	48%	373	38%	74	8%	12	1%	39	4%	7	1%
North Vista Elementary	404	367	91%	5	1%	20	5%	1	0%	11	3%	0	0%
Palmetto Youth Academy	54	52	96%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%
Royall Elementary	469	195	42%	190	41%	39	8%	7	1%	38	8%	0	0%
Savannah Grove Elementary	439	297	68%	88	20%	33	8%	0	0%	19	4%	2	0%
Henry Timrod Elementary	281	187	67%	56	20%	27	10%	0	0%	11	4%	0	0%
Wallace Gregg Elementary	283	176	62%	68	24%	22	8%	0	0%	15	5%	2	1%
Henry L Sneed Middle	669	401	60%	180	27%	41	6%	6	1%	39	6%	2	0%
John W Moore	1065	487	46%	399	37%	74	7%	30	3%	73	7%	2	0%
Southside Middle School	1051	521	50%	383	36%	72	7%	7	1%	64	6%	4	0%
Williams Middle School	891	603	68%	148	17%	82	9%	29	3%	27	3%	2	0%
South Florence High School	1643	780	47%	643	39%	98	6%	9	1%	105	6%	8	0%
West Florence High School	1866	823	44%	740	40%	125	7%	30	2%	125	7%	23	1%
Wilson High School	1347	908	67%	216	16%	107	8%	42	3%	63	5%	11	1%
RN Beck CDC	137	107	78%	18	13%	7	5%	0	0%	5	4%	0	0%
Woods Road CDC	195	93	48%	56	29%	14	7%	6	3%	12	6%	14	7%
Florence One Schools	15871	8452	53%	4960	31%	1139	7%	275	2%	904	6%	105	1%

PATH TO EXCELLENCE



ACADEMICS
FACILITIES
FINANCE

PERSONNEL

327 new staff this year

(197 teachers)

2,300 employees

1,350 Certified Teachers

380 Classroom Assistants

107 Transportation

141 Food Service

34 Nurses

School Based Therapist in every school

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Paid Maternity Leave
- Paid Health Benefits
(Sliding scale up to \$36K)
- Tuition reimbursement
- Bonuses/gas rebates/raises/step increases
 - Free lunch
- Perfect attendance stipend

**Recruitment & Retainment has led to zero vacancies
two years in a row!**

NEW PROGRAMS

60 New Courses & 47 New programs

- Bloomberg Classes
- BMX bikes/STEM
- 7 new dual enrollment agreements
- Aviation courses @ Advantage Academy (\$339K grant)
- Drone classes and pilot license (50 students)
- 10 more honors electives
- 60 corporate partnerships
- new furniture throughout district classrooms
- online tutoring for all students from PAPER and tutor.com
- mentoring programs
- TV studios/dance studios/recording studios
- Purchased New Science lab equipment
- Expanded Alternative School
- Added Autism Program @ Sneed & West Florence
- Increased investment in Textbooks (\$4 m)
- 100 new IB students in grades 7-12
- Increased STEM classes throughout district
- STEM Bus
- 4 additional AP Classes at Wilson-Total of 6
- 6 additional AP classes at WFHS-total of 15
- 4 additional AP classes at SFHS-Total of 15
- Additional 8 programs Advantage Academy

TECHNOLOGY

1:1 Devices for all 16,000 students & 1,300 Staff

Projection System in every HS classroom

IP phones in every classroom

New Smartboard in over 1,300 preK-12 classrooms

\$3 million in Infrastructure/Systems/Security

Digital Security Cameras at all 31 facilities & Stadiums (1,642)

SCHOOL SECURITY & SAFETY

Renewed Emphasis

SRO's (MS/HS) & Campus Security guards (MS/HS) -
cameras - Lynx - - metal detectors (MS/HS)
monthly lockdown drills - fencing - doors/hardware
removal of mobile classrooms - Gaggle software -
limited entrance points - phones in classrooms -
school security teams -

FINANCE

No operating millage increase in 5 years

8% money-increased to 59 mills last year-Lowering taxes (millage)
from 59 to 49 this year

