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# **Beaufort County School District**

Beaufort, South Carolina

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Dr. Frank Rodriguez  
Beaufort County School  
District

- Serving Pre-K through 12
- Focus on Student Achievement
- College or Career Readiness



A young woman with a backpack is shown from the waist up, holding several books. She is looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image.

**We acknowledge the importance of  
community engagement in educational  
facility design.**

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## FACILITIES MASTER PLAN



**ANNUAL UPDATE**

January 2024

Frank Rodriguez, Ph.D., Superintendent • [www.beaufortschools.net](http://www.beaufortschools.net)

- ❑ Facilities Master Plan (rolling 5-year plan)
- ❑ Programmatic changes to schools
- ❑ Enrollment Projections through careful computer mapping of resident students over time
- ❑ Changes in Student Assignment – attendance zone changes resulting from enrollment changes or opening of new schools
- ❑ Involving the Community and school in planning
- ❑ Energy Management and Indoor Air Quality
- ❑ Capital Improvement (8%) Projects funded annually
- ❑ 2019 & 2023 Bond Referendum Projects

## Community Project Review Committees

### CPRC 2019

In 2019, interim Superintendent Dr. Berg appointed a committee to make recommendations on facilities projects. This committee reviewed facility condition assessments, heard from safety/security experts, talked with community planners, and visited schools in the district and other school districts. Putting in over 1500 volunteer hours this CPRC prioritized a list of over \$629M of projects. Their recommendations resulted in the \$344M bond referendum in 2019 overwhelming approved by the public with >70% approval

### CPRC 2023

In December 2022, Superintendent Dr. Rodriguez appointed a committee to again make recommendations on facilities projects. This committee reviewed all projects recommended by the previous committee that were not on the final referendum list. They also reviewed the 2022 facility condition assessment results, heard from district staff, Town of Bluffton planning staff, other experts on the potential projects. Putting in over 900 total volunteer hours, the CPRC 2.0 prioritized a list of over \$980M of projects. Their list resulted in the Board moving forward in a \$439M bond referendum going to voters November 7, 2023

