

Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Program Constituent District 1

Community Meeting Summary

March 13, 2025

On March 13, 2025, a community meeting was held at the St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School located in Constituent District 1. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the community about the upcoming Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Program (2029-2034). In addition, to gain community input of the types of school related building improvements they would like to see in their area. There were a total of 49 in attendance and everyone was offered the opportunity to provide comments and feedback. We received a total of 7 completed surveys and zero emails to date as a form of input.

A synopsis of those comments are listed below in this summary related to Capital Programs only. Several surveys contained the same comment to build a new school; therefore 3 questions are listed.

Summary of Community Comments

1. We want a new high school to replace Lincoln

Response:

We understand the desire for a new school to replace Lincoln. Unfortunately, the number of high school students currently in and projected for D1 have not been high enough to warrant a new high school. Attempts to rezone by Constituent Boards 1 and 2, as well as, a District Blue Ribbon Committee to garner magnet interest to achieve 500 students in order to create a high school have been unsuccessful to date. In the meantime, high school students in D1 have access to Wando High School and the Cooper River Center for Advanced Studies.

As a district, we do not build schools for less than 500 students.

2. Why can't we rezone students from Mt. Pleasant in order to get the 500 students for a new high school?

Response:

In June 2016, D1 and D2 Constituent Boards were directed to work together to define the attendance zone. In addition, staff was directed to complete a demographic study to provide to the Board of Trustees recommendations for at least a 500 student high school. In August 2016, based on the demographic study presentation, it was determine there was not an immediate need for a 500 student high school in the Awendaw area.

3. We would like the following for our area:

Response:

- *New School*
- *New Library*
- *Expand Head Start building footprint and STEM*
- *Garden Space*
- *Updated Field behind the school*
- *Specialty Programs to include: Electronics, Mariner, Carpentry, Barbering, Automobile machine*