Excellent credit rating (Aa2)

SCDOE lowest risk score of 12

Ended last year with \$1.5 million profit in food service and this year our
profit rose to \$2.6 million (2017 lost \$2.2 million)

Fund balance as of June 30, 2022 of \$41.3 million

ATHLETICS

\$3.5 million investment in Athletics

Uniforms & Equipment

FACILITIES

3 stadiums - 3 renovated gymnasiums - 3 renovated tennis courts - 3 new weight rooms - 2 renovated tracks

new sports added-wrestling & competitive cheer

upcoming renovations-baseball and softball fields

elementary school playgrounds

ATHLETICS

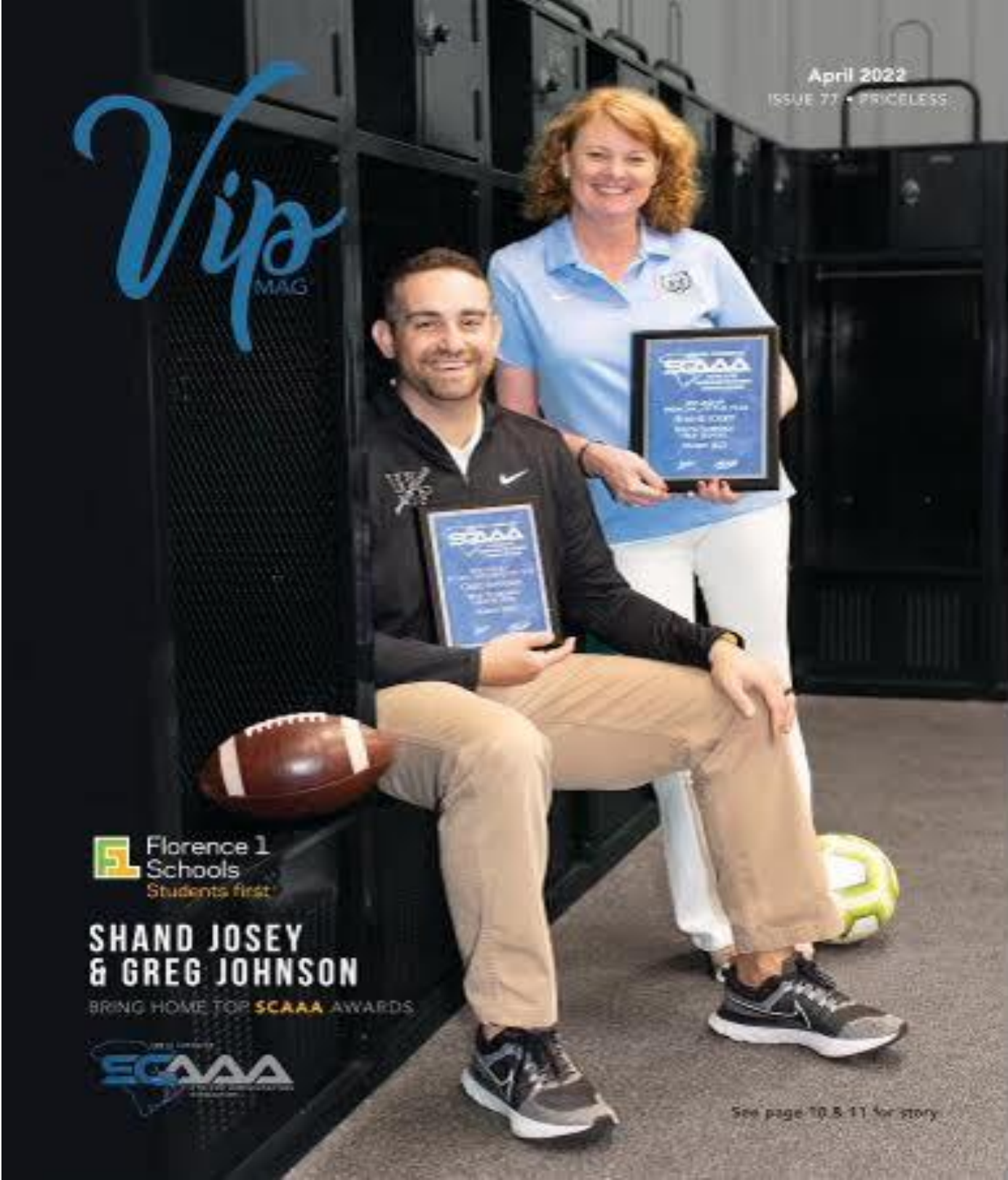
192	ALL REGION ATHLETES
24	ALL STATE ATHLETES
15	ALL STAR ATHLETES
51	ATHLETES SIGNED TO COLLEGE
180	SCHSL SCHOLAR ATHLETES (3.0↑)
17	REGIONAL ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

