

THE NEW LJ BELL

PROJECTED TIMELINE

NOV
2026

GRANT AWARDED

Richmond County Schools received notification they were one of ten districts selected to receive a North Carolina Needs-Based School Construction Grant.



FEB
2026

ISSUE RFQ & SELECT ARCHITECT

Richmond County Schools issued a Request for Qualifications which is a formal process used to select an architect for the project.



MARCH
2026-
APRIL
2026

ISSUE RFP & SELECT CONSTRUCTION MANAGER (CMaR)

Richmond County Schools will issue a Request for Proposals in order to select a construction manager to oversee the project.



MARCH
2026 -
FEB
2027

DESIGN PHASE

The selected architect will work with the construction manager and all stakeholders to develop the design for The New L J Bell Elementary.



SEPT
2026

DEMOLITION BEGINS

Anticipated timeline to begin preparation and demolition of the existing structure to make way for construction of the new school.



MARCH
2027 -
JUNE
2028

CONSTRUCTION

This stage includes the full building process, from site work and utilities to structural construction and completion of the school's major components.



JULY
2028

COMPLETE

The New L J Bell Elementary will be complete in the summer of 2028.



AUG
2028

THE NEW LJ BELL ELEMENTARY OPENS!

The new school will welcome students, staff, and families for the start of the 2028-2029 school year.



THE TIMELINE SHOWS THE ANTICIPATED TIMEFRAMES FOR MAJOR MILESTONES. PLEASE NOTE THE DATES ARE LIKELY TO SHIFT AS PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION MOVE FORWARD.