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Halifax County Schools (HCS) have selected Bordeaux-Mosley Architect for a design-building project. The team will consist of Bordeaux Construction, Moseley Architects, and Raleigh Raised Development. CLD Design, P.A. will provide Civil Engineering, while Lynch Mykins will provide Structural Engineering.

Halifax County Schools Board of Education solicited qualifications for design-building teams to design, formulate and construct a 540-student (600-student core) K-8 school. Each designbuilder was required to submit an explanation of its project selection. HCS advertised on the district website, RRSPIN, Greater Diversity News, and the NC Department of Administration. The new school will be built on the Eastman School site, and the estimated program is 101,000 sq. ft. The school will comply with the general program guidelines the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) set forth. The anticipated project budget is approximately \$41 million. Funds are provided by the Needs-Based Public-School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) and County matching funds.

Due to aging facilities, and long bus rides for students in the western part of the County, there is a need for a new school located on the former Eastman site. The school will pull students from Hollister Elementary and Pittman Elementary Schools, as well as from Davie Middle School. A Master Plan was completed for this site in 2019 following multiple workshops conducted with District staff, School Board members, and community members. After receiving funding from the 2021 NC DPI Needs-Based Public School Construction Fund, the Board of Education is moving forward with the plans for this consolidated school. Mr. Tyus Few, HCS Board Chair, states, "A school is the heart of a community, and the citizens of the Eastman area are deserving of a new facility."

Superintendent Dr. Cunningham states, "We are pleased to continue our relationship with Moseley Architects with the rebuilding of Eastman. I am deeply grateful for our elected officials who were instrumental in making this happen. When I arrived here in 2016, there was a commitment to reopen Eastman. I am proud that it has now become a reality. This project will be on a two-year track, but we know from experience that Mosely will deliver the highest quality building we expect, and we are confident that this project will go as planned and be completed on time."

Moseley Architects is one of the region's most trusted architectural and engineering firms, offering exceptional experience and service to educational, civic, commercial, justice, and senior living clients. Over more than 50 years, the firm has earned a reputation for quality, reliability, and responsiveness. "Our team has collaborated and partnered on over 15 successful projects in North Carolina, with more than \$100 Million in varying design and construction levels", said Blair Bordeaux, President of Bordeaux Construction Company. Bordeaux adds, "I am excited about providing a new school for Halifax County Schools."

Ashley Dennis, Vice President of Moseley Architects and the Managing Principal, states, "Moseley Architects was honored to partner with Halifax County Schools in the recent capital needs assessment and district master plan that helped lay the foundation for your upcoming new K-8 school. We understand this project's history, challenges, and goals and are eager to build upon this relationship to bring a new K-8 school facility to fruition. In working with the school board, district staff, parents, and teachers to establish the master plan of the school, we developed a valuable understanding of your processes and priorities. The insights we bring to this project will allow us to hit the ground running as we work with you to determine and move toward a design solution that will best serve your district's and stakeholders' needs".