

Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Program Constituent District 23

Community Meeting Summary

April 8, 2025

On April 8, 2025, a community meeting was held at Baptist Hill Middle-High School located in Constituent District 23. 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 53 in attendance and everyone was offered the opportunity to provide comments and feedback. We receive 8 questions and emails as a form of input. 5 hardcopy surveys were turned in at the meeting.

A synopsis of those comments are listed in this summary related to Capital Programs.

Summary of Community Comments

1. What items will be on the ballot?

Response:

The items listed on the future ballot in November of 2026 will be those Capital projects (e.g. new schools, renovations, additions, maintenance, technology, etc.) that have been approved by the CCSD Board of Trustees. Not all requested projects from the survey will be listed on the ballot.

2. Baptist Hill HS/MS has a very old section, will section be upgraded (HVAC, lighting, electrical, everything etc.)?

Response:

Thank you for your response. Please complete the survey for upgrades of these systems. In addition, contact the Principal of the School. They have the capability of entering work orders in the Facilities Management System.

3. Do you anticipate any students coming to the D23 schools in the next 5 years from the developments being built now in surrounding areas? (Ravenel, Hollywood)

Response:

We actively monitor residential developments in Hollywood and Ravenel through close collaboration with agencies that track projected growth. Our enrollment projections for D23 schools have been highly accurate in the past, and we remain confident in the strength of our future forecasts. These projections consider factors such as home price points, which indicate that some of the new developments are aimed at retirees rather than families with school-aged children. Furthermore, based on existing data, our school capacities in D23 are sufficient to accommodate any modest upturns in enrollment. That said, we recognize that circumstances can change, and we remain committed to monitoring trends closely and making adjustments as needed.

4. Based on development on District 23 and the numbers provided for the 5 year projections, who did you speak with, when did you speak them, and how do you know the numbers are accurate?

Response:

The Department of Planning & Real Estate works with local municipalities to monitor potential residential developments. Charleston County's data is current as of May 2025, and the Town of Hollywood's, provided by the BCDCOG, was last updated in September 2024. The BCDCOG is scheduled to meet with the Town of Hollywood Mayor later this month and will share updates with CCSD. Many of the developments we track are still in the proposal stage and may not be approved or built for several years, so they are not included in current projections. Once confirmed by municipalities or developers, we update our five-year enrollment projections accordingly. For more information, please contact the CCSD Planning & Real Estate Department at 843-566-1995.

5. Capital Programs funding cannot be used for teachers' salaries; however, can it be used for CTE programming? (i.e., aviation program)

Response:

While Capital Programs funds may not be used to fund the aviation program, it may be used to expand an existing CTE building educational spaces to house a CTE program. Please complete the survey if you desire to have a CTE expansion.

6. Is it possible that the bond referendum can be reviewed prior to voting? Who is going to be accountable to make sure that D23 gets what is on the referendum? The community will get to review items before they are put on the ballot.

Response:

The information provide on the bond referendum will be public information and provided prior to voting. The information is the result of the projects approved by the CCSD Board of Trustees. All board meetings are public information and can be viewed by the community prior to the ballot. Additionally, since the program is based on “projected” revenues, there is no way to guarantee that all projects on the referendum will be completed.

7. What would it take to get CTE back at Baptist Hill MS/HS?

Response:

Baptist Hill MS/HS has a CTE building already provided at the school.

8. Is there going to be a set amount of money provided to each Constituent District from the Phase VI one cent sales tax program?

Response:

Project cost are assigned based on the scope of work and not an assigned amount for each Constituent District.