



# THE CAPITAL CONNECTION

Shelby County Board of Education Capital Needs and Facilities Committee Update



*The new Alcy Elementary: The second "21st century school" in the District*

## BUILDING UPDATES

### MLK TRANSITION CENTER SALE UPDATE

The South City Development Team, with intermediary Neighborhood Preservation, Inc., requests to purchase the former MLK Transitional Academy. The 102,207 square foot building sits on a 5.59 acre lot and has been vacant since 2016. Appraised for \$370,000, the proposed mixed-use development will offer community amenities and space for commercial and office tenants.

## GROUNDS KEEPING

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SCS currently has four grounds keeping crews serving four regions/zones. This includes the Northwest and Northeast crew, which both manage 55 properties, as well as the southwest crew which manages 50 properties and the southeast crew, which manages 47 properties. Each crew has one supervisor, two tractor drivers, and eight crewmen. All crews are cutting 4-5 campuses a day, including vacant properties. Recommendations were made to assign school grounds keeping duties to plant managers, which would move up to 16 grounds staff to plant managers. This would increase plant manager staffing to 153 employees and will reduce shared plant managers by schools from 30 to 15.

### GROUNDS KEEPING EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Recommendations were made to the School Board to approve the award to Colonial Hardware for the purchase of grounds keeping equipment for District schools. This includes shipping/delivery of push mowers, weed eaters, sidewalk edgers, hedge trimmers, pruning shears, back-pack leaf blowers, rakes, shovels, water hoses, one gallon and five gallon cans, safety gloves and eye protection safety glasses. The purchase of additional tools and equipment will improve the aesthetics of each SCS property and decrease the cutting cycle from the current 12-15 days to every 5-7 days.

## FACILITIES UPDATE

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Updates were made regarding the following projects: needlepoint bipolar ionization, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), ESSER (COVID-19 Relief) Funds, Custodial Services Transition, as well as summer programs support. To review the full presentation, click [here](#).

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