

# Stephens County Schools System Facilities 5-Year Plan

Welcome to our comprehensive 5-year facilities plan for Stephens County Schools. This roadmap outlines major upgrades and renovations across our district for the next 5 years.

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# Visitor Football Building Update

Interior progress is on schedule with flooring installation complete and painting in final stages. Fixture installation is expected to be finished by the end of this week. The roof has been successfully installed, and final interior touches will be completed over the next two weeks.

We have received confirmation that the grinder pumps required for the septic system upgrades will ship on April 15th.

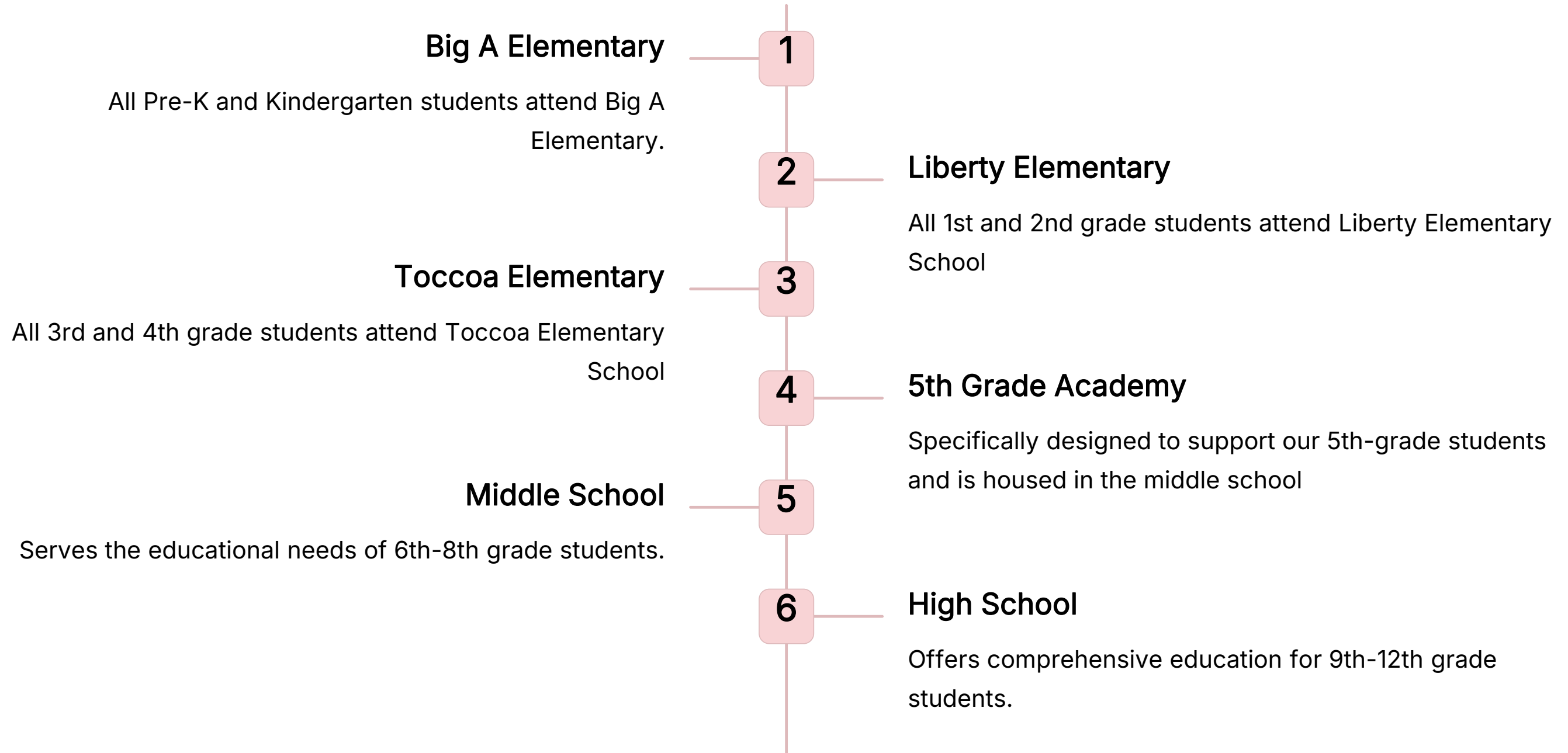
Assuming this timeline holds, we expect to receive the equipment by April 19th and will begin installation immediately. The septic work is projected to be fully completed by April 28th. As previously discussed, paving operations will commence once baseball season concludes.

