



Aiken County Public School District

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This morning at the Aiken Chamber's first First Friday Breakfast of 2015, Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent, detailed the planning and design process for the District's facility improvements made possible by voters who approved the 1% Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax in November.

To a packed room at Aiken's Newberry Hall, Dr. Everitt thanked the community for their investment in Public Education with their "yes" vote to improve schools with a 59% margin.

In an effort to monitor the cost of construction, the Board has elected to use Construction Management At Risk for the projects. With this type of delivery system, construction costs are agreed upon up front and the District shares equal footing in the planning with the architect and contractor. "It requires very clear upfront planning," Caver said. "And guards against an overage in the cost of projects."

Aiken High School and Leavelle McCampbell Middle School will be designed by in state architect LS3P and constructed by MB Kahn, one of the nation's leading construction firms based in Columbia. The District has already met with LS3P and MB Kahn and is encouraging their selection of local subcontractors.

The design phase is beginning for both schools, which will include stakeholder engagement and "OSF," Office of School Facilities at the State Department of Education, approval at each phase.

The design for the new Leavelle McCampbell Middle School will intertwine historical elements of the original school built in 1921 with modern educational comp