

New District 3 Early Learning Center

Community Meeting

20 September 2023



The mission of CCSD is to educate and support every child in achieving college, career, and citizenship readiness.



Pillar I: RIGOROUS GRADE-LEVEL INSTRUCTION



Pillar II: HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS/LEADERS



Pillar III: WRAP-AROUND SERVICES

Vision 2027: By June 2027, All Students will Read on Grade Level by Fifth Grade
–2027 Fifth Grade Cohort–

CCSD BOARD GOALS

Supported by our pillars



Goal 1: Literacy	Goal 2: Algebra Readiness & Achievement	Goal 3: College and Career Readiness
The percentage of Black/African American and Hispanic 5th grade students reading on grade level will increase from 25.5% in July 2022 to 60.7% in July 2027 as measured by SC READY ELA.	The percentage of all CCSD students enrolled in 8th Grade achieving C or higher on the Algebra I End-of-Course exam by the end of 8th grade will increase from 24.9% in May 2022 to 60.3% in May 2027.	The percentage of students in the 4-year cohort who graduate college and/or career ready will increase from 67.7% in August 2022 to 86.2% in August 2027 as measured by SC College and Career Readiness Indicators.

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Agenda

- Community Meeting Recap
- Listening Sessions Feedback
- Project Scope Recap
- Project Timeline Recap
- Grade & Site Comparisons
- Recommendation
- Next Steps



Community Meeting Recap

- Held at Former Camp Road Middle School (January 12th)
 - Grade level configuration concern (e.g. Infant - Kindergarten)
 - Teachers did not want to leave their current schools
 - Specialized instructional classrooms & wrap around services
 - Traffic concerns & additional stops for parents
 - 3K expansion needed (e.g. Head Start, 3K)
 - A stand alone Early Learning Center would improve traffic flow at Stiles Point ES, Harbor View ES, and James Island ES

Listening Sessions Feedback

- Listening Sessions Feedback (April 4th-6th)
 - Strong support for expanding early learning options in D3 at neighborhood schools (not a center)
 - Minimize transitions
 - Transportation
 - Timing logistics for pick up/drop off
 - Access to current school-based resources
 - School based traditions
 - More supports for children with special needs

Project Scope Recap



New Facility James Island Early Learning Center

*Rendering represents design intent and does not represent the final exterior finish

SCOPE: Design, construct and equip a **new** Early Education and Family Development Center at the James Island Middle School Campus

BUDGET: \$38.5M

ACREAGE: 7.88

COMPLETION: July 2026

KNOWN:

- The new building will include parent training and community resource spaces, a full administration suite, nurse's clinic, specialized fine arts rooms, and a cafeteria.
- Construction Management Firm
- Architect Firm



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ARCHITECTURE

To Be Determined:

- The programming of the school - Grade & Site Configuration
- Family Development Center Configuration

Project Timeline Recap

- Constant Interacting with CCSD Early Childhood Dept.
- March 2022 – Feasibility Study Conducted
- April 2022 – Building Capacity Evaluation
- May 2022 – D3 School Walk-through (e.g. HVES, JIES, SPES)
- October 2022 – D3 Constituent Board Update
- December 2022 – Cabinet Update
- January 2023 – D3 Community Meeting
- July 2023 – Solicit an Architect/Engineer Firm
- September 20, 2023 – Community Meeting - Underway Now
- October 2023 – BOT Approval Grade & Site Configuration
- October 2024 – Solicit a General Contractor Firm
- January 2025 – Construction Start
- July 2026 – Project Completion
- **August 2026 – School Occupancy (new Early Learning Center)**

Early Learning Data

Historical Data	FY17 CD Applications	FY18 CD Applications	FY19 CD Applications	FY20 CD Applications	FY21 CD Applications	FY22 CD Applications	FY23 CD Applications
	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD
Harbor View ES	62	71	70	72	79	66	71
James Island ES	59	55	60	62	66	65	73
Stile Point ES	71	72	75	77	81	69	84
Total:	122	198	205	211	226	200	228

<u>Future Early Learning Center Data:</u>	
EHS,HS,PIC	70
CD	300
FY26 Projected Total (EHS,HS,PIC,CD):	370

New Grade Configuration Options

Increasing availability of Pre-K education to James Island Learners

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



Priorities in Design

- NAEYC Accreditation
- Equity in Education
- Community Support

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New James Island Early Learning Center

- Café/Multipurpose/Media
- Pre-Kindergarten (K4)
- Infant/ Toddler (K3)
- Art/Music
- Support Spaces/ Classrooms
- Family Center
- Administrative