# Building Trust and Accountability Citizen Led Oversight Committee (CLOC)

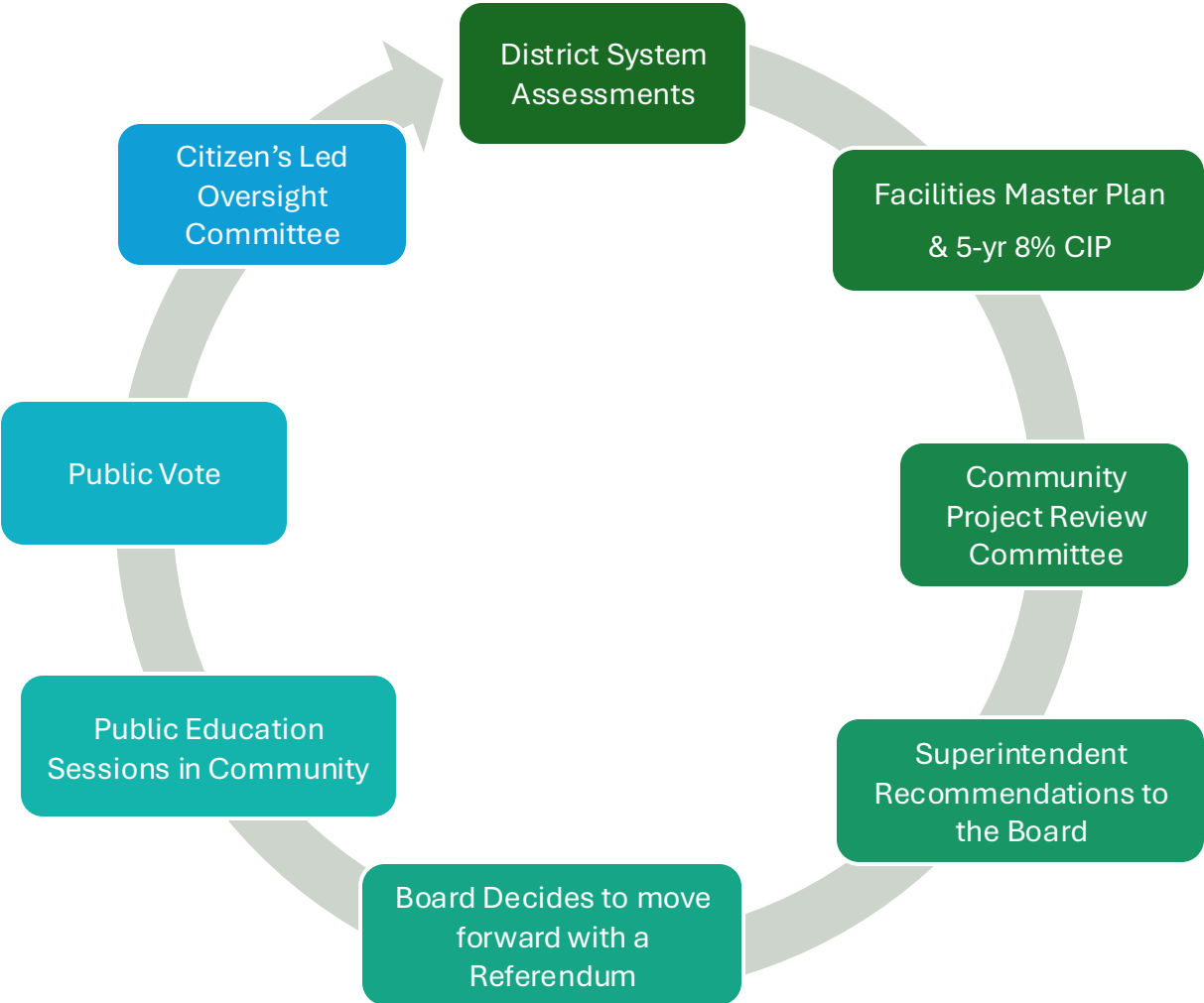
The CLOC is an independent group of volunteers who monitor all referendum building projects, schedules, budgets and expenditures.

The committee serves as an independent watchdog by monitoring projects and spending and then reporting directly to the public and the Board of Education.



Members include CPAs, urban planners, civil engineers and project managers.

# Referendum Process for Success



Beaufort County is one of South Carolina's fastest growing counties.



<https://www.beaufortschools.net/about-us/facilities-planning-for-the-future>

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## Facilities Planning for the Future

In 2019, Beaufort County voters' approval of the school district's \$344 million bond referendum – the largest bond referendum in the district's history – was a dramatic demonstration of support for our 22,000 students and the bright futures we aim for them to achieve. To learn more about the Nov. 7, 2023 referendum please visit the [2023 Bond Referendum](#).

Individual referendum projects, spread out over a four-to-five-year period ending in 2024 or 2025, can be found on the [Citizen-Led Oversight Committee \(CLOC\) webpage](#). CLOC is an independent group of volunteers who monitor all referendum building projects, schedules, budgets and expenditures and provide quarterly reports to the Board of Education. On the CLOC webpage, you will find their reports and meeting minutes, a history of the 2019 Referendum; how it was developed; how referendum projects were determined; presentations, meeting minutes and information relating to the work of the all-volunteer Community Project Review Committee; and, all referendum projects listed by schools including referendum project-related reports and pictures.

Please download the [Facilities Master Plan](#) that addresses the district's ongoing annual needs, and establishes priorities for new facilities, additions, renovations, and sustainment projects. For this year's book, staff have focused efforts on examining the instructional programs and recalculating a programmatic capacity for each school based on their current usage. Understanding this usage in conjunction with the building capacity will guide the District and Board in making better decisions on how our facilities are used for the next 5 years.

