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District completes capital improvements for 2022-2023 school year

**Division of Strategy and
Communications**

Donald R. Kennedy, Sr.
Superintendent of Schools

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 purpose of CCSD Facilities Management (FM) is to provide safe, healthy, comfortable and pleasant facilities that work all the time and that enhance learning," said Steve Hamer, Interim Associate of Facilities Management. "It's our goal to use all the resources at our disposal to ensure that happens."

FM provides a host of facilities services including planning, managing construction projects, maintenance and repair operations, grounds maintenance, pest control, pickup and delivery services, custodial support, playgrounds maintenance. FM also provides key facilities support to other Operations departments with Security, Transportation, Information Technology, Nursing Services and Nutrition Services

Projects are prioritized by request, need, available funding and board direction from the CCSD Board of Trustees, Hamer explained.

"Preventive maintenance is key part of our effort," added Hamer. "Having a team of experts in the field, constantly inspecting, testing and repairing is critical to effective facility maintenance. Although we have good processes and capability for emergency corrective repairs, it's best to make sure a corrective repair is never needed."

While schools were out, FM was extremely busy with a host of projects, repairs, and maintenance activities. The Facilities Management Department completed over 450 projects of various sizes in the last fiscal year, ranging in cost from hundreds of dollars to several million dollars each.

Highlights from this summer include:

- Final phase to replace the HVAC system at North Charleston High School

- New chillers at Academic Magnet High School/Charleston County School of the Arts (Bonds Wilson campus)
- New modular classroom units at R.B. Stall High School
- New exterior doors and hardware at Belle Hall Elementary School
- New LED scoreboards at St. Johns, Baptist Hill and R.B. Stall High Schools
- Washer and dryer installations (Whirlpool Cares)
- Weight room expansion at Academic Magnet High School and West Ashley High School
- Renovation of West Ashley High School Culinary Arts space
- Final phase of restroom renovations at Minnie Hughes Elementary School
- Modular classroom relocation to Stiles Point Elementary School
- New playgrounds at Julian Mitchell Elementary School and A.C. Corcoran Elementary School
- Flooring projects at Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School, Burke High School, Mt. Zion Elementary School, North Charleston Elementary School, Thomas C. Cario Middle School, Wando High School, Baptist Hill Middle High School
- Completed nearly 600 pick-ups and deliveries of furniture and equipment
- Summer clean-up of nearly 10 million square feet of buildings
- Completed 5000 service calls by shops personnel

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About the Charleston County School District

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 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.