

# UPDATES & RECOMMENDATIONS

IN RESPONSE TO WESTWARD MIGRATION, SCHOOL UTILIZATION & STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS IN AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## UPDATE ONE

Relocate Adult Education from Byrd Learning Center to a recently acquired property located on Jefferson Davis Highway next to Aiken Technical College.

**\$600K**

*includes purchase price + cost of retrofitting (Funding Available from ACPSD Capital Expenditures Budget)*

Projected Opening: **August 2018**

## UPDATE TWO

Repurpose Byrd Learning Center as a new Area 3 elementary school.

**\$4 million**

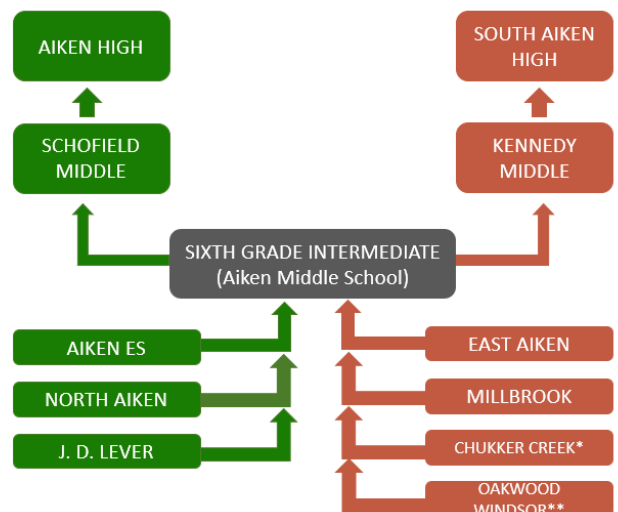
*in building improvements (Funding Available from ACPSD Capital Expenditures Budget)*

Projected Opening: **August 2019**

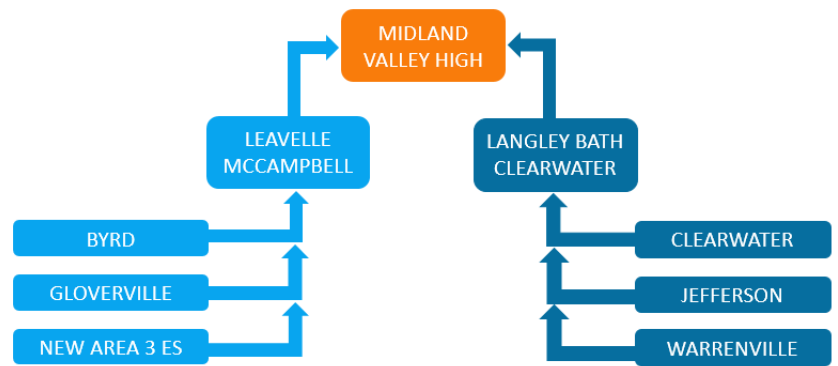
## RECOMMENDATION ONE

**Adjust grade configuration and boundaries to improve utilization and demographic balance.**

- ⇒ Realign Area 1 middle schools and adjust attendance boundaries to create well balanced schools and a direct feeder pattern for SAHS and AHS.  
*All Area 1 sixth grade students, with the exception of those zoned for Oakwood Windsor Elementary living along the Barnwell County line (see below\*\*), to attend a Sixth Grade Intermediate School on the current site of Aiken Middle School.*  
*\*Students zoned for Chukker Creek Elementary but residing in neighborhoods adjacent to Schofield Middle will follow Schofield Middle/Aiken High feeder pattern.*
- ⇒ Trolley Run Station neighborhood becomes part of Area 1.  
*Students to be zoned for Aiken Elementary, Schofield Middle, Aiken High.*
- ⇒ A portion of Area 1 along the Savannah River Site and the Barnwell County line becomes part of Area 5.  
*\*\*Students to be zoned for Oakwood Windsor Elementary, New Ellenton Middle and Silver Bluff High.*



⇒ Adjust Middle School boundary in Area 3 in anticipation of continued growth in the Leavelle McCampbell zone & to generate a direct feeder pattern through elementary, middle and high school.



## RECOMMENDATION TWO

**Expand Midland Valley High School.**

**\$20 million**

24 classrooms + updates and expansion to common areas, including the cafeteria.

(funding currently not available)

*“The problems you have at Midland Valley, with nine mobile units and five teachers floating (without a classroom), will be there for some time. We just can’t resolve the space issue at Midland Valley without an expansion.”*

-Dr. Jerome McKibben,  
McKibben Demographics

## RECOMMENDATION THREE

**Upgrade and expand high-utilization elementary facilities for future growth & safety.**

Millbrook, Belvedere and Hammond Hill present challenging obstacles to ensuring safety. Belvedere and Hammond Hill are at or near overcapacity; Millbrook will be at 94% capacity if recommendation to establish a direct feeder is supported by the community and board-approved.

**\$38 million**

Millbrook: \$11 million; Belvedere: \$12 million; Hammond Hill: \$15 million.

(funding currently not available)

## RECOMMENDATION FOUR

**Acquire a donated parcel of land, approximately 85 acres, to build an elementary/middle school in Area 2.**

Utilization or capacity of schools in Area 2 is high and substantial continued growth is expected.

**\$32 million**

(funding currently not available)

