

FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE



*Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready and
Are Productive and Responsible Members of Society*

Congratulations

- Adult Ed Received a Literacy Grant
 - received a \$10,000 from the Dollar General Literacy Funds for the upcoming school term (2025-2026).
 - Plan is to start Family Literacy program.

Legislative Update

- **S. 62** – **Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF)** - Reinstatement and expansion of payments for scholarships to eligible students.
 - Individual scholarship amount - \$7,500
 - 2025-26 SY – 10,000 students
 - Income cap - 300% of poverty
 - SDE required to develop model guidelines for interdistrict transfers

Legislative Update

- **S. 78 – Work Experience Credit for Educators** – Educators can receive years of experience on their educator certificate for non-teaching occupational experience in or related to the content field of the individual’s certificate.
 - Only applies to teacher salary schedule and not for retirement.
- **S. 79 – Noncertified Teacher Pilot Program** – Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing all schools to hire up to 10% of their staff as noncertified teachers
 - Doesn’t include work-based, career, and technical education teachers
 - Participation is optional and up to the discretion of the principal, with approval of superintendent and SCDE.

Legislative Update

- **H. 3196** – **Educator Assistance Act** – Modifies teacher certification requirements, establishes a lifetime teaching certificate for retired educators, revises teacher contract and assignment procedures, increases the number of required in-district professional development days from three to four, and requires districts to implement sick leave banks for all school staff.
 - Additionally, districts that fail to provide written notification of contract reemployment decisions by May 1 will be fined \$10,000 per affected teacher, and the teacher's existing contract will be automatically renewed. Effective July 1, 2026 for this part only.

Legislative Update

- [H. 3247](#) Excused School Absences – requires school districts to adopt a policy that excuses students, for up to 10 school days per year, to participate in career and technical student organization experience.

Mental Health Grant

- Received another verification of “Notice of Non-Continuation of Grant Award”
- Grant will end December 2025
 - “This letter provides notice that the United States Department of Education has determined not to continue your federal award, S184H240243, in its entirety, effective at the end of your current grant budget period.”
 - Grant currently covers 9 positions and one contract services



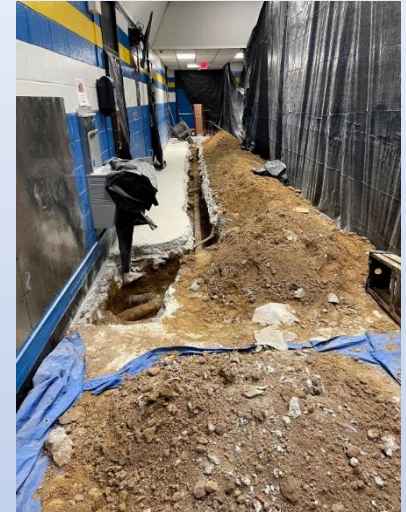
FSD3 Facilities Update

Board of Trustees Meeting

June 12, 2025

Lake City High School

- Replacement of front windows and safety film being assessed by Schneider using safety grant funds. (Safety Grant)
- Replacement of plumbing for cafeteria is anticipated to be done by June 12. (State Capitol Improvement)
- Access control project for gates and doors on CATE building near completion. (Safety Grant)
- LVT flooring has been placed in the conference room. (State Capitol Improvement)
- Vape detectors have been installed select restrooms. (State Capitol Grant)
- New VCT flooring has been installed in CATE health occupations classroom. (State Capitol Improvement)
- New gates have been installed for gator storage at career center. (Safety Grant)



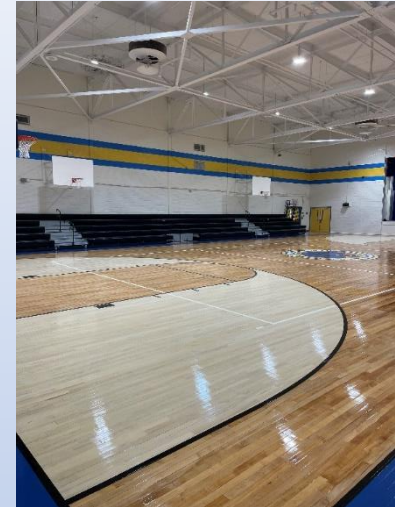
J. Paul Truluck Magnet School

- Replacement of front windows and safety film being assessed by Schneider using safety grant funds. (Safety Grant)
- Access control project for gates and doors near completion. (Safety Grant)
- Gym renovations near completion except for stage padding. Projected completion date June 16. (Special Obligation Bonds & GO Bonds)
- Vape detectors have been installed in select restrooms. (State Capitol Improvement)
- Dance room floor has been installed. (General Fund)



