

#### 2018 MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCEPT TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDA



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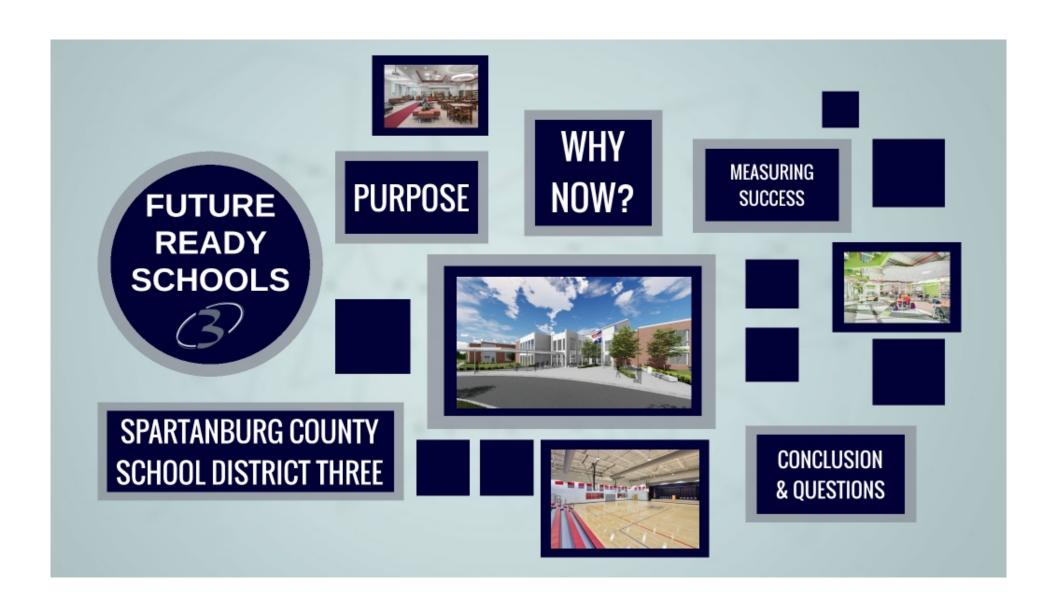
OVERVIEW OF MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCEPT:

SUPERINTENDENT KENNY BLACKWOOD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PURPOSE: EVERY STUDENT, FUTURE READY: PREPARED FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND PERSONAL SUCCESS.

THE CONCEPT IS TO BUILD A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL THAT SERVES 750-850 STUDENTS, CENTRALLY LOCATED WITHIN OUR DISTRICT, PLUS ADDITIONAL MAJOR RENOVATION AND REVITALIZATION PROJECTS AT ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND THE HIGH SCHOOL.





# SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE: A HISTORY



**TODAY: BROOME HIGH SCHOOL** 

# DISTRICT THREE: THROUGH THE YEARS

#### 1976

- · Broome High School, 10-12
- · Cowpens Junior High School, 7-9
- Pacolet Junior High School, 7-9
- · Cannon Elementary School, K-6
- · Cowpens Elementary School, Building I, 1-4
- Cowpens Elementary School, Building II, 5-6
- · Clifton Elementary School, 1-6
- Glendale Elementary School, 1-6
- Pacolet Primary School, K-2
- · Pacolet Elementary School, 3-6

### 1983

- Broome High School, 10-12
- · Cowpens Junior High School, 7-9
- Pacolet Junior High School, 7-9
- · Cannon Elementary School, K-6
- Cowpens Elementary School, K-6
- · Clifdale Elementary School, K-6
- Pacolet Elementary School, K-6

### 1995

- Broome High School, 9-12
- Cowpens Middle School, 6-8
- Middle School of Pacolet, 6-8
- · Cannons Elementary School, Pre-K-5
- Cowpens Elementary School, Pre-K-5
- Clifdale Elementary School, Pre-K-5
- Pacolet Elementary School, Pre-K-5

