



Shelburne Middle School Renovation Update

AUGUST 12, 2024





Good Stewardship



SCS has three primary goals when planning for the future:

1. Fiscal responsibility; good stewards of taxpayer dollars
2. A win-win for city and schools; the solution benefits the entire community
3. Promote equity when we see opportunities

Below & Right: SCS donated property to build a second firehouse on West End, a mutual benefit



Below: Community track at SHS updated with safety fence and lights



Below: MHP tennis courts restored with leftover funds from the Staunton High School project



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STAUNTON
CITY SCHOOLS

**Ranked in the Top 10%
as a Good Place to Work**
12th in Virginia



**#1 in Virginia for Growth
in SOL Pass Rates**
Moved from 105th to 45th in Rankings



SOL TEST SCORING

RANK	YEAR
45TH	2023
▲ 55TH	2022
▲ 68TH	2021
▲ 100TH	2019
▲ 105TH	2018

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS HAS REACHED THE HIGHEST STATE RANKING IN ITS HISTORY.

On the Right Track



Of 131 school divisions in Virginia, Staunton City Schools made the **highest** (#1) improvement in state rankings from 2018 to 2023.



Several SCS schools had essentially **no difference** in reporting groups in subject areas – by race, ability or socioeconomic status.



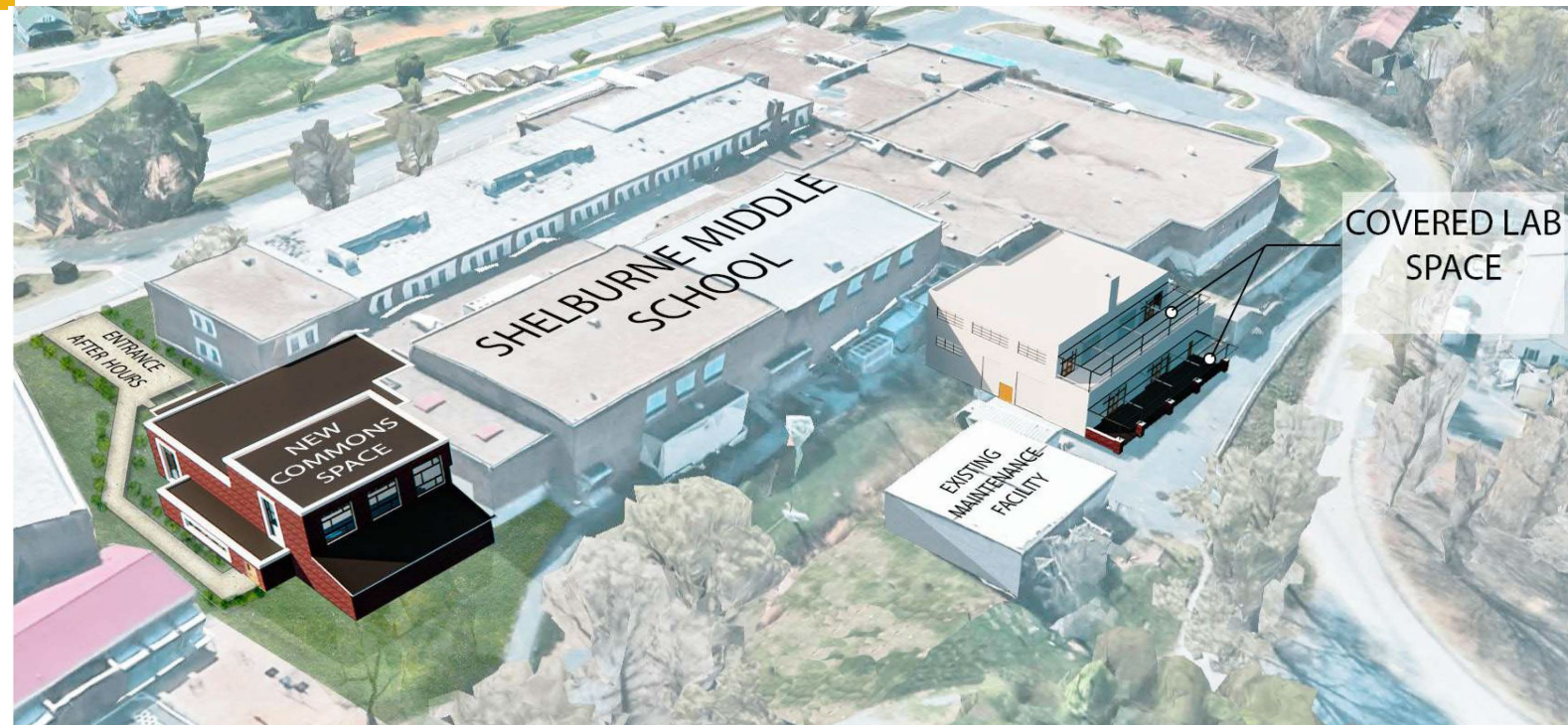
SHS had the highest graduation rate to date at 93%, with essentially no difference in reporting groups by race.

