



Brunswick County Public Schools Facilities Plans:

James Solomon Russell Middle School Closure

BACKGROUND

Progress Overview:

- **Spring 2018:** Launched a comprehensive facilities study.
- **March 2021:** Secured funding for a school project through the Board of Supervisors.
- **August 2023:** Began construction on the elementary school project.
- **June 2024:** Initiated renovations for the middle/high school complex.



THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

KEY PROJECTS

- New K-6 elementary school
- Renovation of Brunswick High School (Future MS/HS Complex, Grades 7-12)
- New athletic complex





NEW K-6 ELEMENTARY (FALL 2026)



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TRANSITION FOR SIXTH GRADERS

The current 5th graders will remain in their assigned elementary schools for 6th grade 2025-2026.

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**RED OAK
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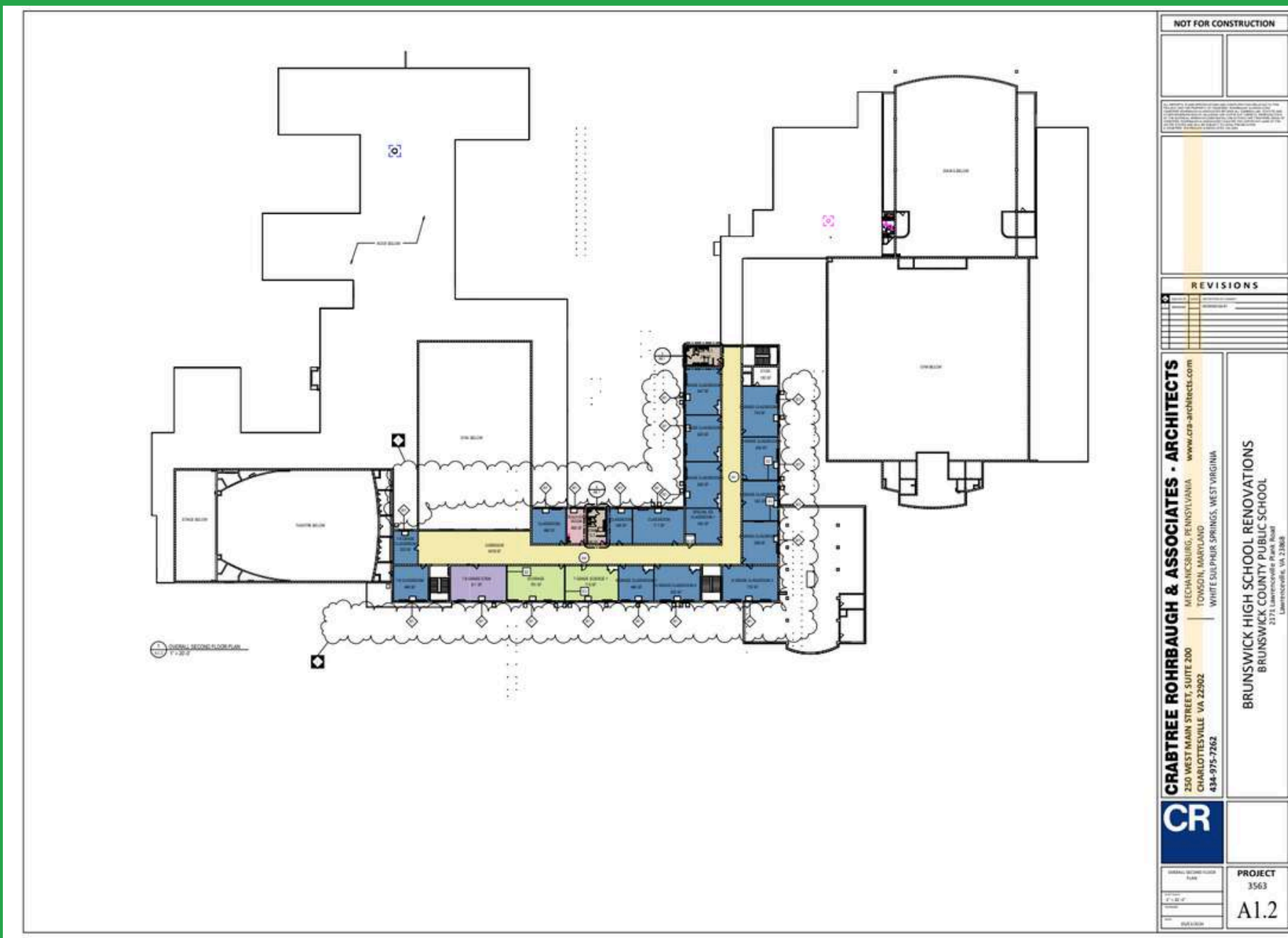
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN 2025-26

