



Johns Island Elementary School
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Media Release

Johns Island Elementary School Ready to Welcome Students and Staff

Charleston, SC (August 6, 2025) - The new 90,600 square-foot Johns Island Elementary School will open to students on August 12, 2025. The two-story building will host 700 second through fifth grade students with a connection to River Road via Moonbeam Road and Claybrook Road, as well as a roundabout.

The Capital Program is funded through the Phase V one-cent sales tax. The project budget was \$71,000,000.

Unique to the school is an innovative STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) model, award-winning arts programs, numerous clubs and activities, and a culture that fosters whole child development.

“We are excited to welcome our Johns Island families, students, and community members to the new school,” said Judith Condon, Principal. “Through thoughtful preparation and planning, our team has designed a learning environment in which students are sure to grow and achieve. We can’t wait to see our River Otters thrive at Johns Island Elementary.”

“Building and fostering strong community relationships and support in addition to opening a school on time and within budget is a win in my book,” said Jasmine Shaw, P.E., Executive Director of Capital Program. “The design of the new school incorporates inspirations of historic Lowcountry elements to include the stained-glass windows (media center glass), basket weaving (front entrance brick with school name), preservation of oak trees, and an overall welcoming aura.”

The bright and fun color selection internal to the school was intentional and assists with wayfinding throughout the building. The entire project team, including CCSD staff and leadership, was instrumental in the success of this project.

The project team includes Brownstone Construction (Construction Management), Thurmond Porter (Group Project Manager), John Calvin (Site Manager), Quackenbush Architects|Clancy + Wells (Architect), and Thompson Turner | Construction Dynamics (General Contractor).

Johns Island Elementary School replaces Mount Zion Elementary School and will serve the entire Johns Island community. The feeder school will be Angel Oak Primary School (formerly Angel Oak Elementary School), which will serve Early Head Start through first grade.

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