Phased Project

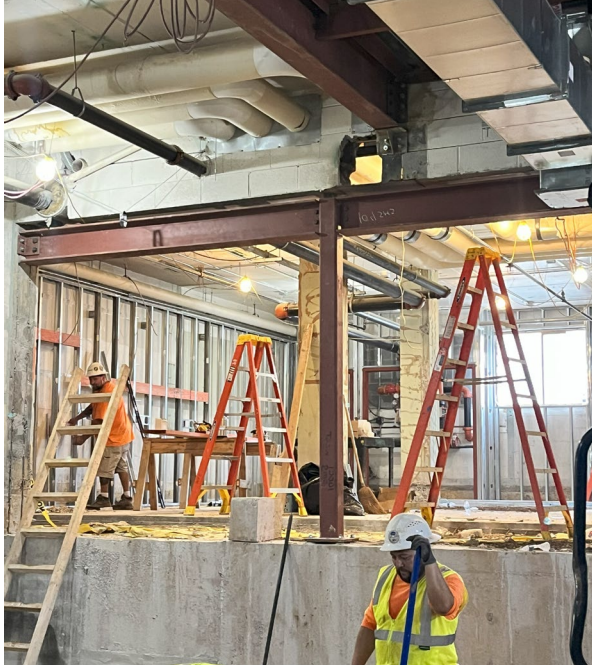
Phase I Underway

Phase I is focused on interior renovations and the removal of the school division's maintenance department from Shelburne's basement. The department moved into a more suitable leased facility last year but still needs a permanent home.

This phase includes enhancing our career and technical education (CTE) and STEM labs and classrooms, as well as adding classroom space and reconfiguring administrative offices for improved flow and security. Phase I is expected to be completed in September.



Below: The former home of the SCS maintenance department for 50 years.



Above: Main office enhancements for improved security and flow.

Below & Right: Ground and first-floor renovations for CTE and STEM labs and classrooms.

