

Johns Island Elementary School & St. John's High School

QUESTIONS & **RESPONSES** AND BRIEF

from District 9 Constituent Board Members

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The following document is a consolidation of recent questions and comments from our District 9 Constituent Board Members and community members regarding the construction of the new Johns Island Elementary School & stadium improvements at St. John's High School. Capital Programs has responded to the received questions and concerns. The briefing is included following the questions and responses. We will continue to accept public comments and review concerns. Please email Capital@Charleston.k12.sc.us.

New Johns Island Elementary School

1. What is Building occupancy vs. Project completion dates?
Building occupancy - the date in which the building is safe to inhabit and meets all code and usage requirements. Project completion - the date in which the building's punchlist items have been identified and addressed.
1. How many students will attend the new Johns Island Elementary School?
Johns Island Elementary School is being built to accommodate 700 students in grades 2nd – 5th. There will be 16 classrooms for 2nd and 3rd grade and 13 classrooms for 4th and 5th grades. The multipurpose room, cafeteria, media center, play area/playground, and other commonly shared areas will be built with a 900 student core to accommodate future growth on Johns Island.

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3. What is the size of an elementary classroom?
The size of the classroom will vary by grade level and can range from 850 square feet to 1100 square feet.

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4. How many student buses can the River Road Bus Parking Facility hold?
There is enough space at the future new River Road Bus Parking Facility to accommodate approximately 30+ student buses, 35+ bus personnel vehicle spots, and a brick and mortar building.
5. Who will the future new River Road Bus Parking Facility serve?
The River Road Bus Parking Facility will serve our students on Johns Island and James Island.
6. Will there be any improvements to the parking lot area where the current buses are parked at St. John's High School when they are moved to the future new River Road Bus Parking Facility?
The parking area will remain the same after construction. The Charleston County School District is actively engaged in determining which buses from Johns Island and James Island will transition to the future new River Road Bus Parking Facility.

St. John's High School Stadium Improvements

7. Will the St. John's High School Stadium name remain the same?
The stadium does not have a name; however, the field is named Biggerstaff Field at St. Johns Stadium and will remain the same.
8. How is stormwater impacted and where will the rainwater go?
An underground retention system will be installed behind the home bleachers to address stormwater runoff.

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9. Is the stadium set up for track and field?
Yes, the stadium and the practice field are used for Track and Field practices and meets.
10. Will the field be a turf field?
The field will remain grass.
11. Where will the seating be located? Will tickets be assigned for seating?
Seats will be fixed to the current concrete bleachers on the home side of the stadium. Individual seats will be placed in front of the press box and these seats will have tickets assigned to them. The remaining seats will be all general admission.
12. Is there fencing between the perimeter with the neighbors?
Yes, the existing chain link fence behind the visitor bleachers will remain.
13. Will the game day sounds from the stadium interfere with the neighbors?
The same level of sound is to remain as this project does not impact game day noise levels.
14. What is the status of the baseball and softball field updates at Johns Island Park?
This project is managed by the Facility Maintenance Department, not the Capital Programs Department. The project is underway and scheduled to be completed by spring of 2025.
15. Does the contractor have time limits for completion?
Yes, all construction projects have a completion date and scope of work for the general contractors.

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16. Is there any way to add tennis courts to the new Johns Island Elementary School?
**Tennis courts are not included in the construction of new elementary schools.
We will ensure that space is available for two courts if conditions change.**