Facilities for Charlottesville’s Future

Preschool Center for Ages 3-4
Middle School for Grades 6-8

➢ Expand pre-school & provide best-in-class wrap-around services (likely at current site of Walker Upper Elementary School)
➢ Modernize and expand facilities to best serve grades 6-8 (likely at Buford Middle School)
➢ Return fifth-graders to elementary schools, their developmentally appropriate learning environment

Benefits:
➢ Secure open campuses
➢ Upgrade facilities constructed over a half century ago
➢ Provide specialized services for our community’s youngest and most vulnerable learners -- and their families
➢ Reduce middle-year transitions, build community & equity
➢ Re-think prior configuration decisions that didn’t optimally address educational or developmental needs of students
➢ Utilize existing public properties (no land acquisition required)
➢ Anticipate the growth of our community, especially in light of important work around affordable housing

Every Learner. Every Day. Everyone.
Development Timeline:

Prior:
- 2008-2010: Study and community-wide conversations about school efficiency and configurations
- 2017-2018: Study and community-wide conversations about growing enrollment, school capacity, and reconfiguration options
- December 2018: School Board endorses reconfiguration plan for a preschool center, and a 6-8 middle school in conjunction with moving 5th graders back to elementary schools
- January 2019: Charlottesville School Board and City Council discuss future facilities and potential costs in joint work session (preliminary estimate $58 million)
- May 2019: Charlottesville City Council allocates $3 million for project development/pre-construction costs

Current/Future:
- Fall 2019: Request for Proposal for Professional Services
- 2020: Planning and Design Process
- 2021-2022 Fiscal Year: Begin Construction