

# **Phase 1 of the Growth Plan for the Randolph County School System**

Based on the current data, Randolph County is projected to grow by 100,000 people during the next five years. This population growth also will impact our school system in terms of growth in our number of students. As a result, our school system must respond to this growth in two phases:

- Phase 1: The school system will address facility and student assignment needs in relation to our current school facilities.
- Phase 2: The school system will make plans for future school sites and the construction of additional schools as needed based on the projected growth in student population.

At this time, the components of Phase 1 will be the focus of the school system's leadership. These components are as follows:

- 1) A new Liberty Elementary School will be built in the eastern part of the school system.
- 2) A new Randleman High School will be built in Randleman.
- 3) Eastern Randolph High School, Southwestern Randolph High School, and Trinity High School will be renovated.
- 4) Braxton Craven School will be demolished. However, the school system will retain the land from that school site for use in the future as needed. Likewise, as schools are replaced in the future, such as Liberty Elementary School and Randleman High School, the school system will demolish those buildings and retain those tracts of land for future use or sell the land if not needed for future school facilities.
- 5) The school system will engage with a consulting group to assess the current attendance zones and identify needed adjustments to attendance zones per school. Also, with this group's help, the school system will assess the current student assignment processes and identify needed changes. This work will occur during the time period of Spring 2024-Winter 2025.
- 6) The school system will create a Student Assignment/Growth Management Department to implement/manage the student assignment process, work with county leaders/municipality leaders to monitor growth with regard to future housing developments throughout the county, and handle the acquisition of land for new school sites.
- 7) The leadership of the school system will bring recommendations to the Board of Education for changes to the attendance zones per school. Recommendations for changes to the student assignment process will be made to the Board of Education as well.

The upcoming years will be a very exciting, yet challenging, time due to the projected growth to be experienced by our county as a result of the economic development on the horizon. Thus, it is critical for our school system to start this journey as soon as possible. The work with Phase 1 of this plan will help with the identification of components for Phase 2 with regard to our school system's future facility needs.