Following the completion of both the septic system upgrades and paving work, we will schedule our final Certificate of Occupancy inspection.

Soccer Driveway and Parking lot grading and installation should start next week.



# School System Structure





# Reasons for Elementary School Redistricting

## Growth

The current model is not sustainable long term. Housing growth. With the population growing, two of our elementary schools are at max capacity.

## Transitions

There are too many transitions for students. Research shows transitions are harmful to students in poverty. Relationships and services are sustained by fewer transitions.

## Transportation

Bussing is difficult with the current model. School routes can last for over 2 hours for our youngest students.



# System Facts

**6**

**Schools**

Our district includes six schools.

**3839**

**Students**

We serve almost 4,000 students.

**580**

**Employees**

341 Certified Staff

**51**

**Bus Routes**



# Finance

**51M**

**Budget**

Annual operating budget.

**488K**

**SPLOST Avg**

Average over 12 months.



# Recent Completed Projects in Stephens

## 1 Security Enhancements

We have installed new security cameras at all elementary schools. These upgrades improve student safety. Cilea Opendate, SROS, and Staff Training.

## 2 HVAC System Upgrade

The High School's HVAC system was replaced. This ensures better air quality and temperature control.

## 3 Roof Repairs

We have completed critical roof repairs at the Middle School. This protects our students from the elements.

# Recent Stephens County Projects



## Agriculture Facility

A new 30,000 square foot agriculture facility was recently completed we opened in at the start of the 24-25 school year.



## Baseball Complex

A brand new baseball complex was built, providing state-of-the-art facilities for our athletes. Opening Game is February 14th.



## Football Stadium

The visitor side of the football stadium was renovated, offering a more comfortable and welcoming experience for guests.

# 2024-2025: Athletic Upgrades and Planning

1

## Baseball Complex Upgrades

New dugouts, fencing, lighting, hitting facility, and parking lot improvements.

2

## Visitor's Football Building

Construction begins January 2025. Includes concessions, bathrooms, and coaching area.

3

## Eastanollee Elementary Planning

Initial design and preparation for extensive renovations starting May 2025.





# 2025-2026: Major Construction Projects

1

## Eastanollee Elementary Renovation

Major renovations begin May 2025, aiming for completion by May 2026.

2

## Visitor's Football Building Completion

Facility operational for Fall 2026 sports season.

3

## CTAE Wing Renovation

Ongoing renovations for technology services and future medical clinic.





# Eastanollee Elementary Renovation Details



## Infrastructure Updates

Roofing, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems including lighting.



## Interior Improvements

Flooring, classroom built-ins, and painting throughout the building.



## Exterior Enhancements

Playground upgrades and parking lot improvements for better accessibility.



## Cafeteria Upgrades

Modernizing food service areas for improved efficiency and capacity.





# 2026-2027: New Beginnings and Safety Upgrades



## Eastanollee Elementary Reopening

School opens August 2026 with district-wide redistricting implemented.



## Fire Alarm System Upgrades

New systems installed across all schools and board office by Spring 2027.



## Middle School Renovations

Roof and HVAC renovations begin Summer 2026.



# Fire Alarm System Upgrade Timeline

1

## Phase 1: Summer 2025

High School and Big A Elementary receive new fire alarm systems.

2

## Phase 2: 2026-2027

All other schools and board office upgraded by Spring 2027.





# 2027-2028: Athletic Facilities and STEM Planning

## Home Football Athletic Facility Renovations

Construction begins January 2027. New weight room, expanded offices, upgraded treatment area, modernized locker rooms, and updated bathrooms. Completion expected by December 2027.

