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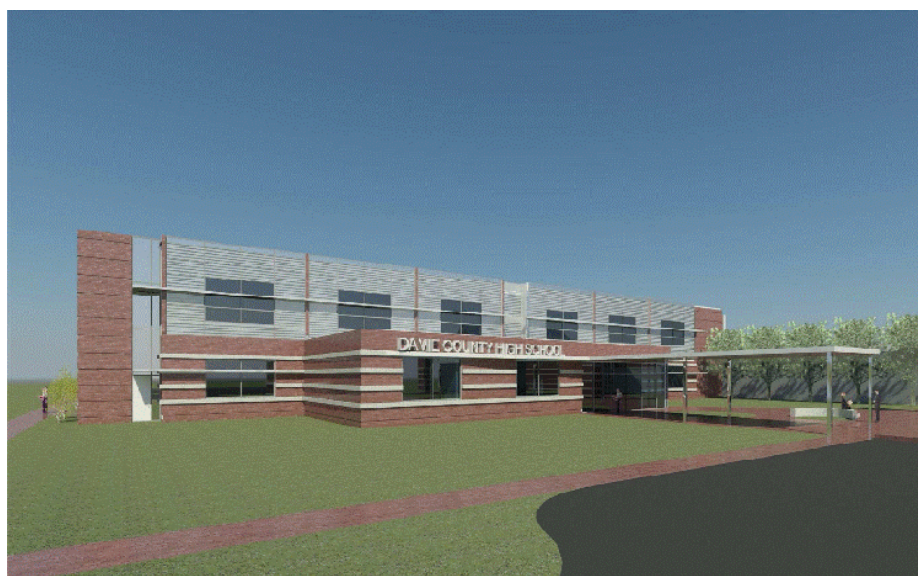
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Welcome to *School Matters* from Davie County Schools. *School Matters* is an electronic news source for parents, community members, and staff. Please feel free to share *School Matters* with others!

Facilities Update

Little Diversified Architectural Consulting held another work session with the Board of Education on May 14, 2012. The video of this meeting will be available in the coming week on the [Facilities Updates](#) page of the district website. During this meeting, Little presented the [revised layout and elevation renderings](#) of a new classroom/administrative building at Davie County High School. The local current expense budget for 2011-12 adopted by the Board of Commissioners was contingent upon the Board of Education developing a plan for up to \$6 million in renovations at Davie County High School. This building will be a short-term solution to a long-term facility issue, and will eliminate the 23 mobile units used as classrooms today. The architects are developing construction drawings and plan to take the project to bid in September 2012. The approximate cost of this building is \$5.4 million. Construction and renovations will include a new main office, guidance department, and 24 classrooms. Construction will take approximately one year. The architect also discussed preliminary estimates to renovate the locker rooms. While a more detailed plan is necessary, preliminary estimates exceed \$1.5 million. The locker room renovations combined with the classroom/administrative building exceed the \$6 million budget, so the locker room renovations will be discussed at a later date.



Tomas Eliaeson, Design Director at Little, shared a 21st Century learning and design presentation, [The Immersive Learningscape](#). Tomas is a national

expert in designing 21st century learning environments and shared with the Board of Education a presentation he has shared with architects and designers across the country. This thought-provoking presentation provided a window into designing classrooms similar to what are found in retail business design today, and aligned with best practices incorporated into school design in 2012 and the future.



Budget Update

Dr. Hartness presented the local budget request to the Board of County Commissioners (BOC) on May 15, 2012. The request is for the BOC to allocate the same local current expense budget as in 2011-12, or \$9,540,445. The [budget presentation](#) he used, as well as the [Superintendent's Budget Message](#), [Budget Resolution](#), [Local Budget Analysis](#), and [Capital Outlay Requests](#) submitted to the Board of Commissioners, can be accessed on the [Budget Updates](#) page of the district website. The BOC is required to adopt a local budget by June 30 each year.

Arts Smart Festival a HUGE Success

Hundreds of students, parents, and community members converged upon North Davie Middle School on Saturday, May 12, 2012 to celebrate the Arts in Davie County Schools. The morning was filled with concerts, performances, displays of artwork, demonstrations and fun for all. Davie County Schools is blessed with outstanding Arts educators and support for the Arts within our community. For more information on the Arts Education in Davie County Schools, [click here](#).



South Davie Middle School Comes Out on Top in Final Robotics Challenge

On Friday, April 27, Davie County Schools held the final robotics competition for the school year. Fourteen elementary school teams and ten middle school teams met in the Davie High School gym and competed in a dual-bracket tournament resulting in first through fourth place finishers.

South Davie Team Three finished as the grand champions, followed by William R. Davie Team One in second, Mocksville Elementary Team One in third, and South Davie Team One in fourth place. [Click here](#) for the full story.



Congratulations, South Davie Team Three!

Three New Members of the Board of Education Elected on May 8

Clint Junker, Paul Drechsler, and Wendy Horne were elected to serve on the Board of Education in the primary election held on May 8, 2012. Clint Junker had the highest number of votes and will serve a six-year term on the BOE.

Paul Drechsler and Wendy Horne will each serve four years. The three new board members will take the oath of office at the July 10, 2012 meeting of the Board of Education. A reception honoring Terry Renegar and Rick Ellis for their six years of service and recognizing the three newly elected board members will begin at 3:30 on July 10. The organizational meeting of the board will start at 4:00 on July 10 in the Central Davie Education Center.

Graduations and Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, May 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.** | Spring Dance Concert | Brock Performing Arts Center
- **Friday, May 18, 2012, 7:00 p.m.** | Spring Dance Concert | Brock Performing Arts Center
- **Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 7:00 p.m.** | Spring Band Concert | Brock Performing Arts Center
- **Friday, May 25, 2012, 7:00 p.m.** | Spring Choral Fest | Brock Performing Arts Center
- **Monday, May 28, 2012** | Memorial Day Holiday
- **Tuesday, May 29, 2012, 6:30 p.m.** | DHS Baccalaureate Service | First Baptist Church, Mocksville
- **Wednesday, May 30, 2012, 8:30 a.m.** | BOE Personnel and Curriculum Committee Meeting | Davie County Schools Administrative Office
- **Thursday, May 31, 2012, 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.** | Early College Baccalaureate Service | First Baptist Church, Mocksville
- **Thursday, May 31, 2012, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** | Early College Awards Night | First Baptist Church, Mocksville
- **Saturday, June 2, 2012, 11:00 a.m.** | Early College Graduation | Brock Performing Arts Center
- **Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 4:00 p.m.** | Board of Education Meeting | Central Davie Education Center
- **Friday, June 8, 2012** | Last Day of School/Early Release
- **Saturday, June 9, 2012, 8:30 a.m.** | Davie High School Graduation | War Eagles Stadium
- **Sunday, June 10, 2012, 2:30 p.m.** | Rain Date for DHS Graduation
- **Monday, June 18, 2012** | Mandatory 4 Day Work Week Begins for DCS

We hope you find *School Matters* to be an informative and useful resource. Thank you for your continued support of Davie County Schools!

Sincerely,



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