



COOPERATIVE STRATEGIES

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Guilford County Public Schools
Preliminary Bond Program Phasing Discussions

March 9, 2021

BOARD UPDATE 3/9/21 | AGENDA

- **Updates from the 2/27 Board Retreat**
 - Parent/community engagement and communications
 - Average site sizes and capacities by grade level to use when considering new land acquisition
 - Archer clarification

WHERE WE'VE BEEN | RECAP

- Parents, community members, staff members and students identify facility quality as major concern during **Superintendent's "Listen & Learn" Tour**
- **Transition Team** identifies facilities as major concern; subcommittee focuses on **magnet schools, school choice and student assignment**
- **Magnet school study** engages parents and educators through focus groups
- Reimagining excellent schools and addressing facility-related equity issues part of **2022 Strategic Plan**
- **CTE Blue Ribbon Task Force** identifies capital needs to align with workforce and economic development needs and recommends programmatic themes, changes
- **Joint BOE/BOCC Capital/Facilities Planning Committee** formed
- BOE and BOCC pay for **Facility Condition Assessment Study**
- **East Greensboro tornado** causes extensive damage at 3 schools; mobile units on site destroyed
- Study rates more than **50%** of GCS school facilities as **unsatisfactory or poor**; dozens of district mobile units **more than 30 years old**

WHERE WE'VE BEEN | RECAP

- GCS partners with Cooperative Strategies to develop **Facilities Master Plan**
- **Facilities Master Plan Report and Recommendations** shared with joint committee and community – More than \$2 billion in capital needs identified (Nov. 26, 2019)
- **Joint BOE/BOCC Facility Committee review preliminary phasing/prioritization** (Dec. 19, 2019 & Jan. 21, 2020)
- **BOE adopts resolution on priority projects** based on Facilities Master Plan recommendations
 - Adopted March 10, 2020
 - Included projects totaling **\$1.6 billion** for first phase, including land purchases for all phases and construction of three new schools
- **BOCC votes to place \$300 million in bond projects and ¼-cent tax levy on Nov. 4 ballot**
- **BOE and BOCC ask state legislature** to change ballot language requirements; effort not successful
- Community leaders form **"Vote Yes" committee** for school bonds; shares Master Facilities Plan recommendations and project priorities approved by BOE
- **Voters approve \$300 million in school bonds** Nov. 4; voters do not approve ¼-cent sales tax
- GCS starts process to procure **project manager** for school bonds
- Board **reviews priority projects** for project ordinances at retreat
- Board to **adopt project ordinances**; will send to Board of County Commissioners

FACILITIES STUDY AND MASTER PLAN | COMMUNICATIONS



255
mentions of the
**FACILITIES
STUDY**

across TV, print & online



15+ PUBLIC
MEETINGS on facilities
study & master plan



8 social media
posts of the
FACILITIES STUDY
13 social media
posts of the
**FACILITIES MASTER
PLAN**



100+ touchpoints
via email, robo calls, web
postings and alerts, bond
information campaign, principal
communications, GCSTV
GPA newsletters, advisory
committee meetings, etc.