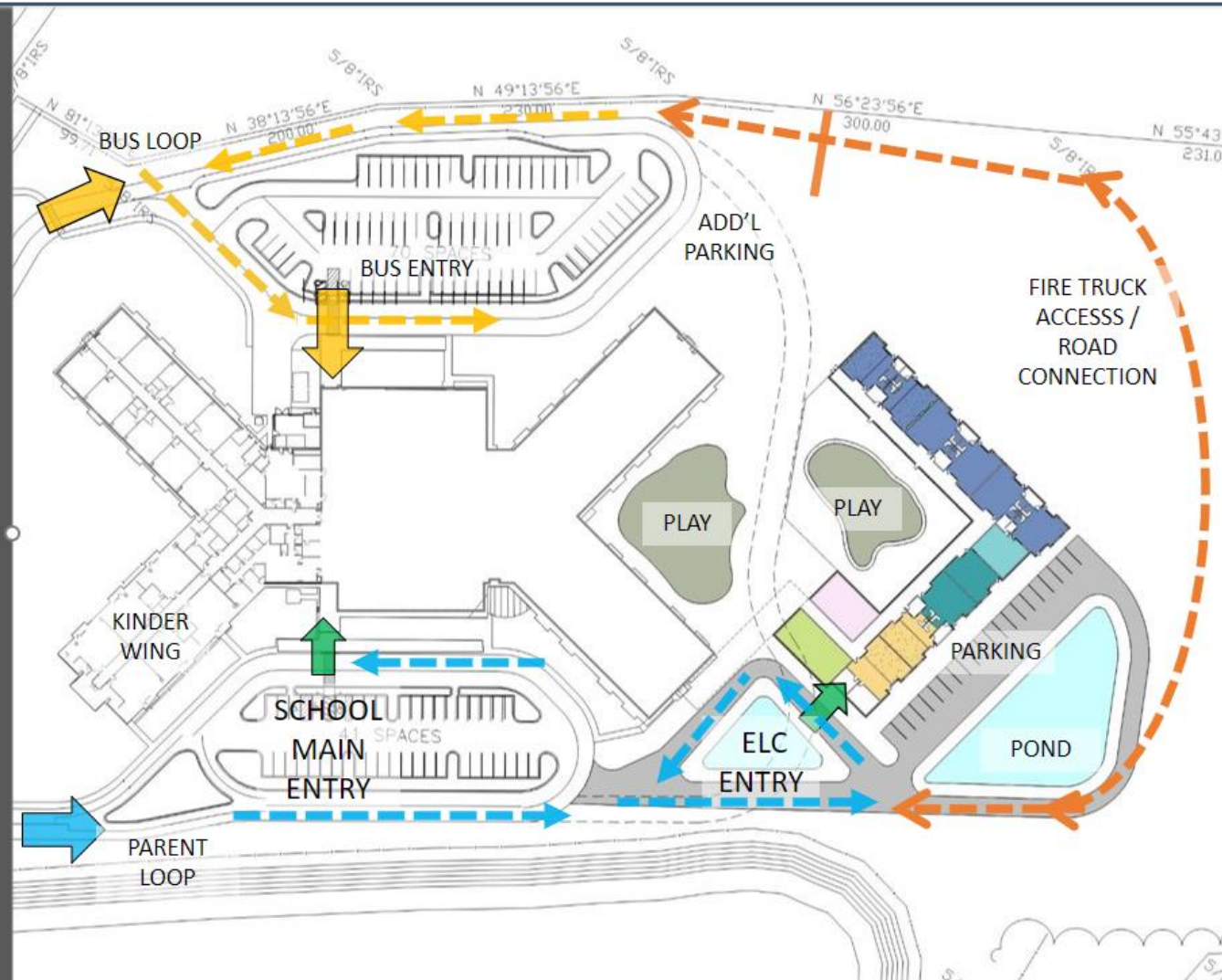
JAMES ISLAND ES OPTION 1:

- ELC is located in a more central location to all of District 3
- Existing District property is repurposed and use improved
- Multipurpose Room can remain in use after school hours
- Bus and car drives are separated, with a separate entry for infants
- Building footprint must be compact
- Storm drainage will be challenging – pervious areas are needed and small pond areas may be required

