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Halifax County Schools (HCS) held its first design-build committee meeting on December 15th for the new PreK-8 school. The purpose of the meeting was to tour Quinton Elementary School in New Kent County, Virginia. This school opened in August 2022 and has many 21st Century spaces being discussed for the new PreK-8 school in Halifax

County Schools.

The Design-Build Committee comprises board and community members, teachers, school/district administrators, and stakeholders. The School Design Committee will have several purposes: to learn the project's scope, share their hopes and vision for the community school, discover possibilities and what is happening at other schools, give input and respond to plans.

Halifax County Schools (HCS) has selected Mosley Architect for the design-build project. The design-build committee will be tasked to design a 540-student (600-student core) K-8 school. 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.

Information from the design-build committee will be passed down to Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, who oversees the ad-hoc committee established by the Board of Education. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Hedgepeth at crhedgepeth@gmail.com.