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Halifax County Schools is excited to announce the commencement of phase two construction at the former Eastman School Site. Demolition work has officially begun, marking a significant milestone in the development of this educational facility. The Halifax Prek-8 School project is a testament to Halifax County Schools commitment to providing state-of-the-art learning

environments for students. This ambitious undertaking aims to create a modern, innovative campus that will empower students to excel academically and thrive personally.

Phase two of construction represents a crucial step forward in realizing this vision. The five pillars of construction are Demolition, Underground & Foundations, Vertical, Finishes, and Landscaping. This project is currently in the demolition stage. With demolition underway, the site will undergo a transformation, paving the way for the construction of cutting-edge facilities designed to meet the evolving needs of students and educators.

"We are thrilled to see phase two of construction underway at the Eastman School Site," said Dr. Eric Cuninngham, Superintendent. "This project underscores our dedication to enhancing educational opportunities for our students and investing in the future of our community." Halifax County Schools values the community's contribution and encourages anyone who may have Eastman artifacts and would like to share them with the new school to contact the district at (252) 583-5111. Additionally, the district seeks individuals who know the Eastman story and can speak with the muralist, recognizing the community's unique knowledge and insights.





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On May 16th, Halifax County Schools held a community meeting at Ivory Hill Baptist Church led by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, Board Member, and Superintendent Dr. Eric Cunningham. During

this meeting, updates were provided on the new Halifax Pre-K-8 School. Survey results regarding the school name, colors, and mascot were also shared. Dr. Eric Cunningham expressed that he will make a recommendation to the board regarding these factors at the June board meeting. Many residents expressed their sadness over the demolition of the old building but were ecstatic about the new school.



Dr. Eric Cunningham noted, "This school has been in the making since its doors closed in 2009. It has been 14 years of community advocacy and commitment to finally reach the stage that we are at now." The Eastman School Site project, now in its second phase, is a testament to Halifax County Schools' strategic goals to modernize facilities, improve learning outcomes, and foster innovation in education. Upon completion, the new campus will serve as a hub of learning excellence, equipped with advanced resources and infrastructure to support student success, inspiring a sense of excitement and anticipation in the community.

Halifax County Schools remains committed to transparency and community engagement as construction progresses. To ensure ongoing collaboration and support, updates on the project's milestones and developments will be shared with stakeholders. For more information about the Eastman School Site project and Halifax County Schools' initiatives, please visit www.halifax.k12.nc.us and click the rebuilding of Eastman.