

Southside Early Childhood Center sits on a 20 acres site south of downtown Hartsville and houses the Hartsville area 4K and 5K program. Although it does not have the striking appearance of a new school, it does have the potential of façade reconstruction and additions to make this facility visually attractive. Highway improvements would improve traffic flow and ease site entering and exiting congestion. All drives and parking can be improved through the use of new pavement, striping and directional arrows. Drainage appears acceptable around the drives but poor closer to the buildings.

The site is adequately sized with play fields and on-site stacking and parking.

Since the buildings are not connected through an enclosed protected structure, security is a greater issue as doors to buildings must remain unlocked to allow access to students and staff. Additionally, when students and staff move from building to building in inclement weather, they are subjected to the elements. These conditions contribute to higher energy costs, greater maintenance, and wet floors creating slip/fall hazards and damage to flooring and floor substrates.

There are 6 mobile units/classrooms being used. Two of these mobile units are situated within 20' of a permanent structure which is a code violation.

Principal	Patricia Toney
Grades	4K-5K
Staff	33
Current Enrollment	435
Site Size	20 Acres
Square Footage	30,000
Year Constructed	1959, 1970
Renovations	Various



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General Overview	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
General Appearance		X		
Visual Security		X		
Landscaping		X		
Secure Entrance			X	
Access Control of Entrances			X	

Comments/Pictures:

- Open campus with multiple buildings and multiple access points
- The secondary entrance that is primarily used does not have a secure entry

Site Review	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Drainage		X		
Parent Drive		X		
Bus Drive		X		
Parking Staff/Visitors			X	
Sidewalks		X		
Handicap Access/Exterior		X		
Covered Entries/Awnings		X		
General Play Areas				X
4K Play Areas		X		

Comments/Pictures:

- Improvements to parking circulation and efficiency is recommended
- Ramps to some doors in Building 3 do not meet ADA



Building Envelope	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Roof System		X		
Exterior Brick			X	
Windows			X	
Exterior Doors/Hardware			X	

Comments/Pictures:

- Exterior doors are not energy efficient and need to address hardware and ADA issues
- Some windows are not energy efficient
- Masonry needs tuck-pointing

Building Interior	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Apparent Leaks		X		
Ceiling		X		
Floors		X		
Interior Doors/Hardware		X		
Group Restrooms			X	
Staff Restrooms			X	
ADA Compliant Restrooms			X	

Comments/Pictures:

- Some doors do not meet ADA clearances
- Restrooms and plumbing fixtures need to be updated to address ADA



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Plumbing System	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Adequate Pressure		X		
Backups		X		
Sprinkler Systems				X

Comments/Pictures:

Mechanical Systems	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Heating/Cooling Systems		X		
Air Quality		X		

Comments/Pictures:



Electrical Systems	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Lighting Level		X		
Adequate Outlets			X	
P/A System		X		
Computer/Data Systems			X	
Camera Systems		X		
Emergency Lighting Systems			X	
Fire Alarm	X			

Comments/Pictures:

- GFI breakers needed in wet areas in Building 3
- Emergency lighting needed at exterior doors
- Some wiring does not meet NEC
- MDF security and dedicated power to be addressed



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Spatial Observations	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Administration			X	
Guidance			X	
Media Center			X	
Kitchen		X		
Cafeteria		X		
Classrooms		X		
Gymnasium/PE			X	
Band Room				X
Music/Chorus			X	
Art Room				X
Science Room/Labs				X
Other Instructional Space			X	

Comments/Pictures:

- Offices and waiting areas are small
- Cafeteria appears small for student population
- Media center and music are in portable classrooms
- No dedicated multipurpose or PE space



Recommendations

Option 1: Close school and rezone children to Carolina, North Hartsville, Thornwell, and the New Hartsville Area Elementary School

It is our recommendation to close Southside Early Childhood Center and send the children to their zoned elementary schools. This frees up resources to be used elsewhere in the district and provides land for other potential use.

