



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