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Greensboro Elementary School project in early stages

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Architectural services firm Hord Coplan Macht has been hired to complete a feasibility study and develop educational specifications for a project that will renovate and expand Greensboro Elementary School.

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DENTON — An architectural services firm has been hired to complete a feasibility study and develop educational specifications for a project that will renovate and expand Greensboro Elementary School, the first step to relieving overcrowding problems at the school.

The Caroline County Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday, April 5, approved the contract with Hord Coplan Macht, the top recommendation by a committee that interviewed four firms for the job.

The firm will receive \$37,050 to complete the study and develop the specifications.

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Milton Nagel said the firm's work will begin immediately, and should be finished in time to turn in to the state in the fall, with the school system's capital improvement plan.

The renovation and expansion of Greensboro Elementary School is the next big project on the school system's plate, Nagel said, after renovations are complete at Preston Elementary School this summer.

Greensboro has a unique open-classroom layout, Nagel said. This will be the first time such a school has been renovated in Caroline County.

At the same meeting, Suzanne Jones, Management Information System coordinator, reported on enrollment projections for the county's schools in the next 10 years.

Jones said Greensboro Elementary School is already at 113 percent of its state-rated capacity. In 2025, in its current layout, it will be at 118 percent.

It is the only one of five elementary schools predicted to be at more than 96 percent capacity in 2025.

The enrollment projections also show growth in the county's two high schools; North Caroline High School is projected to be at 106 percent of its state-rated capacity in 10 years, and Colonel Richardson High School, which is currently at 66 percent capacity, will have grown to 71 percent.

Nagel said there is typically a bump in student enrollment between middle and high school due to home-schooled students who decide to attend public high school, and students who attended a private school through eighth grade.