



2026 Proposed Facilities Master Plan

Putting Students First:



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The Richmond County School System (RCSS) focuses on students; not buildings. This long-range facilities master plan looks ahead to the future and prioritizes student learning, community needs, and responsible use of resources over building upkeep.

A New Standard for Barton Chapel

Approved in SPLOST 2024

- **Barton Chapel Elementary School** closes temporarily.
- Students attend **Glenn Hills Elementary School** starting **August 2026**.
- New, state-of-the-art facility opens in **2028**.

Career Opportunities at Josey/Murphey

Murphey Middle School/T.W. Josey High School campus to be transformed into a district-wide college and career academy for high school students. The new school would open during the 2029-2030 school year.

Josey Students In Swing Space

T.W. Josey housed in Murphey Middle School facility while construction takes place. **At the end of 2028-2029, students will be rezoned to:**

- ◆ Academy of Richmond County
- ◆ George P. Butler High School
- ◆ Lucy C. Laney High School

Murphey Students Rezoned 2026-2027

- ◆ Langford-Tutt Middle School
- ◆ Richmond Hill Middle School
- ◆ W.S. Hornsby Middle School

Jenkins-White Elementary School Closure

School closes, and the facility will be evaluated for future use.

Rezoned 2026-2027

- ◆ A. Dorothy Hains Elementary School
- ◆ W.S. Hornsby Elementary School
- ◆ Wilkinson Gardens Elementary School

(Some W.S. Hornsby Elementary students rezoned to Lamar-Milledge)

What Happens Next If Approved?

- Changes effective July 1 for the new school year.
- Families will receive direct communication with school assignments, transportation details, and timelines.
- Receiving schools will prepare to welcome students.
- Students will continue to receive all academic and support services.

Important to Know

- No decisions are final until the Board votes February 23, 2026.
- All staff will retain a position in RCSS.
- Families will not be left without clear guidance.
- All new school buildings follow a formal naming committee process.

For more information
rcboe.org/masterplan