COMPETITION

41	PLAYOFF BIRTHS (WFHS EVERY SPORT, EVERY SEASON)
11	REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS
25	LOWER STATE APPEARANCES
14	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES
1	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
1	INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (WEIGHTLIFTING)

COACHES

11	REGION COACHES OF THE YEAR
2	STATE COACHES OF THE YEAR
1	STATE ATHLETICS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
1	STATE ATHLETICS AD OF THE YEAR



ARTS

\$3 million investment in 2019 - \$1.5 million in 2021

\$750,000 SFHS renovations and expansion

\$300,000 marching bands

\$100,000 middle school music programs

3 magnet art schools (SFHS, Southside, Brockington Elementary)

50% increase in Arts Academy enrollment at Southside Middle School

Band/ Orchestra programs started @ McLaurin, Greenwood, North Vista, and Wallace Gregg

3 auditoriums upgraded



RESULTS THAT MATTER

Graduation rate last year

91%

Top 10 in SC

2021-22

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OUR GOAL IS:
95%

State avg. is 81%

RESULTS THAT MATTER

46% of F1S students scored Met or Exceed in ELA in 2022.

31% of F1S students scored Met or Exceeds in Math in 2022

F1S had more students score Met/Exceeds in ELA in 2022 than in 2019 (pre-covid). We saw our largest growth points in 4th and 5th grade.

Our math scores have not recovered from the COVID era. We are below where we were in 2019, especially in 4th and 6th grade.

Our middle school numbers in both ELA and Math are about the same as they were in 2019 pre-covid.

Royall, DLC, Briggs, Greenwood and North Vista showed considerable ELA improvement from 2019 - 2022.

Savannah Grove, Royall, Briggs and DLC also showed growth in Math from 2019-2022

Royall's Grade 5 increased in reading and math by more than 30% from 2021- 2022.

F1S saw growth in all areas and all grades from 2021-2022, except 6th grade stayed the same. Our largest growth was in 3rd and 5th grade in both ELA and Math by a little more than 10%.

Royall Top performer with $\frac{3}{4}$ of their ELA students and over half of their math students scoring Met/Exceeds.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

\$21.5 million in Facility Upgrades

Bathrooms - Water Fountains - Ceilings

LED Lighting - Floors - Paving - Doors/Hardware

21st Century Classrooms - Filters - Windows

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Facilities

CONSTRUCTION

- New 175,000 sq foot Southside Middle School (6-8)
- New 32 classroom addition at West Florence HS & V-hall (13 classrooms)
 - New Gym at Greenwood Elementary School
 - 5 New classrooms @ Wilson HS
- Removed over 100 mobile classrooms (143-28)

