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## NEWS RELEASE — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Lexington District One breaks ground for two new schools**

*Day begins at new Pelion Middle School site and moves to Gilbert.*

LEXINGTON, S.C. — On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Lexington County School District One will hold two official groundbreaking ceremonies. Although members of the Board of Trustees will attend the two groundbreaking ceremonies and there could be a quorum of members, there will be no meeting.

#### **Pelion Middle School construction project**

At 8 a.m., the district will hold an official groundbreaking ceremony for a new Pelion Middle School construction project located at 325 Main Street in Pelion, directly off Highway 178 on a 54.61-acre site and across from Pelion High School.

The new middle school, which opens in January of 2021 during the 2021–2022 school year, will be about 203,000 square feet and should take about 17 months to build. It is designed for 1,200 students with the capacity to serve 1,500 students.

We are excited about the potential of the Pelion property and the construction of a long overdue middle school the children of Pelion deserve.

In February of 2019, the Board of Trustees awarded a construction management at-risk contract to build the new middle school to H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. located in Aiken, South Carolina. H.G. Reynolds is currently building Beechwood Middle, the prototype used for PMS.

Jumper, Carter, Sease Architects is designing the new school. They also designed Beechwood Middle School, Pleasant Hill Middle School, River Bluff High, Gilbert High, White Knoll High, Pelion High and numerous other projects for Lexington District One.

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### **Elementary school construction project in Gilbert**

At 9:15 a.m. or shortly after, Lexington County School District One will hold an official groundbreaking ceremony for a new Kindergarten through Grade 5 elementary school construction project located at 4147 Augusta Highway in Gilbert on a 22.57 acre site on Augusta Highway (Highway #1) between Rice Drive and Southland Road.

The new elementary school will open in August of 2020 for the 2020–2021 school year. At that time, the Gilbert attendance area will have two Kindergarten through Grade 5 elementary schools.

The finished school will be about 128,000 square feet and should take about 12 months to build. It is designed for 1,000 students with the capacity to serve 1,200 students.

In February of 2019, the Board of Trustees awarded a construction management at-risk contract to build the new elementary school to M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc., located in Columbia.

Jumper, Carter, Sease Architects, located in West Columbia, is designing the project, which allows the district to use existing elementary school design plans or “prototypes” it previously used to build Deerfield Elementary, Meadow Glen Elementary and Rocky Creek Elementary schools.

Although the new Gilbert school will not mirror those schools, using the same prototypes can save the district as much as a year’s time, as well as money, on architectural fees and construction costs.

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### **Directions to Pelion Middle School groundbreaking**

From I-20, take Exit 55A to SC-6/South Lake Drive toward Pelion. Follow SC-6 for approximately 8 miles before taking a slight right onto SC-302/SC-6E. Continue on SC-302/SC-6E for 7 miles. Turn right onto US-178/Main Street. Property is located at the corner of US-178/Main Street and Fish Hatchery Road, across from Pelion High School and PHS baseball fields. You will see a sign telling you where to park.

### **Directions to Gilbert area elementary school groundbreaking**

The property is located on Augusta Highway (Highway #1) between Rice Drive and Southland Road and begins at the intersection of Augusta Highway and Rice Drive, across from the Gilbert Church of God. From Lexington, just follow US-1/Augusta Highway past Lexington High School for approximately 5 miles.