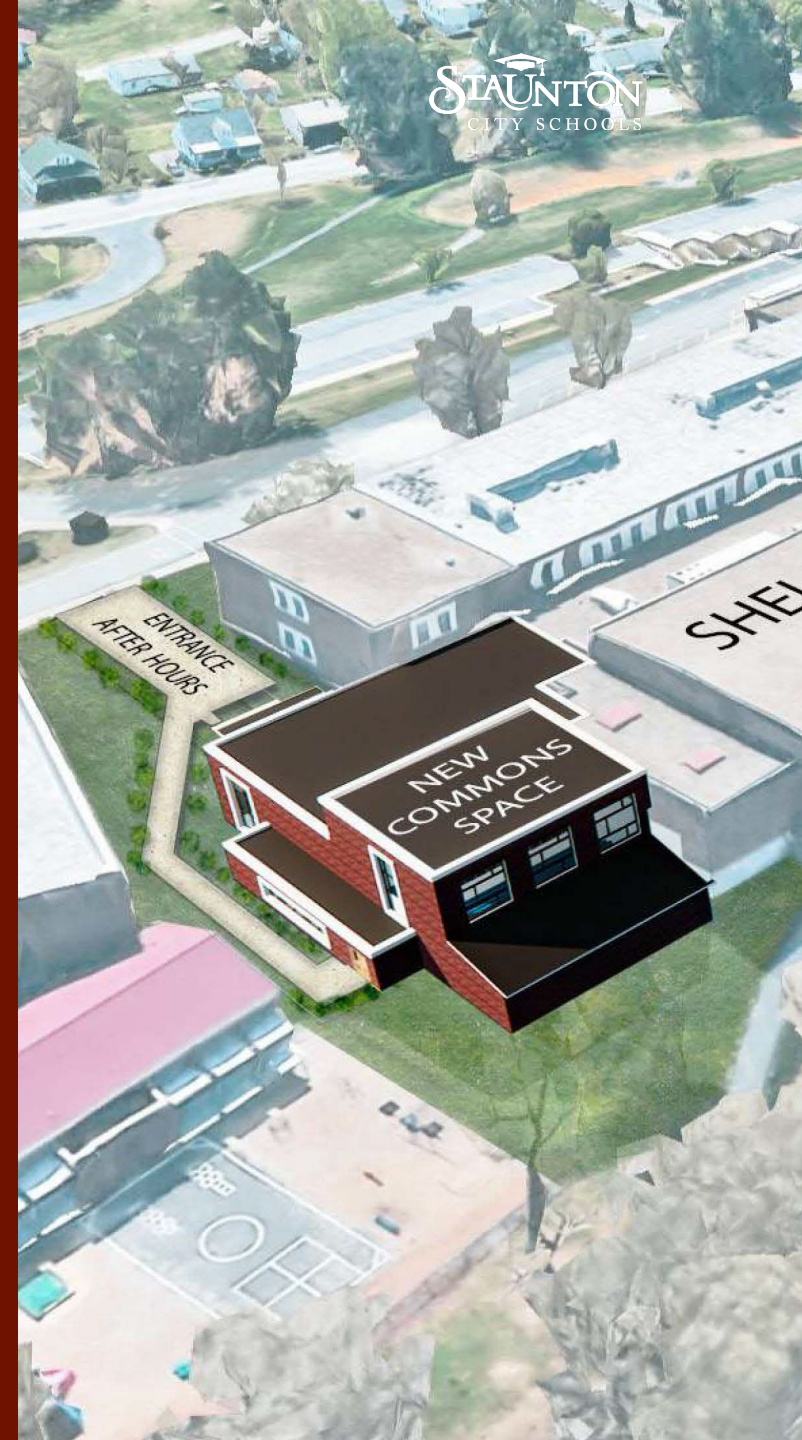


Left: Indoor and outdoor renovations for CTE classrooms.



Phases II & III Unfunded

- **Phase II:** A multi-tiered addition with collaboration space and seating for up to 350 people. Also offers community recreational and event space, collaborative learning spaces, accessible seating, and improvements to storage areas and the performance stage in the Hern Gym. *Estimated cost: \$6.6 million.*
- **Phase III:** Involves acquiring and developing real property to consolidate the maintenance and transportation departments into one operations facility. *Estimated cost: Funding TBD.*



A Principal's Perspective

Improve instruction, fine arts and athletics opportunities

- Inadequate space to deliver the one-on-one or group support that could help students thrive academically
- Inadequate space for small group learning, especially for groups that need extra help
- Inadequate space to support students with disabilities
- Inadequate space for fine arts program: SMS students want to have electives that focus on performing arts, which would help grow the performing arts at the high school
- Additional space needed to host athletic tournaments



SMS Addition Benefits



Collaborative learning spaces for classes; interdisciplinary learning activities; daily pullout spaces for academic interventions; area for grade-level meetings, orientations and open houses



Space for culminating learning activities, such as art shows, science fairs and academic competitions, and performing arts activities, such as art shows, plays and musicals



Improvements to storage areas and the performance stage in Hern Gym



Gathering space for community events and activities after school



MAIN ENTRANCE

Front View of Addition







Rear View of Addition



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ENCLOSURE HOUSEHOLD

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Aligned Priorities for City & Schools

City of Staunton Comprehensive Plan

- ✓ “Support efforts to maintain a quality school system.”
- ✓ “Encourage the continued renovation and upgrade of existing, neighborhood-based schools.”
- ✓ “Encourage more utilization of schools, school grounds, and playgrounds as neighborhood focal points and gathering centers for after-hours and community activities when schools are not in session.”

*Excerpt from Chapter 1-Goals & Objectives
Adopted July 11, 2019*

Staunton City Schools Priorities

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Phase II Financing Solutions

Seek Virginia Public School
Authority (VPSA) financing bond
and state construction grant

School Construction Grant

- School construction grants will roll out in September or October.
- Construction grant funds could be used to pay debt service on any school construction projects completed in the last 10 years (HB No. 462).

Bond Financing & Timeline

- **August 12:** School Board approved resolution
- **By August 26:** School division submits VPSA application
- Bond financing would allow contractor to stay on site and transition to Phase II this year.
- Participation from city council is the only way the school division can move forward with the bond application.



Staunton City Schools

**We're worth
the investment!**