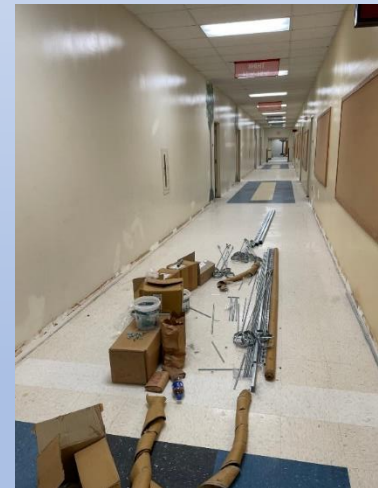
Dr. Ronald E. McNair

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- Access control project for gates and doors near completion. (Safety Grant)
- Gym renovations near completion except for stage padding. Projected completion date June 16. (Special Obligation Bonds & GO Bonds)
- Vape detectors have been placed in bathrooms. (General Funds)
- Front hallways at office have been painted. (General Funds)
- Two new cameras were installed Wednesday to cover playground and rear parking areas. (Safety Grant)



Lake City Early Childhood

- Painting of interior & some front exterior with sheetrock repair/replacement in process with a completion date of July 15. (State Capital Improvement)
- Schneider Electric Phase 1B electrical and HVAC freon line work in progress. OSF has approved LED lighting project. (Special Obligation Bonds)
- New LVT flooring has been installed in the media center. (State Capital Improvement)
- Camera system addition for parking lots, playground, front entrance, and bus loop are complete. (Safety Grant)
- Broken/cracked flooring has been replaced around the school. (State Capital Improvement)
- Two new water fountains have been installed. (General Funds)



Main Street Elementary

- Small playground equipment is being removed to make a green area for lunch breaks and help with organizing student dismissal area. (In-house labor)
- Media Center carpet is being replaced with LCT. Completion expected June 20. (State Capital Improvement)
- Small playground fencing has been moved to organize student movement at car rider dismissal. (State Capital Improvement)
- Dining room and kitchen painting have been completed. (Food Service)
- Camera system addition for parking lots, playground, front entrance, and bus loop are complete. (Safety Grant)



Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy

- Purchase order entered for structural repairs to the 300 building with an expected completion date of July 15. (State Capital Improvement)
- Fire alarm and P.A. system damaged by lightning have been repaired. (General Fund - insurance to provide reimbursement minus \$5,000 deductible)

J.C. Lynch Elementary

- Marquee sign is being assessed and quoted for replacement. (Special Obligation Bonds)
- Wastewater pump has been replaced due to failure. (General Funds)

Olanta Magnet School

- Fire alarm and P.A. systems damaged by lightning are in the process of being repaired. (General Fund - Insurance to provide reimbursement minus our \$5,000 deductible)
- Window replacements are being quoted by Schneider. (Safety Grant)

Graham Rd. Campus

- Demolition of old building on east side of campus is scheduled for June. Working with City to complete paperwork for the demolition permit application (General Fund)
- The district's portion of the work on the former ACE building that will be used by the charter school has been **mostly completed**. One water fountain needs to be installed to complete project. (General Fund)
- Property line fencing has been installed on the eastern border. (Safety Grant)



District Office

- Auditorium quote is in from Architect. (Special Obligation Bonds, GO Bonds or State Capital Improvement)
- LVT flooring has been installed in the conference room, superintendent's office and corridor, and administrative assistant's office (General Fund)

Districtwide Projects

- Summer floor crews have started stripping and waxing floors and are on schedule.(General Fund)
- Schneider Electric is working on estimates and scope of work for Phase 2 projects. Estimates are expected in August. (Special Obligation Bonds)
- Playground equipment has been quoted and mulch estimates are still needed for a complete quote. (Special Obligation Bonds)
- Purchase order has been entered for a geotechnical site survey of Ward Memorial Stadium. Survey is in progress (State Capital Improvement)



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