# **Educational Space Review**





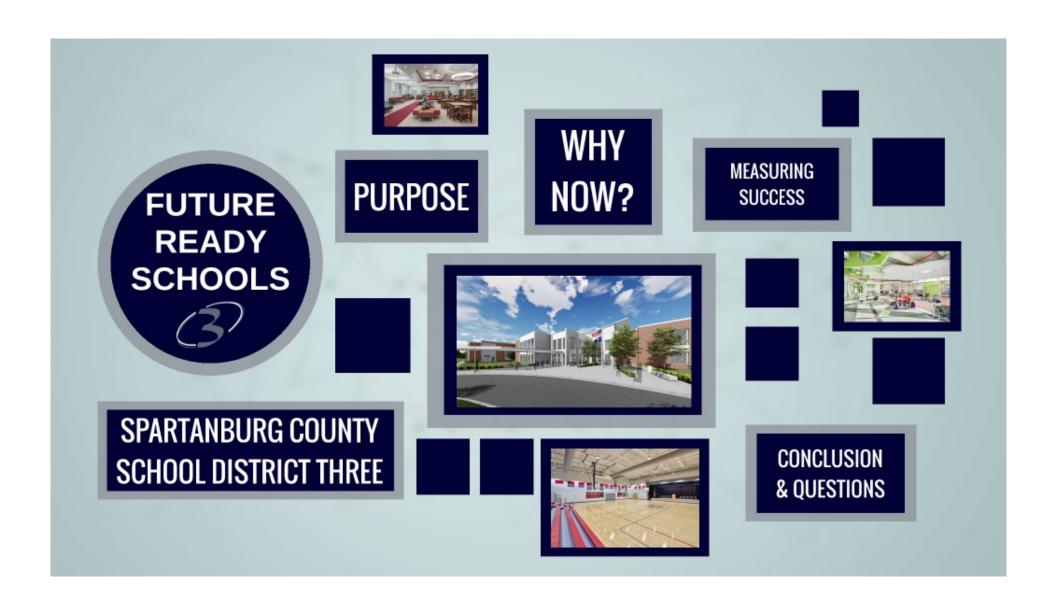
#### **AN INTENSE AND THOROUGH PROCESS**

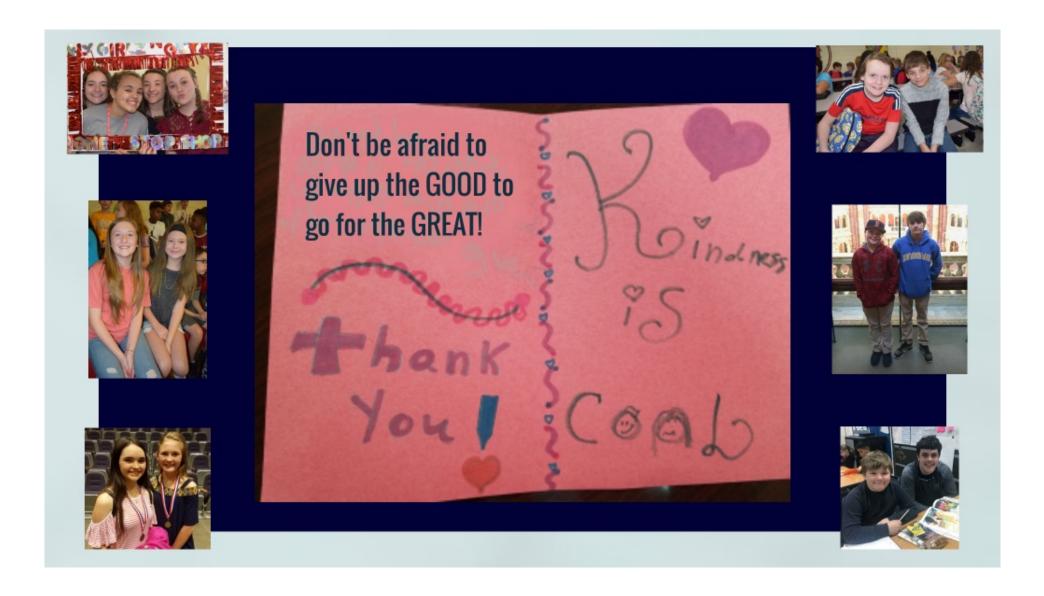
- Started with a 5 year building plan
- Began in August 2017 and still ongoing
- Input from staff, students and parents
- Facilities reviewed by architectural firms, construction management and engineers:
  - Physical condition
  - Health/safety
  - Educational suitability

Coming up next: Town hall meetings and focus groups



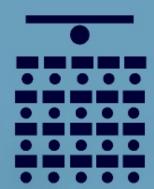






#### FROM THE 20TH TO THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

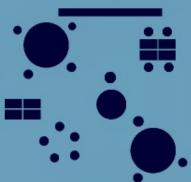




### **20th Century**

- · Teacher-centered
- Passive learning
- Organized by age/subject
- · Rote memorization
- Industrial efficiency
- Non-individualized learning





## **21st Century**

- · Student-centered
- Active learning
- Multi-age learning communities
- · Project based & experiential
- · Flexible location
- Personalized learning

#### **SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

## **OUR SCHOOLS: ELEMENTARY**









- 3K/4K
- 21st century learning environments
- Expanded spaces for exceptional children
- Foreign languages
- STEM initiatives
- Physical/safety upgrades