The elementary schools have enough classroom space to add
6th-grade. Enrollment data

School	24-25 PK-5 Enrollment	25-26 Projected PK-6 Enrollment
TES	298	350
ROSE	205	235
MP	178	205



FUTURE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX: RENOVATION PLANS



Renovations of MS/HS (Grades 7-12):

- Improvements to classrooms and common areas
- Upgraded HVAC systems to improve air quality and energy efficiency
- Enhanced safety and security features
- Modernized restrooms and updated lighting systems
- Roof repairs and exterior upgrades to improve the building's longevity



FUTURE RENOVATED RESTROOMS FOR MS/HS COMPLEX - Completed August 2024



KEY DATES



December 2024	School Board Presentation
January 2025	School Board Vote and Community Communications Begin about School Closure and Transition
FALL 2025	Occupy 7-12 MS/HS Complex
FALL 2026	New Elementary PK-6 School Opens

KEY CONSIDERATIONS



- Teacher licensure and credentialing
- Current elementary classroom space
- Current utility and operating costs for RMS
- Extra-curricular activities (athletics, band)
- Transportation
- Technology – Erate
- Administrative staffing at MS/HS Complex
*(*Population–622 students in grades 7-12 for 2025–26)*
- School Counseling
- Communication Plan
- Historical Impact and Legacy





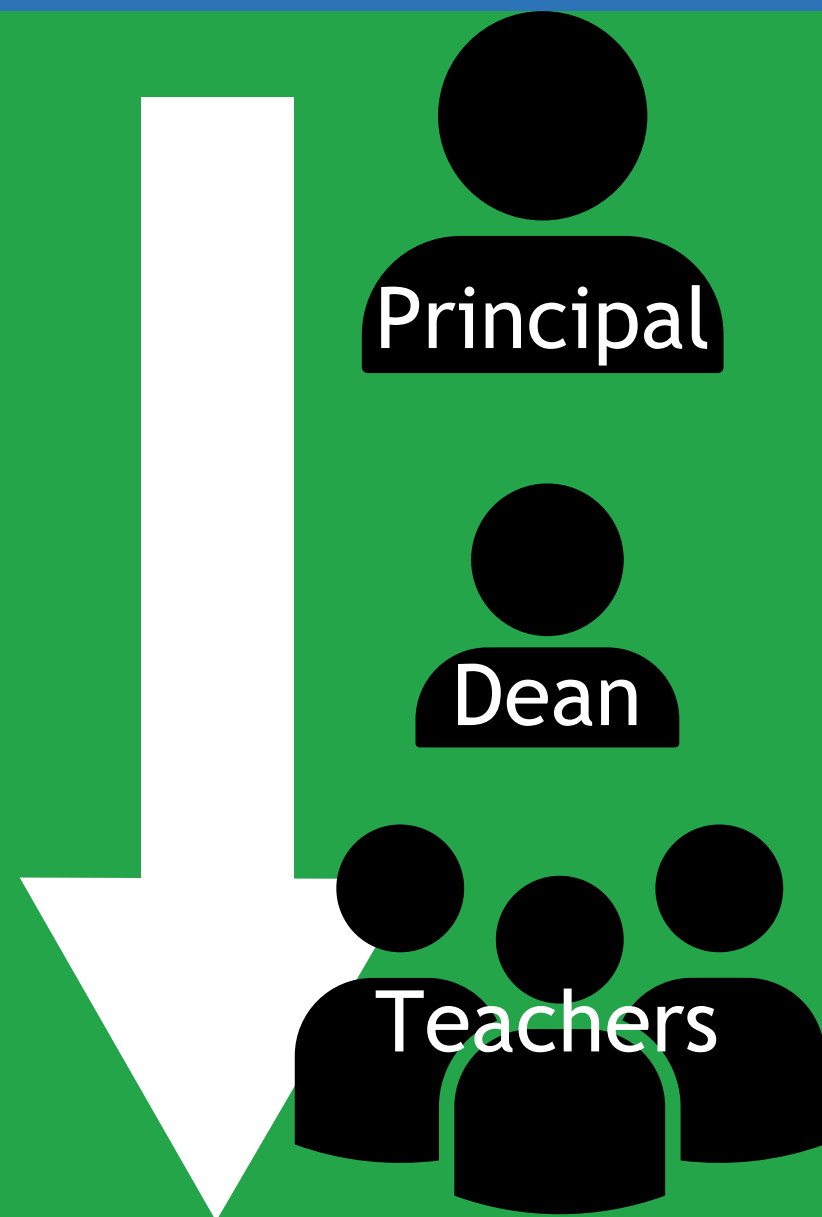
FUTURE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX:

