



Press Release

Richland County Community Unit School District #1

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RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HOLD OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR RCHS RENOVATION

The Richland County School District will hold an official groundbreaking ceremony on May 20th at 1:00 pm at the southwest corner of the Richland County High School campus. Following a process that began in December of 2016, the groundbreaking ceremony will signal the beginning of the construction phase of the RCHS renovation plan.

The overall RCHS renovation project budget is \$25.5M and includes a new theater, cafeteria/commons, auxiliary gymnasium, and secure main entrance. In addition to new construction, renovation of existing classrooms, labs, and shop areas are also part of the project scope. The entire project has an estimated completion date of December 2020.

The renovation of RCHS is the result of a process that lasted several months and included numerous community engagement sessions to gather input from the community. The result was a renovation design of the high school that focused on three main priorities.

1. Safety & Security
2. Accessibility
3. Create a Modern Learning Environment

Members of the community are invited to attend and help celebrate the groundbreaking for the RCHS renovation. In the event of poor weather, the groundbreaking ceremony will be held in Ron Herrin Gymnasium.

The Richland County School District serves approximately 2400 students in pre-K through Grade 12. The mission of the school district is to partner with families to create a safe and engaging learning environment that provides students with opportunities to prepare them for academic success, career readiness, life-long learning, citizenship, and global awareness.