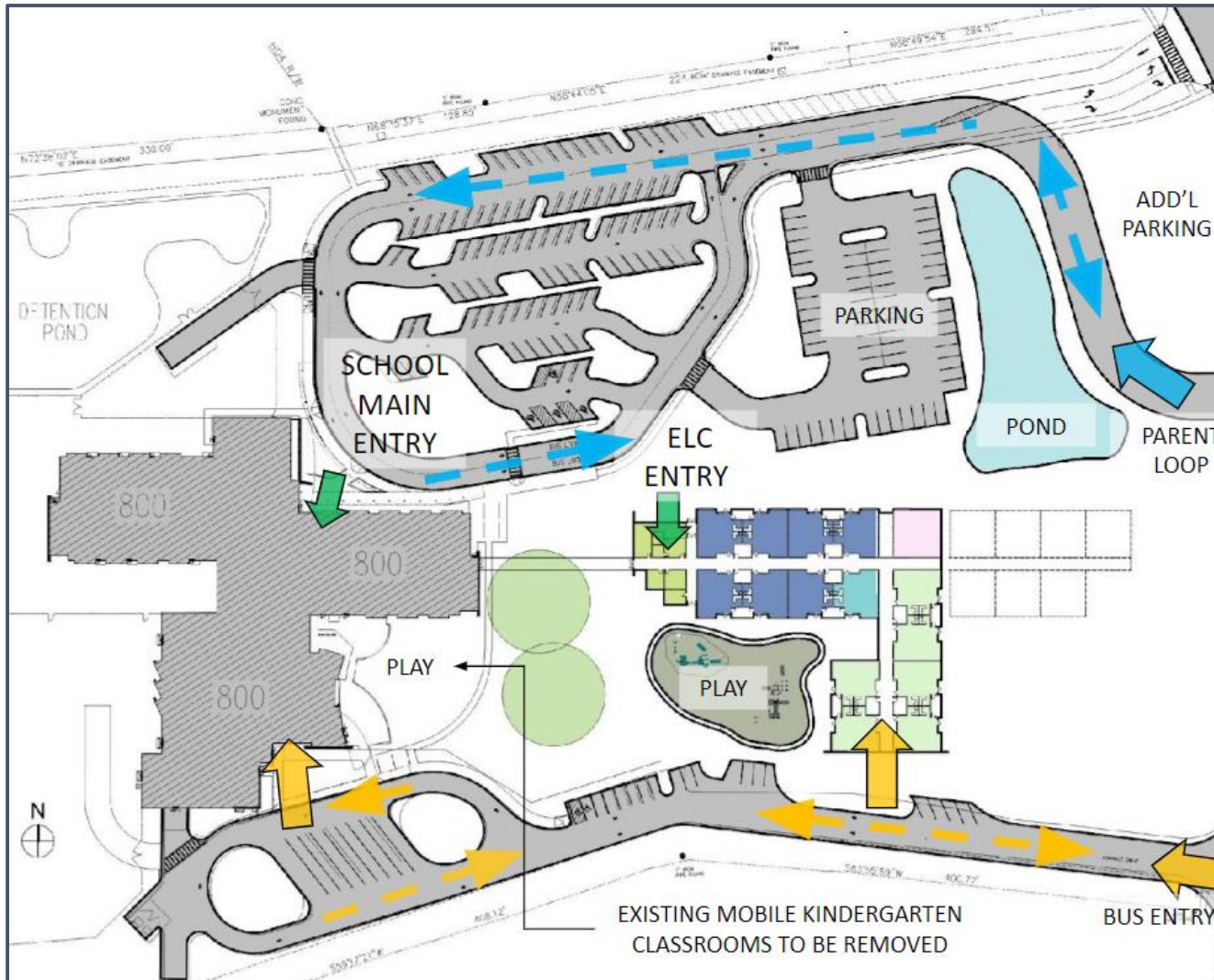
2 New ELC Addition @ James Island ES

JAMES ISLAND ES OPTION 2a:

- ELC is located on more available land to the east side of campus
- Existing parent and bus loops remain
- Connection between car and bus loops possible, with parking areas adjacent to road
- Bus drop-off would occur with main building drop-off or may occur at addition
- Staff parking may be located closer to addition
- Storm drainage will be challenging – pervious areas needed and small pond areas may be required



2 New ELC Addition @ Stiles Point



STILES POINT ES OPTION 2b:

- ELC is located on available area on campus
- Existing car and bus drop-off patterns remain
- Additional drop-offs may be accommodated as extensions of existing
- Staff parking may be located closer to building
- Existing mobile kindergarten classrooms to be removed
- Storm drainage may be challenging
- Small pond area may be required

New Recommendation:

Build a New Facility “James Island Early Learning & Family Development Center” at James Island Middle School (**Option 1**) campus including:

- Infant/Toddlers
- 3K (Head Start)
- 4K/Child Development
- Exceptional Ed Services (PIC, Speech, OT)
- Family Development Center

This recommendation provides the opportunity to centralized Early Learning resources and includes a Family Development Center

Next Steps

- October 2023: CCSD Board of Trustee Site & Grade Configuration Approval
- October 2023: Design Start
- April 2024: Site Permitting Process Start
- October 2024: Solicit a General Contractor
- January 2025: Construction Start

Questions?

Your input is essential

Community Feedback:

Email us at

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Comment Cards available
(in person at Community Meeting)

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