- **Transportation** - Separate bus drop off and pick up locations for MS and HS students
- **Projected Enrollment (Grades 7-12)** - Approximately 610 students for the 2025-2026 school year
- **MS Entrance Location** - Separate from HS entrance
- **Student Management** - Varying bell schedules, staff supervision, and class transition plans will keep 7th and 8th graders separate from the HS students
- **Child Nutrition (Breakfast/Lunch Shared Cafeteria)** - MS and HS students will use the cafeteria at differing times

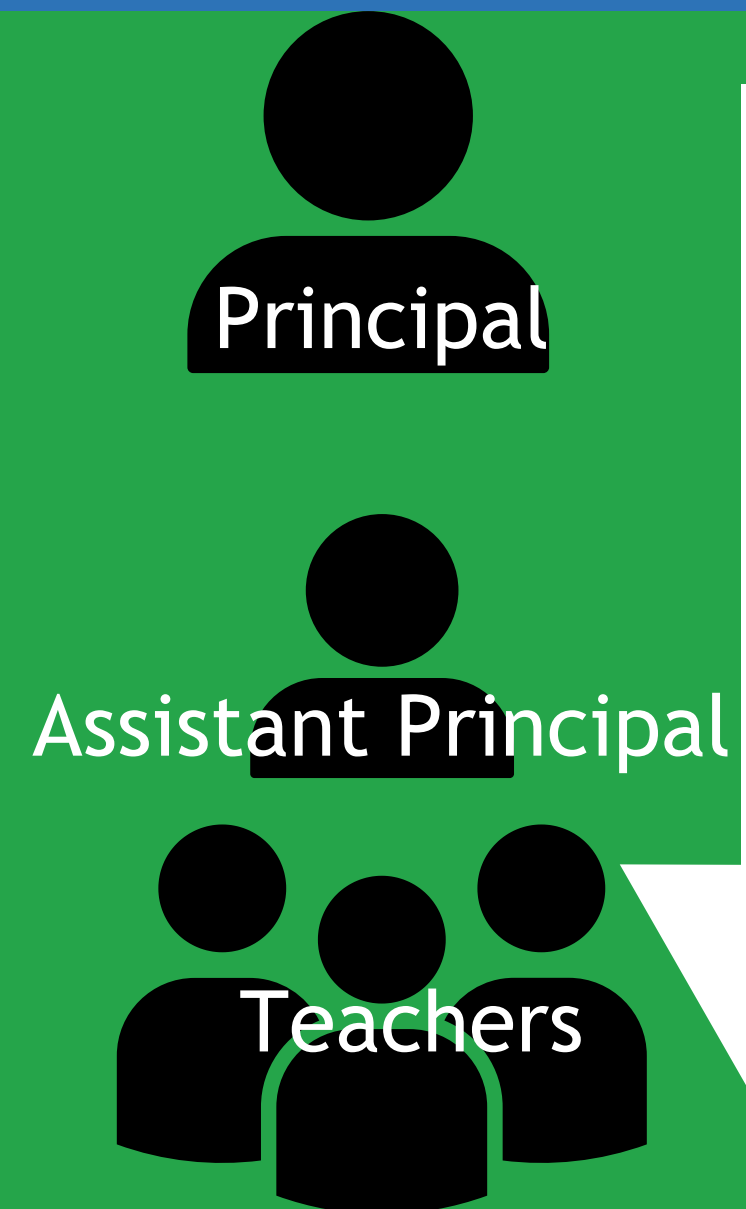


MS/HS COMPLEX ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK

Middle School Complex



High School



COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Parent Town Hall Meetings
- Written Communication to Affected Families
- Faculty and Staff (Meetings and Written Communications to Affected Staff)
- General Community Updates
- Communication to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
Regarding the Closure



