



The FoCAL Center

The Center for Arts and Learning!

located on the campus of the Board of Education and Professional Development Center north of the city of Cumming

Opening in late 2021, this two-story facility will support the fine arts programs at our 39 schools with much needed performance space and serve as a location for in-county field trips. In addition to the building's main 1,813 seat performance hall (1,188 main with 625 in balcony) and orchestra pit that are designed to support a wide-range of programs and activities, the versatile facility will have a black box theatre (seats approximately 200), rehearsal rooms that can also be used for event/meeting space, dressing and green rooms, catering kitchen and lobby with gallery space. The center will also provide diverse arts, entertainment, educational, business, and civic opportunities for Forsyth County's 237,000 residents and surrounding communities.

The construction of this building is funded by the voter approved [2018 bond referendum](#). Additionally, the bond is funding interior updates to the district's three oldest high school auditoriums.

FCS elementary and middle schools do not have auditoriums; our largest elementary is over 1,400 students and the largest middle is over 1,500 students. The county's six traditional high schools have auditoriums, with the newest being Denmark HS with a seating capacity of 574. FCS' largest high school has over 2,800 students enrolled.

Our school district is home to close to 50,000 students and over 6,000 staff members. In the past decade FCS' student enrollment has grown 53%. By 2022 four new schools will be built, along with a large classroom addition to West Forsyth HS and a new three-story Academies for Creative Education (ACE) building next to the centralized performing arts center to house three growing non-traditional middle and high school educational programs.

Note: These photos are architectural renderings and subject to change.

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