

# Middle School Project Update

June 1, 2023



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# Big News



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## VDOE grant going toward Buford renovation project

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\$17.6 million dollar grant awarded in May to Charlottesville City Schools in support of middle school modernization!

# Top 10 Grant Awards for VDOE's School Construction Assistance Program

School Division (Div. #)	School Name (Sch. #)	Scoring Criteria Total (Rank Ordered)	2022-2024 Composite Index	Locality Fiscal Stress Designation	Grant Award Pct. (based on Comp. Index or Fiscal Stress Desig.)	Total Project Cost	Recommended School Project Grant Award Amount (% X Total Project Cost)
Norfolk City (118)	Matthew Fontaine Maury High	82	0.3064	High	30	\$100,000,000	\$30,000,000
Buchanan County (014)	New Buchanan High (0034)	87	0.2850	Above Average	30	\$92,127,212	\$27,638,164
Petersburg City (120)	Walnut Hill Elementary (0130)	80	0.2410	High	30	\$90,000,000	\$27,000,000
Danville City (108)	George Washington High (0130)	90	0.2524	High	30	\$76,790,713	\$23,037,214
Newport News City (117)	Huntington Middle (0091)	85	0.2808	High	30	\$70,000,000	\$21,000,000
Halifax County (041)	Halifax County High (0010)	79	0.3038	Above Average	20	\$100,000,000	\$20,000,000
Richmond City (123)	Richmond Technical Center (0821)	74	0.5139	Above Average	20	\$100,000,000	\$20,000,000
Charlottesville City (104)	Buford Middle (0100)	77	0.6952	Above Average	20	\$87,813,410	\$17,562,682
Northampton County (065)	Northampton High (0350)	69	0.4793	Above Average	20	\$84,000,000	\$16,800,000
Suffolk City (127)	John F. Kennedy Middle (0370)	71	0.3514	Above Average	20	\$75,652,000	\$15,130,400



# Big Decision

## **The recommendation of the superintendent:**

When seventh and eighth-grade students begin using the new construction in the fall of 2025, the school transitions to the name Charlottesville Middle School.



# Charlottesville Middle School Renaming: the “Why” and the Process

- There are several items for the middle school that need to be ordered to stay on schedule, so this decision needs to be made at the beginning of the construction process
- This recommendation is in keeping with the trend toward moving away from names that honor an individual
- With the new facilities and the new grades served, this modernization will mark a new chapter in our history
- Since the middle school will be the place where all of Charlottesville’s students will come to as a unified sixth grade after leaving their neighborhood elementary schools, Charlottesville Middle School is a fitting name

June 1

School Board “first reading”

June

Solicit and receive community feedback

June 27

School Board to vote on the proposed new name

# Big Creativity

## Environmental Graphics Working Group

### What are environmental graphics?

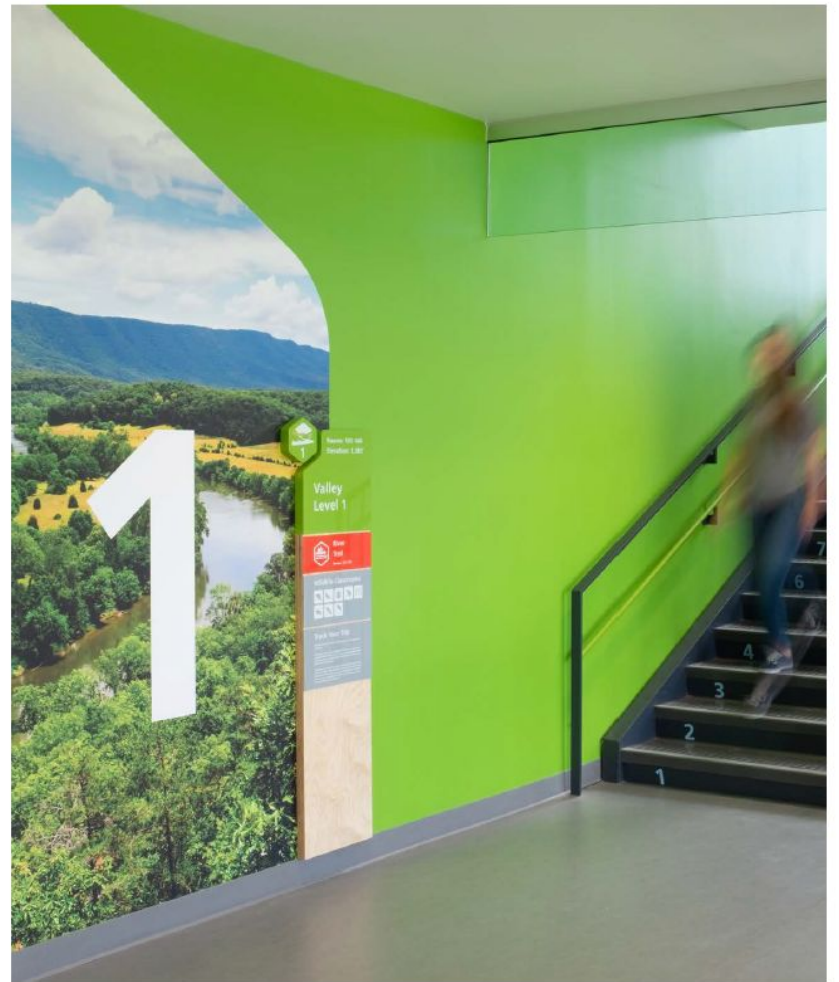
- Interior and exterior building signage
- Wayfinding signage
- Emergency/ADA signage
- Public art and graphics
- Creating a sense of place

Cville Schools is forming a working group to collaborate with the architectural design team. Look for public surveys and feedback opportunities!





# Environmental Graphics Can Be Practical





# Environmental Graphics Can Create Beauty and a Sense of Place





# Big Release: Renderings









































# Big-Picture of Construction Plan

## Phase 1

**June 12 - Summer 2025**

- Students will learn in the old buildings while the new construction is built on athletic fields and building C
- No access to athletic fields or gym during this time, but a plan is in place.

## Phase 2

**Summer 2025 - Summer 2026**

- Students will learn in the new building while the old spaces are renovated

6th grade  
two levels

7th grade  
two levels

# Big Milestones

Ceremonial Groundbreaking:  
Friday, June 9 at 9 a.m.



Construction Kick-Off:  
Monday, June 12





# Next Steps

## Recommended action for the June 27, 2023 School Board meeting:

The Superintendent recommends that when seventh and eighth-grade students begin using the newly constructed building in the fall of 2025, the school transitions to the name **Charlottesville Middle School**.