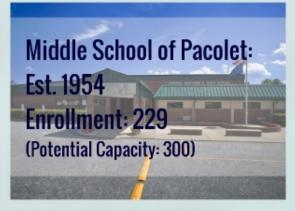
# **OUR SCHOOLS: HIGH SCHOOL**



- Early college initiatives
- 21st century learning environments
- Expanded dual credit offerings
- CATE and elective class offerings
- STEM initiatives
- Developed spaces for exceptional children
- Spaces for athletics/arts
- Signage
- Parking and traffic flow

# OUR SCHOOLS: MIDDLE SCHOOL TOP PRIORITY





- Outdated facilities
- Concerning infrastructure
- Inadequate learning spaces
- Limited course offerings

# 64 YEAR OLD BUILDINGS

#### WHAT NEW PROGRAMS CAN WE OFFER IF WE BUILD?

- New middle school curriculum/concept
- Additional CATE classes
- STEM initiatives
- Better spaces & programs for exceptional children
- Technology & multimedia space

- Expanded courses
- Science labs
- Collaborative learning spaces
- Fine arts spaces & classes
- · Classes for high school credit

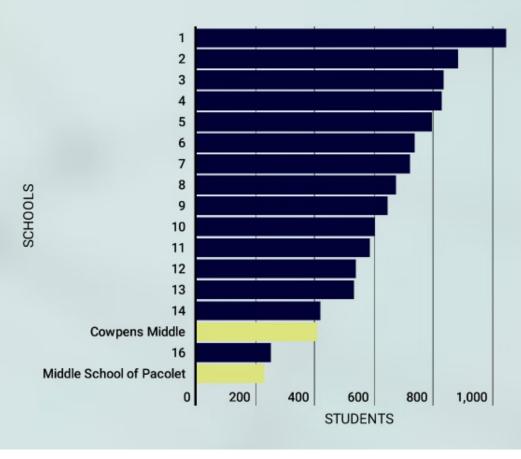




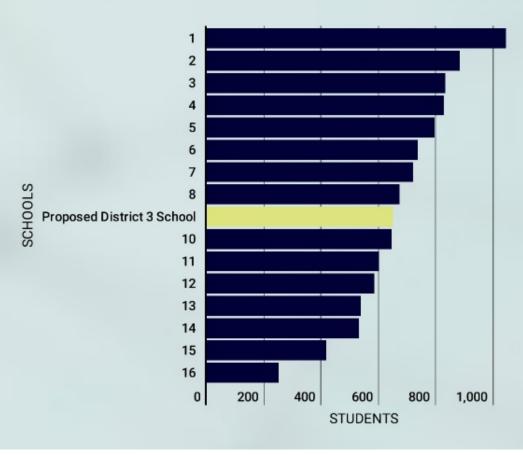


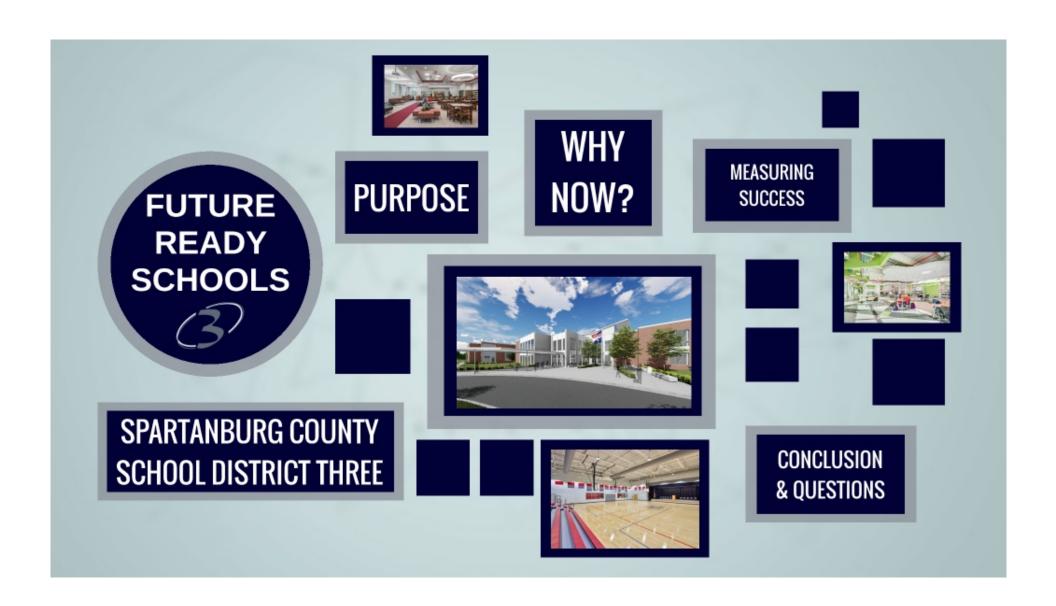


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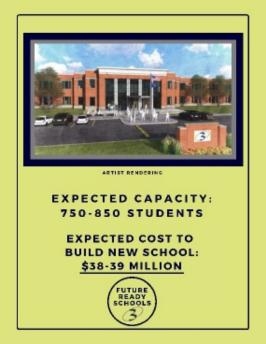