## Elementary School STEM Lab Planning

Begin design and layout of STEM labs for all elementary schools. Coordinate with teachers to determine needs and resources for hands-on learning opportunities.



# 2028-2029: Elementary School Enhancements

## Classroom Renovations

Modernize all elementary classrooms for improved learning environments.

## STEM Lab Installations

Implement new STEM labs to enhance hands-on learning opportunities.

## Office Space Updates

Renovate front office spaces to improve security and functionality.

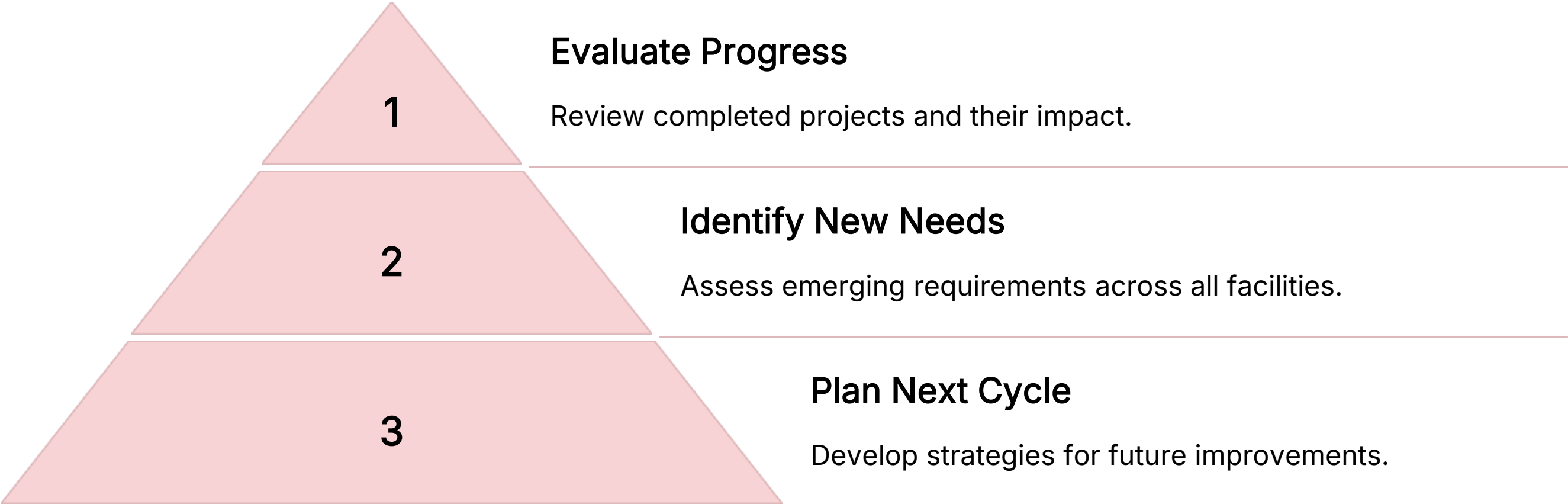
## Bathroom Renovations

Use capital outlay funding to modernize and expand elementary bathrooms.



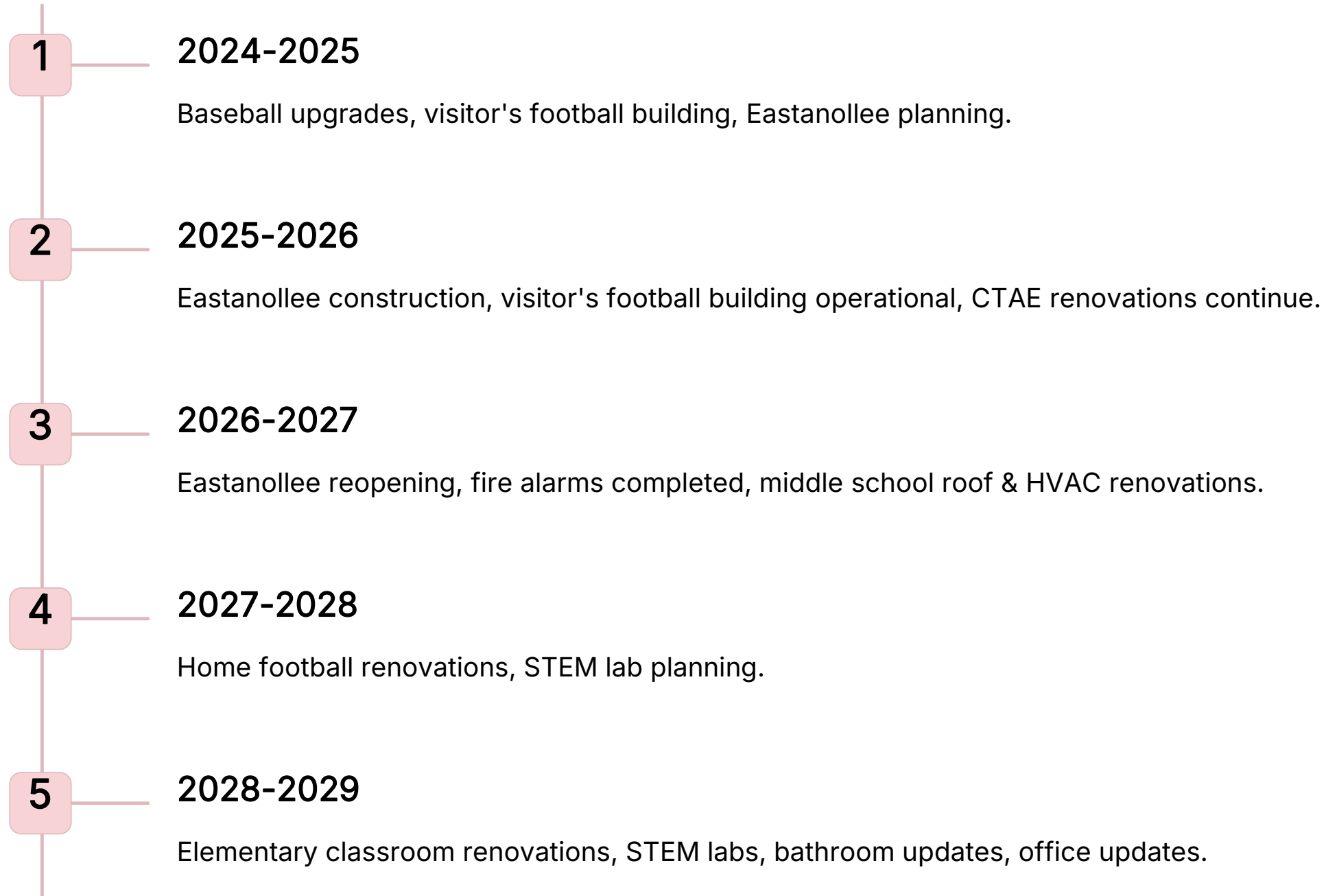
# District-Wide Facilities Assessment

In 2028-2029, we'll conduct a comprehensive evaluation of our progress and identify any additional infrastructure needs for the next 5-year cycle.





# 5-Year Plan Summary Timeline



# Key Benefits of the 5-Year Plan



## Enhanced Safety

Upgraded fire alarms and improved facility security measures.



## Better Athletic Facilities

Upgraded sports complexes to support student athletes.



## Improved Learning Environments

Modernized classrooms and new STEM labs for hands-on education.



## Increased Efficiency

Updated HVAC and infrastructure for better resource management.



# Next Steps and Community Engagement

As we embark on this ambitious 5-year plan, we invite community feedback and support. Together, we'll create optimal learning environments for our students.

## 1 Stay Informed

Regular updates will be provided on our district website.

## 3 Volunteer Opportunities

Join committees to assist with specific projects.

## 2 Provide Feedback

Attend school board meetings to share your thoughts.

## 4 Celebrate Milestones

Join us for ribbon-cutting ceremonies as projects complete.