2023 Bond Referendum

2023 Official Bond Referendum Ballot Question

In the News: The Referendum

Referendum Information Session Dates

Referendum Information Presentations

Project Reports

Hilton Head Island High School Rebuild

New May River Elementary School

Replacement Lady's Island Middle School

Bluffton Early Childhood Support Center New Facility

### Download the 2023 Referendum Project Information Sheets

- ▶ Project Descriptions
- ▶ Projects by School Cluster
- ▶ Proyectos por Escuelas y Distrito



# 2023 Bond Referendum School & District-wide Projects

- Safety & Security Enhancements
- Hilton Head High School Rebuild
- Lady's Island Middle School Replacement
- New PK-5 Elementary School in Bluffton (May River Elementary)
- New Early Childhood Center in Bluffton
- Riverview Charter School Gym
- CTE Renovations and Additions – Beaufort High, Bluffton High, May River High
- Technology Warehouse & Imaging Center
- HVAC Replacements
- Kitchen for Right Choices
- Additional Improvements to accommodate our students and meet safety standards, upgrades and improvements to things like furniture, parking lots, drives, and sidewalks at specified schools.

# THE WHY OF TECHNICAL & TRADES TRAINING

***Investing in high-quality training programs is key to addressing labor shortages for skilled jobs and future sustainability for emerging fields.***



## **Benefits of Taking CTE Courses & Completing Pathways**



**Academic & Technical Skills Training**

**College & Career Readiness upon Graduation**



**Meeting Workforce Needs through cultivation of local talent pipeline**

**Agriscience**

**Business, Public Safety & Human Services\***

**Construction & Trades\***

**Engineering Related**

**Healthcare (all aspects)\***

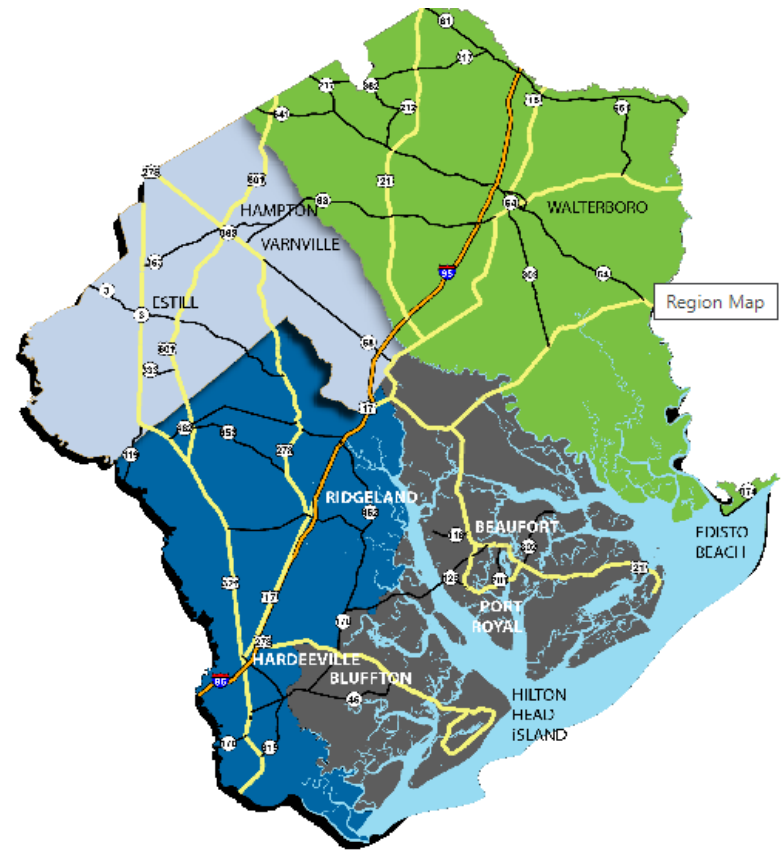
**Hospitality & Tourism Management**

**Technical Support Services (STEM related jobs to include Engineering, Cyber; and Artificial Intelligence)\***

**Transportation & Logistics\***

## **FUTURE OF CTE**

**\*Modernization/Expansion Plans**





1. Training from Teachers that were Professionals in the Industry
2. Focus on Technical Literacy, Communication and Soft Skills
3. Recognized Industry Certifications
4. Post Secondary Exposure & Options
5. Importance of Business & Industry Partnerships



Components of Effective CTE Programs

Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence (BJACE) named 2024 Palmetto's Finest!





Value of local partnerships in support of communities.

**Q & A**