## **WEIGHING THE PROS AND CONS**







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#### CMS & MSP

- Increased costs
- Limited Course Offerings
- Cannot create 21st century learning environments
- Limited middle school concept/curriculum





#### **New Middle School**

- Decreased costs
- Additional Course Offerings
- 21st century learning environments
- · Financially responsible
- · Middle school concept/curriculum
- · Recruitment/retention of teachers
- · Best for students
- Classroom size wouldn't increase

## LET'S TALK COSTS...

New middle school \$38-39 million

**Elementary/High School** 

+ Revitalization Projects = \$17-19 million

\$55-58 million (Potential bond referendum)







### **BUT... THIS WILL SAVE THE DISTRICT MONEY**

Combining both schools will save the district \$700,000 a year and no one will lose their job.

Savings will allow for additional educational programs at the new middle school as well as every school in the district.

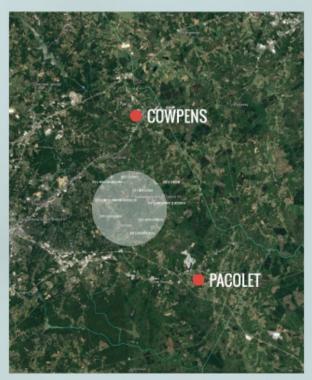


## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CURRENT BUILDINGS?

No decision has been made concerning the future use of Cowpens Middle School or the Middle School of Pacolet. We feel confident we can bring all necessary partners together to allow these cornerstones of the community to transition into vibrant Community Centers.



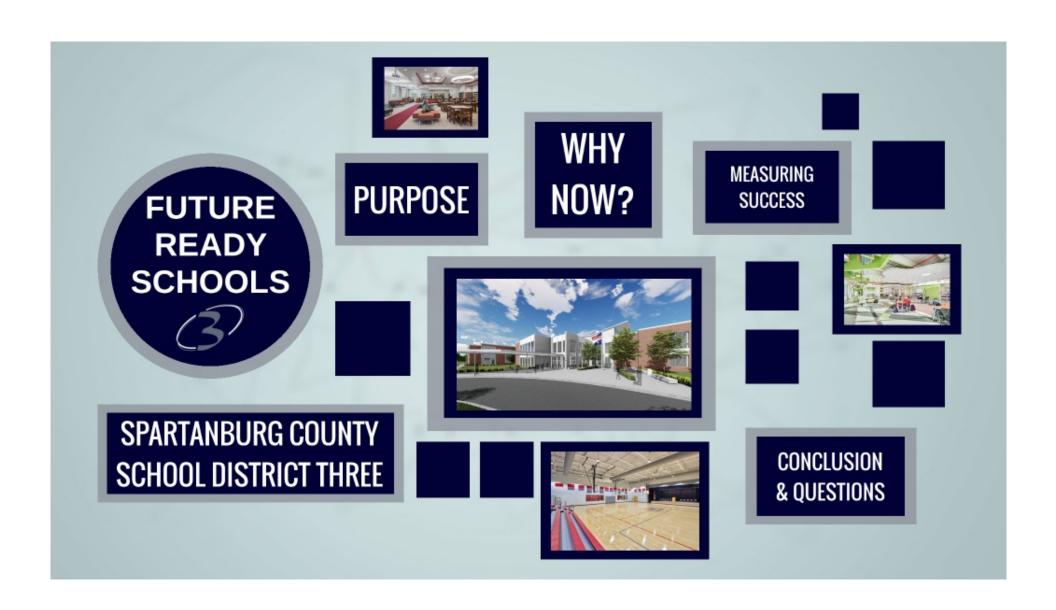
## **POSSIBLE LOCATIONS**



25-30 ACRE SITES CENTRALLY LOCATED IN OUR DISTRICT

# PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH







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#### TOWN HALL MEETING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION THROUGH QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS DURING THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS. HOWEVER, TO ENSURE ORDER AND AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE GUIDELINES:

- 1. ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME AND CONNECTION TO OUR DISTRICT.
  - 2. SHARE YOUR QUESTION AND/OR CONCERN.
- TRY TO STAY BRIEF AND TO THE POINT: LIMIT YOURSELF TO 2 MINUTES.
- 4. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, PLEASE SHARE
  YOUR QUESTION/COMMENT IN WRITING BELOW:

