

Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Program Constituent District 20

Community Meeting Summary

March 18, 2025

On March 18, 2025, a community meeting was held at Burke High School located in Constituent District 20. 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 20 in attendance and everyone was offered the opportunity to provide comments and feedback. No hardcopy surveys were turned in at the meeting. We received a total of 8 questions 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.

Summary of Community Comments

1. Are all schools from the Phase III program completed/funded?

Response:

All of the projects have been funded within the Phase III One Cent Sales Tax. All projects are complete or under construction.

2. If they were not complete/funded in Phase III do they carry over to Phase IV or any other sales tax program?

Response:

Projects do not carry over to the next sales tax program. A new ballot and new vote is made for the referendum every six years. These is to ensure the voters are today are in favor of the projects listed on the current ballot.

3. Was Charleston Development Academy in Phase III?

Response:

Charleston Development Academy Advance Design was on the unfunded list within the Phase IV (2017-2022) One Cent Sales Tax. The referendum reads "Construction and equipping of new Charleston Development Academy."

4. Charleston Development Academy has been a school for 20 years without a building, at what point do they get a new building?

Response:

The number of years a school is established is not a focus area for deciding if a new school is built. We evaluate the existing building conditions and systems. We have schools in our district that were established over 20 years, but have received a full renovation (e.g. Mitchell Elementary) and therefore would not receive a new school based on years of establishment. Additionally, the Board of Trustees has not voted to fund schools which do not have the capability to reach 500 students. CDA currently had 151 students (as of Day 45 in school year 2024-25).

5. Why didn't CCSD use the Archer and Fraser buildings for Charleston Development Academy?

Response:

The District did not receive any requests to consider using Archer or Fraser for Charleston Development Academy nor was there enough students at Charleston Development Academy for staff to recommend to the Board of Trustees for a new school at these campuses.

6. We would like the following for our area:
- New School for Charleston Development Academy
 - Simmons-Pinckney to get their own multipurpose room/gym so they can stop sharing Burke HS
 - A new middle school
7. Is there a weighted system for FM Red, Yellow, and Green Building audit?

Response:

Yes, the FM assessment is a weighted system.

8. What is the status of the new middle school for D20?

Response:

A new district 20 middle school is still listed on the Phase IV Sales Tax Program as a unfunded project.