EXTRA CURRICULARS

ATHLETICS

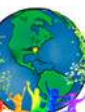
- MS and HS coaches will collaborate to share practice areas
- Some 8th graders already play on BHS JV teams. MS has soccer, football, basketball, and track teams
- 6th graders will not play on MS teams



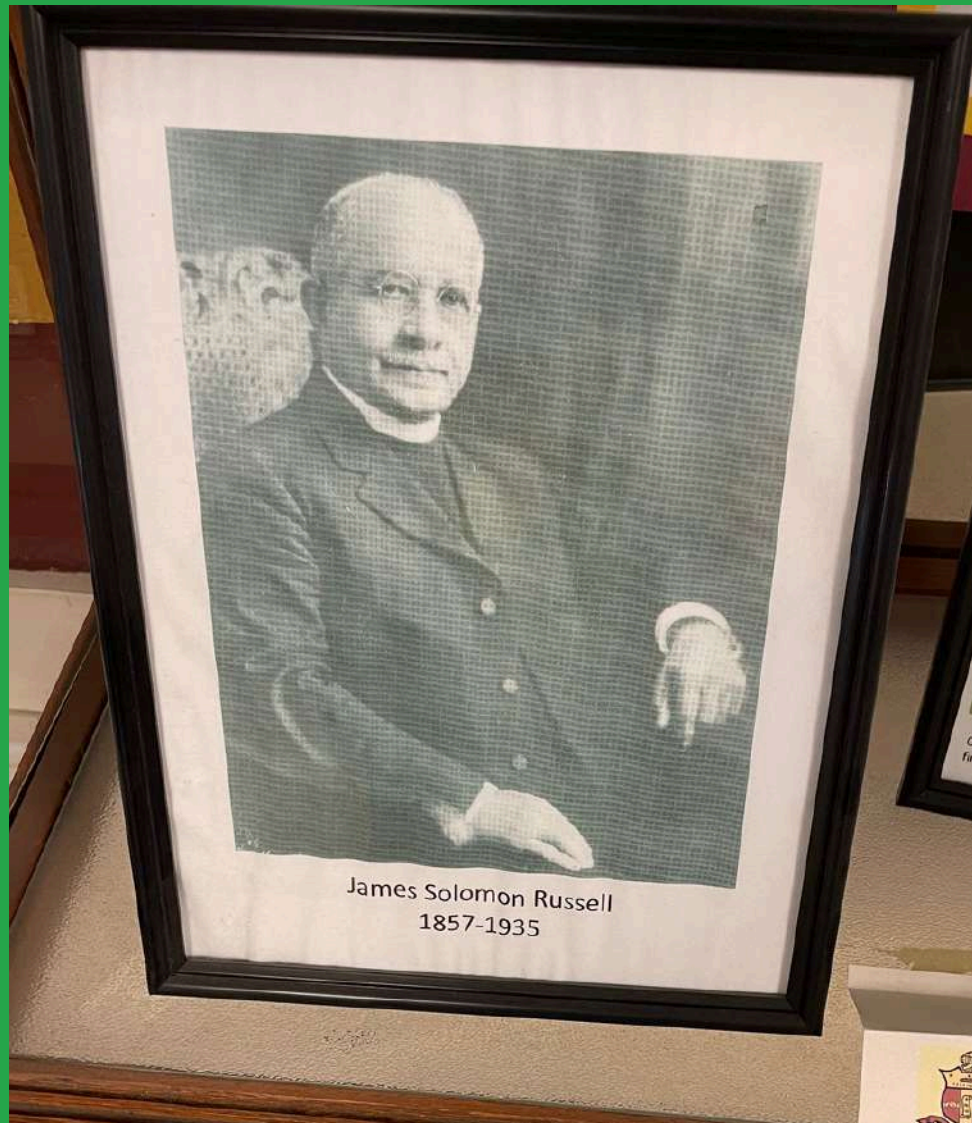
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BAND

- 6th graders do not participate in the band program, they take Intro to Music
- 7th and 8th graders take MS band classes during the school day and perform with the HS band afterschool



HONORING THE LEGACY OF JAMES SOLOMON RUSSELL MIDDLE SCHOOL



- Partnering with the alumni association to collect photos and stories
- Creating a commemorative keepsake to honor the school's historical impact on the community
 - Web Copy
 - News Release
 - Social Media
 - Parent/Staff Emails



STAY ENGAGED

Over the coming weeks and months, there will be numerous opportunities to take part in meetings and other events to learn more about these projects and ask questions.

We look forward to more conversations as we move ahead!



THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?

