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District completes repair projects for 2023-2024 school year

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Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is committed to maintaining the public's trust by being proactive in maintaining the educational facilities they own.

"The role of CCSD Facilities Management (FM) department is to provide safe, healthy, comfortable and pleasant facilities that work all the time", said Steve Hamer, Associate of Facilities Management. "We understand that school facilities management directly impacts the learning experience we strive to ensure that teachers can teach and students can learn free of distractions."

FM provides a wide range of facilities related services including planning, project management, routine maintenance and repair, grounds maintenance, pest control, pickup and delivery services, custodial support, and playgrounds maintenance. FM also provides key facilities support to other CCSD Operations departments including Security, Transportation, Information Technology, Nursing Services and Nutrition Services. Major repair projects and building system replacements are prioritized based on facility condition assessments, available funding, and emergent district requirements.

"Proactively engaging with school level staff is key to our effort," added Hamer. "Having FM experts in the field daily visiting principals, getting eyes on issues, laying out FM's budgetary process, and scheduling building system repairs is critical to the support we need in managing the required maintenance for nearly 10 million square feet of school facilities. Another important aspect is using industry standards for long-term planning to develop staffing/funding needs as well as implementing best practices for indoor air quality, safety and security, lighting and grounds and landscaping."

While schools were out for the summer, FM was busy with a host of projects, repairs, and maintenance activities. The Facilities Management Department completed nearly 500 projects of various sizes in the last fiscal year, ranging in cost from hundreds of dollars to several million dollars.

Highlights from this summer include:

Jane Edwards Elementary School – Entire school interior painting and restroom renovations.
Minnie Hughes Elementary School – Flooring replacement and HVAC system replacement
Northwoods Middle School - Flooring replacement and interior painting.
A.C. Corcoran Elementary School – New classroom cabinetry
Belle Hall Elementary School – Flooring replacement
Thomas C. Cario Middle School – HVAC system replacement
Burke High School – Roof replacement (Phase I)
Buist Academy – New playground equipment
St Johns High School – Staff restroom renovations and entrance vestibule renovation
Mt Zion Elementary School – Windows installation and upgraded fire suppression system
West Ashley High School – Breezeway renovation
Oakland Elementary School – New playground equipment
Septima P. Clark Academy – Gym bathroom renovation and gym floor refurbishment
James Island Elementary School - Kitchen cooler and freezer replacement

Also important to note:

The Capital Programs Department completed the following projects in time for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Renovations and Expansions
 - North Charleston High School training and weight room renovations (Phase V Sales Tax Program)
 - North Charleston High School cafeteria expansion (Phase V Sales Tax Program)
 - Julian Mitchell Elementary School boiler replacement (Phase IV Sales Tax Program)
 - Stoney Field (Burke High School) press box renovation (Phase IV Sales Tax Program)
 - Charleston Charter School for Math & Science locker room renovation (Phase V Sales Tax Program)
- Paving improvements
 - Pepperhill Elementary School - new bus entrance and loop (Phase V Sales Tax Program)
 - Belle Hall Elementary School - expand parking by 50+ spaces (Phase V Sales Tax Program)
 - Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary School - extend parent car loop (Phase V Sales Tax Program)

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military; dual credit; and many more.