



**HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FACILITY PLAN**

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The facility plan consists of the following components:

**1. Build a new high school for the county**

A. Pursue funding through the following sources:

- Federal: Seek help from Congressman Clyburn
- State: Seek help through Governor, Superintendent Spearman, and Delegation
- Local: Evaluate Bond opportunities, develop funding streams through closing schools and pursue support/funding from towns and county councils.

B. Close Estill High in June 2023 and combine Estill High School students with Wade Hampton High School in FY23/24.

- Temporary location to allow for operational cost savings while new high school is being designed and built
- Rebrand consolidated high school including a new name, colors and mascot

**2. Establish a K-8 Estill area school campus for FY24/25 school year**

- a. Renovate the former Estill High School into K-5 elementary school
- b. Renovations to occur June 2023 up to July 2024
- c. Close current Estill elementary school June 2024
- d. Funding: Use bond funds originally designated for the new central office for the renovations plus additional funds available from the State

**3. Implement the State's recommendation for having two elementary schools on the North side of the county as funds become available.**

- a. Evaluate schools on the North Side for consolidation.
- b. Close 1 school in the summer of 2023.

**4. Due to the high cost to renovate – place a hold on using Fred's building for a Central Office. Evaluate whether to keep building for an alternative use or sell.**

**5. Maintain facilities not in the building program through constant maintenance and monitoring.**

## Build a new high school

- a. Procure funding
- b. Evaluate various constructs and discuss various options in building design with architects to obtain an acceptable and affordable option.
- c. Purchase land for the new school
- d. Visit other recently built buildings to get ideas for the new facility.
- e. Determine how CATE can be offered to our students and to Allendale students. If required to receive the \$10 million in state dollars.
- f. Develop a curriculum planning team
- g. Develop a public relations program for the school

2a.

Plans for closing Estill High School  
July 1, 2022 – December 2022

1. Meet with the two principals, the 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Director, and obtain their input
2. Develop a committee to determine steps to follow to combine the two high schools. The Committee should consist of the principals of the two schools, the curriculum director for the 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, the Superintendent, and two teachers or guidance counselors from each school as well as appointed District Office Directors.
3. Develop a list of considerations to be addressed including athletics and choose a timeframe for them.
4. Determine personnel for the new facility and placement of all personnel
5. Plan and develop the curricula for the new school. Have programs and curriculum ready for implementation July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022.
6. Plan and develop bus routes
7. Develop a new handbook
8. Implement new colors, logo, and mascot for the new school; rename the school
9. Determine the instructional needs of all students, in regard to vocational, academic and dual enrollment.
10. Communicate to all stakeholders what is happening
11. Present consolidation guidelines to the Board – January 2023
12. Assign staff for the 2023 school year in May 2023
13. Begin the 2023 school year as a Consolidated High School
14. Begin branding the new school.

2b.

Plans for closing Estill Elementary School  
August – December 2022

1. Form a committee consisting of the Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, K-6 Curriculum Director, Estill Elementary Principal, and two teachers to determine considerations to be addressed in closing the current elementary school and moving to the former Estill High School.
2. Prioritize and place the considerations on a timeline realizing although the two high schools will not combine until August of 2023, the remodeling of the Estill High School for an elementary setting will have to be done in the summer of 2023 (July and August).
3. Communicate the entire process from conception to completion to the stakeholders.
4. Work out all bus routes before July 2023
5. Change all addresses with the State Department of Education
6. Change all letterhead for the school.
7. Re-work signage for the schools.

2c.

Renovate Estill High School in the Summer of 2023

- A. Have architectural designs in place
- B. Develop programmatic needs for classrooms, accommodations specific to grade-level i.e. toilets, desk size, etc.
- C. Determine playground needs
- D. Change signage
- E. Study traffic patterns and traffic flow
- F. Bid the renovation work
- G. Select personnel for the new school

Combine the two high schools in Hampton County School District to form one high school

- A. Timeline –August 2023
- B. Have a committee of school administrators currently employed at the two schools to develop a list of increased opportunities for the students.
- C. Establish a committee to develop a timeline and plan for the transition.
- D. Facility/Location will be determined once funding has been secured.
- E. Have a public forum for members of the public to come and share their ideas on the combining of the two schools.
- F. Establish a committee to brand the high school including a name, colors, and mascot for the new high school.

Hold on renovating Fred's Building for a Central Office

- A. Monitor the building to keep it functional
- B. Use Fred's as a storage building
- C. Study the use of Fred's for vocational classes
- D. Study the use of Fred's building for maintenance
- E. Maintain current office space at Central Office and Golden Building
- F. Clean and update existing offices
- G. Develop interoffice communication to help with sharing of information



Use Bond funds to renovate Estill High School to be used as an elementary school

1. Take Board action to change the use plan for the 2.3 million bonds originally designated for renovating the Fred's Building.
2. Notify the bonding agency of the change in use for the Bonds
3. Determine the changes that must be made
4. Bid the project

## Closing of a school on the North Side

1. Develop a committee to do the studies needed.
2. Study the facility characteristics of each school relative to
  - a. Age and condition of the building
  - b. Location
  - c. Students currently served
  - d. Student total capacity
  - e. Grade span
  - f. Potential to shift students to neighboring schools
  - g. Potential monetary savings if closed
3. Study Personnel assigned to each school
  - a. Determine 2-year retirement potential
  - b. Determine strengths/weaknesses of persons in similar positions
  - c. Develop a RIF plan
  - d. Develop a cost analysis if the school is closed
4. Develop a community impact study on closing a school
5. Develop a plan for the use of the building once it is closed.
6. Develop a communication plan for the closing of the schools
7. Shift personnel to appropriate assignments.

### Maintaining Facilities Not in the Building Program

1. Develop a functional maintenance department
2. Have a professional facility analysis of the current buildings done that combines previous studies with newly acquired data on windows, roofs, and HVAC equipment that is used to direct repair projects.
3. Develop a facility manual that includes a facility analysis of each school and building in the district.
4. Develop a work order maintenance system
5. Have the Facility Committee do an annual inspection of buildings
6. Develop a maintenance shop or building
7. Develop a maintenance budget.