DOWNTOWN PLAN

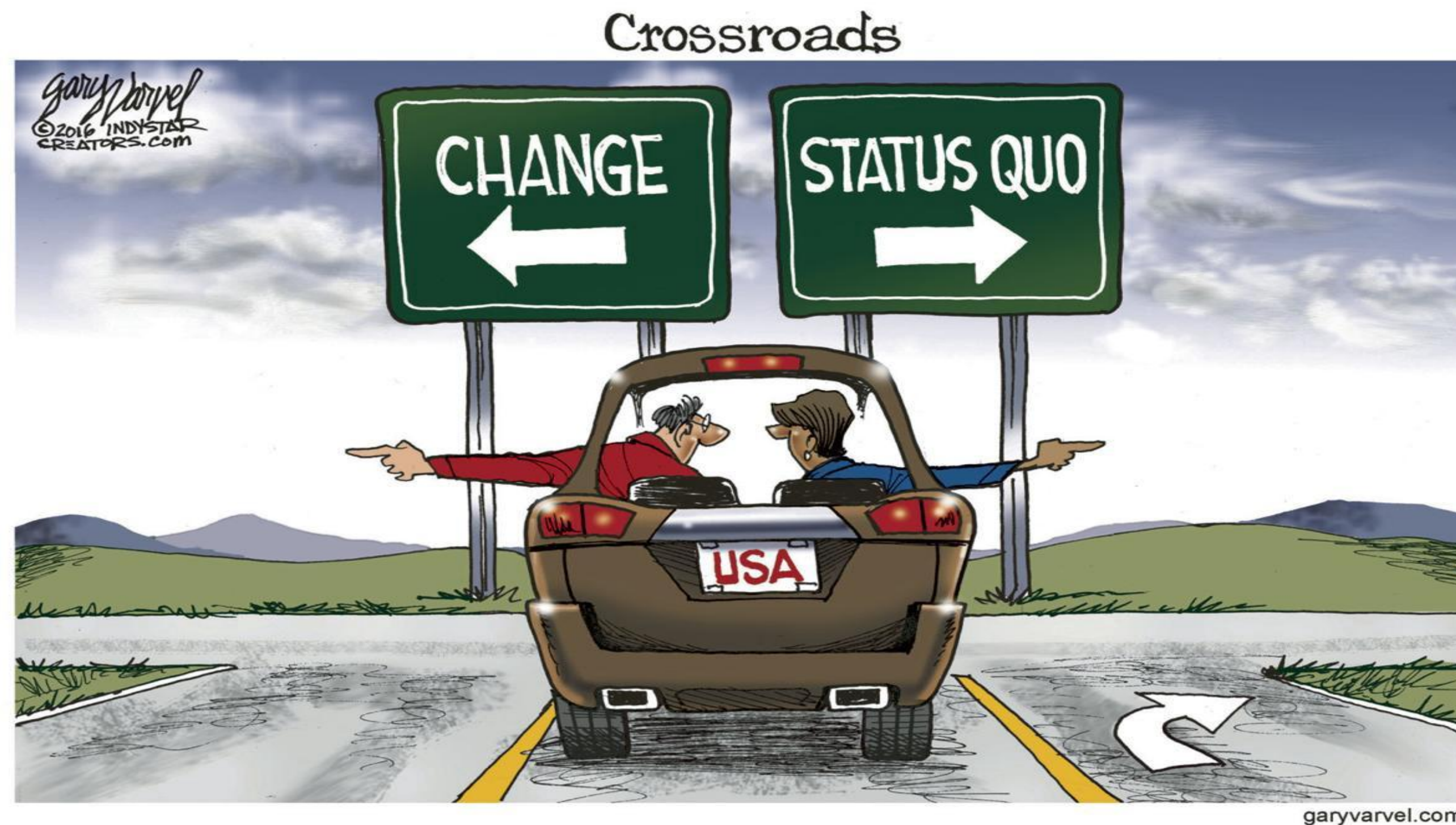
- Renovated McClenaghan Building for Adult & Community Education
- (Future)Renovate Poynor Building for Health Sciences Magnet High School
 - Purchased *Old Library* on Irby Street to house District Office Staff
 - Completed and opened RN Beck Early Childhood Center

FUTURE FACILITIES PLAN

- Demolition of Old Wilson HS & construction of New North Vista Elementary School
- The Farm @ Florence One/Equestrian Center
 - Old Fitness Forum as a Teacher Village
- Poynor Building Magnet HS for Health Sciences
 - New Savannah Grove Elementary School

FLORENCE ONE SCHOOLS

MAJOR STRIDES & PROGRESS



QUESTIONS

The road to educational excellence leads to Florence One Schools.

