



Horizon High is one of two new high schools opening this year

School Board Work Session Highlights

May 04, 2021 – In the past decade, Orange County Public Schools has built, replaced or renovated 102 schools, more than half of the 202 schools in the district. On Tuesday, the Orange County School Board held a work session to hear an update on the district's Facilities program:

- The long-range plan calls for four new high schools in the next 10 years, including two opening this August: *Lake Buena Vista HS* in the Dr. Phillips area and *Horizon HS* in Horizon West. High schools in the Starwood and Meadow Woods East areas are set to open in 2025 and 2029, respectively. The plan also calls for four new middle schools, one new K-8 and 13 new elementary schools.
- The high-growth areas of Horizon West and east Orange County are a key focus of the plan, and include one high school, two middle schools and five elementary schools in Horizon West and two high schools, one middle school and five elementary schools in east Orange County.
- The economic impact of the OCPS capital and capital renewal programs between 2014 and 2021 has been \$1.74 billion in local expenditures, \$2.66 billion in local output and an average of 2,185 jobs a year.
- OCPS is planning new prototype designs for all schools opening in 2024 or later. The new prototypes will include the latest technologies, emphasize safety and security and will incorporate lessons learned from existing prototypes.
- The number of portables districtwide dropped below 2,000 to 1,943, which is down 55.2% from a high of 4,337 in 2006. The number is expected to drop to 1,855 for the 2021-22 school year.
- The 2003 sales tax list of 136 schools is set to be completed in 2025 with the renovation of the OTC – Mid-Florida campus.
- A solar array will be piloted at the OTC – Westside Campus.
- OCPS has earned more than \$3 million in energy rebates since 2002.

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