8+ PRINCIPAL &
TEACHER MEETINGS
on facilities study &
master plan

SITE ACREAGE | ES

Type	Avg. Acreage	min	max
ES	20	4	61
MS	42	8	80
HS	65	4	106

GCS Site Acreage | ES

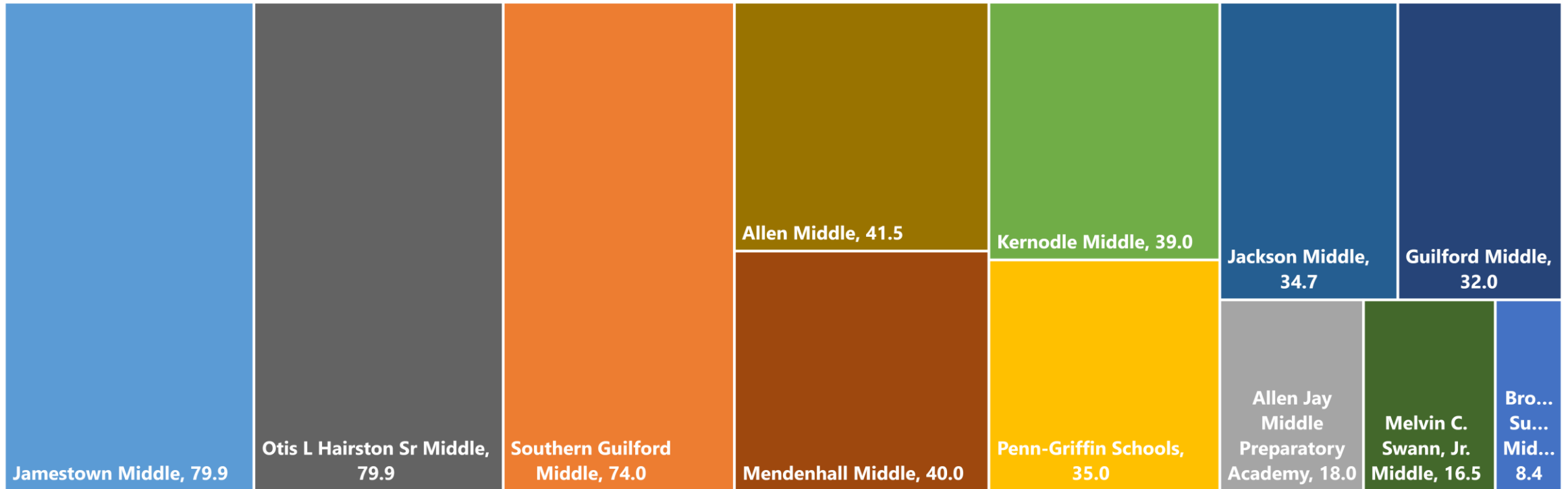
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GCS Site Acreage | MS

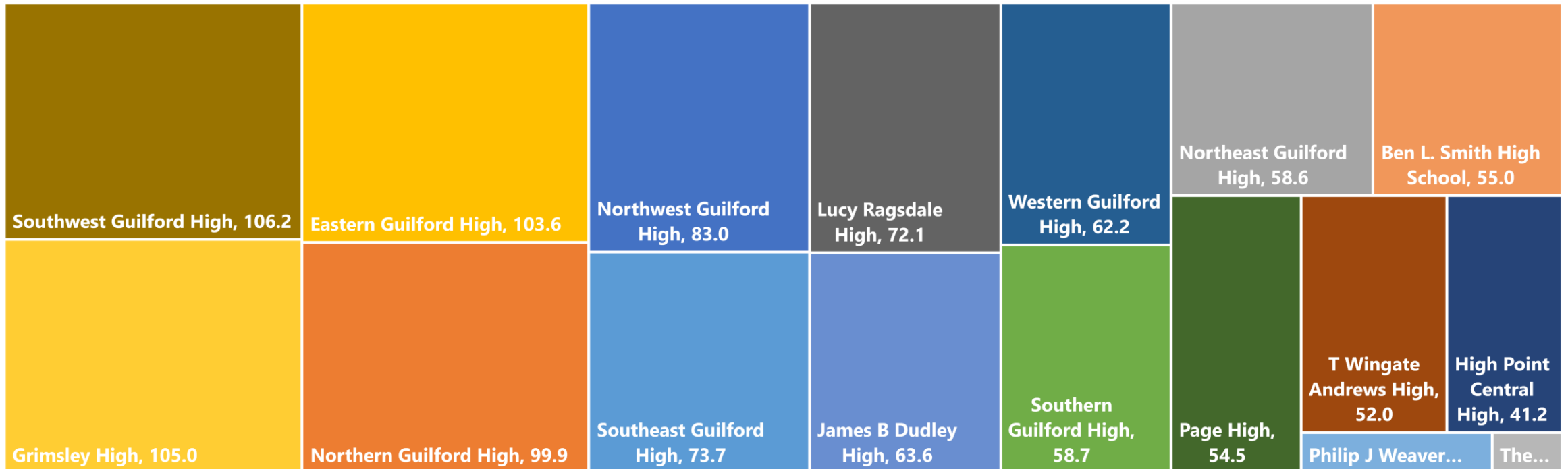


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CAPACITIES | CURRENT & FMP

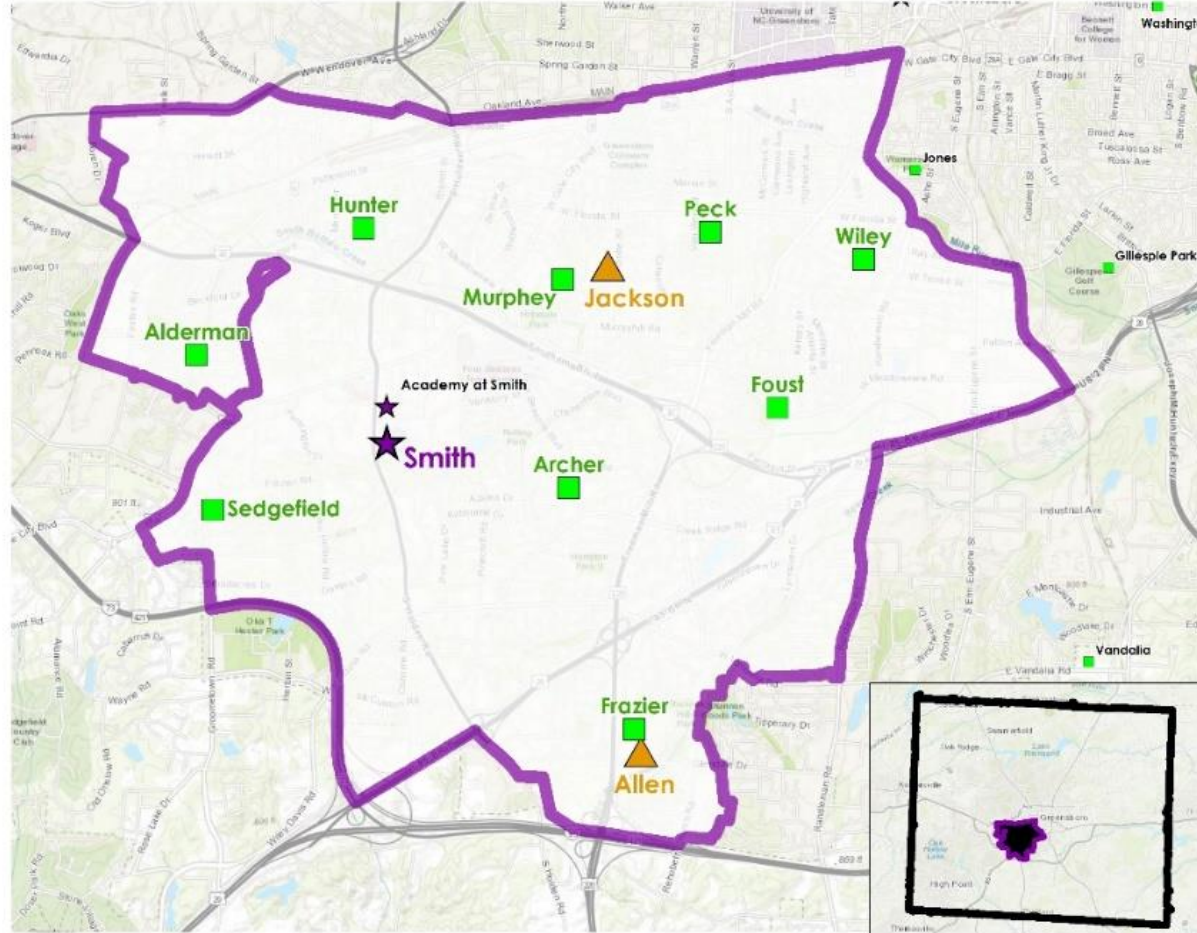
Type	Current Avg. Capacity	smallest capacity school	largest capacity school	FMP Avg. Capacity	smallest capacity school	largest capacity school
ES	483	252	765	570	252	900
MS	909	336	1179	912	180	1200
HS	1364	340	1779	1266	300	1800

Current ES, MS and HS capacities average 483, 909 and 1,364 respectively. The Facilities Master Plan increases the average ES capacity by rebuilding several of the oldest schools with 700-capacity elementary schools.

STRATEGY FOR ARCHER ES PHASING

Archer ES (Montessori)

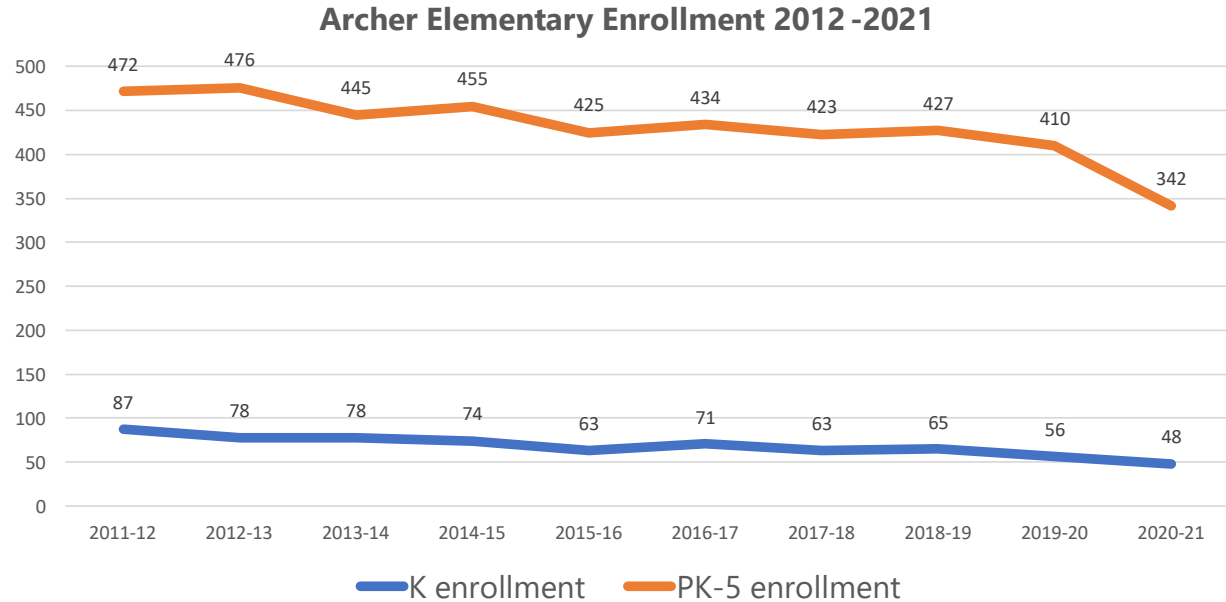
- Cap: 415
- Current Enroll: 361
- Archer will reopen as a Montessori Magnet



1. Begin testing in 2021
2. Begin design in 2022
3. Begin renovation in summer 2023
4. Building reopens in August of 2025
5. Montessori program moves to rebuilt school in August of 2025

STRATEGY FOR ARCHER ES PHASING

current year	What grade will my child be in when Archer construction is planned to begin?		Archer reopens
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
2020-21	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
PreK	2	3	4
K	3	4	5
1	4	5	6
2	5	6	7
3	6	7	8
4	7	8	9
5	8	9	10



Indicates that this child will be in MS or HS

160 families are zoned to attend Archer Elementary but attend other GCS schools. This does not include those that attend charter and private schools.

- Current Archer students in 3-5th grades will be in MS or HS when construction is anticipated to begin. Current Archer PK-2nd grade students still at Archer when construction begins will be temporarily relocated to allow for renovation. Parents also can select permanent seats elsewhere.
- Historic enrollment declines, choice patterns and the prime location of the Archer site for a magnet were part of the decision-making process to convert the school to a Montessori magnet.
- The plan is for Archer to begin construction in the summer of 2023. Between 2023-25, students at Archer move to locations TBD, with 4-5th graders returning on-site for the 2025-26 school year.

OPEN FOUST ES AS A GAMING & ROBOTICS MAGNET



1. No change to swing space options from the 2/27 meeting
2. When opening Foust following construction, open as a districtwide magnet school focused on gaming and robotics with regional enrollment preference
3. Smith HS boundary will be a choice zone. Families can choose any regional MS program, and can select to continue their programmatic pathway in MS and HS at one of the following schools
 - *Welborn Gaming & Design Innovation and Artificial Intelligence (6-12)*
 - *Northeast Computer and Information Science (HS)*
 - *Smith Advanced Manufacturing, Gaming & Design Innovation, Green Construction Trades (HS)*

MASTER LIST PHASE 1

School Name	Type	SF	Yr Built	Site Acreage	Current Capacity	FMP Capacity	Magnet	Phase 1	Full rebuild	Repurpose	Repurpose Notes
	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
New Southwest Area K-8	K-8	135,000	new					●			
Claxton Elementary	ES	51,949	1960	10	468	700		●	●		
Erwin Montessori	ES	52,738	1949	9			Montessori (ES)	●		●	Moving to renovated Archer ES
Hampton-Peeler	ES	49,376	1968	14			700 Visual & Performing Arts (K-5)	●	●		
Clara J Peck Elementary	ES	62,220	1929	26	306		600 Regional Expeditionary Magnet (K-8)	●	●		
Julius I Foust Elementary	ES	50,246	1965	9	363		700 Gaming & Robotics (ES)	●	●		
Brooks Global Elementary	ES	48,148	1951	*	397	397		●	●		
Kiser Middle	MS	137,935	1957	*	1034	1200		●	●		

Phase 1 includes all **land acquisitions** for all phases.

Also included in Phase 1 is **pre-design** work for Sternberger and Allen Jay ES rebuilding in Phase 2.