

New District 3 Early Learning Center Community Meeting

20 September 2023

Background: On November 3, 2020, Charleston County voters approved a referendum to extend the one cent sales tax; which is known as the Phase V (2023-2028) Capital Building Program that is being used to fund an Early Learning & Family Development Center project on James Island. On September 20, 2023, a Constituent District 3 Community Meeting was held at Camp Road Middle School. The purpose of this meeting was to update the community and receive community input on the grade and site configurations of the future Early Learning & Family Development Center in Constituent District 3.

There were a total of **36 attendees signed-in** with representation from community leaders, parents, CCSD staff members, and neighborhood residents. All stakeholders were offered the opportunity to provide comments and feedback, as well as ask questions.

There were a total of **24 comment cards; 22 stakeholders selected an option.** The following page contains data that was collected from the comment cards.

(A summary of options and comments are on the next page.)

Summary of Option Choices and Community Comments

After receiving feedback from the D3 community in January 2023 and from school-based listening sessions in April 2023, Capital Programs was able to provide the community with 2 Grade/Site Configurations, as follows:

Option 1 (11 Supporters)	Option 2: (11 Supporters)
- New Facility James Island Early Learning Center @ JIMS Campus 370 Student Building Infant - Pre-K (Harbor, James Island, Stiles Point) <i>Family Development Center Included</i>	- Addition @ James Island ES 200 Student Building Infant - Pre-K (James Island Only) - Addition @ Stiles Point ES 300 Student Building Preschool - Kindergarten (Stiles Point and Harbor View Pre-K) <i>Family Development Center <u>not</u> included</i>

Residents favored Option #1; Teachers/CCSD Staff & Parents favored Option #2; and Community Leaders favored Option #1.

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Comments:

- Appreciated Capital Programs addressing concerns from January and April. (5 responses)
- A new early learning center would keep all little ones together in one place. (2 responses)
- Could support either option. (2 responses)
- A new early learning facility would meet the needs of our early learners. (1 response)
- The new early learning center may help with the traffic flow at all three schools by not adding to the school's existing traffic. (1 response)
- Requested earlier hours for early learning center due to parental work requirements. (1 response)