

SCHOOL REDESIGN TRANSITION FAQ

On Monday, January 26th the Board of Trustees approved the district's **School Redesign plan**. Changes won't take effect until next year, but district staff, together with parents and community members, will begin preparing for a successful transition during this school year. This is about improving outcomes for students, who will benefit from fewer elementary-middle-high school transitions, expanded learning opportunities, access to enrichment and athletic programs, and extra academic supports. The following are frequently asked questions by parents:

Will my child's school situation change *this* year? No. Schools will resume with a normal schedule, with no changes, through the end of this school year. We are committed to finishing this year strong. School Redesign recommendations take effect **next** school year.

Which schools will be closing next year? Charlestowne Academy, Brentwood Middle, Schroder Middle, McClellanville Middle, and Fraser Elementary.

If my child attends one of these schools, where will he/she go to school next year?*

- **Schroder Middle:** 6th graders will remain in their elementary schools, and 7th and 8th graders will attend 7-12 Baptist Hill High
- **Charlestowne Academy:** Hearing Impaired (HI) elementary students will move to North Charleston Elementary; HI middle and high school students to School of the Arts
 - Other grades return to their home schools based on attendance zones
- **Brentwood Middle:** select 6th graders will attend new 6th-grade Academy at McNair
 - 6th-8th graders will have options at the new Zucker, Morningside or Alice Birney, depending on where zoned and other factors
- **McClellanville Middle:** 6th graders remain at St. James-Santee, 7th and 8th graders attend 7-12 Lincoln High
- **Fraser Elementary:** Multiple choice options, including Sanders-Clyde, Charleston Progressive, and Mitchell and Memminger elementary schools (**Note—district officials will be meeting with constituent boards shortly to discuss rezoning issues related to redesign*)

Which other schools are directly impacted by Redesign? 7th and 8th graders at **Jane Edwards Elementary** will attend the 7-12 Baptist Hill High, and **Charleston Progressive** 7th and 8th graders will attend their home schools. **6th graders in Districts 1 and 23** will stay at their elementary schools. To find out more about these changes, the **Rural School Covenant, delayed actions**, and other recommendations, see the full report at www.ccsdschools.com.

Can I talk with someone at the district about my options for next year? Yes!

- **Call us** at 937-6303 or **send an e-mail** to schoolredesign@charleston.k12.sc.us.
- **Visit with us:** we will soon be scheduling **parent meetings** at the redesign-impacted schools. **Visit www.ccsdschools.com** or **call your school for more information.**