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Lexington District One enters into option agreement Property located in the White Knoll attendance area

LEXINGTON, S.C. — On Tuesday, during its April 9, 2019 Board Meeting, the Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees accepted the administration's recommendation to enter into an option agreement related to one parcel of land, [Lexington County TMS # 007600-02-046](#), containing approximately 35.00 acres.

The location, intended for the site of the new elementary school #19 in the White Knoll attendance area, includes access from South Lake Drive and access from Bluefield Road.

The board's action to accept the administration's recommendation to enter into this option agreement begins the district's due diligence process, as the purchase of property for a school site is a very specialized and intricate process.

For instance, the due diligence includes many South Carolina Department of Education, South Carolina Department of Transportation and Lexington County guidelines that impact the purchase of land for a school site.

The first thing district administrators do when looking at a piece of land is to determine the location of the land. Does the location of the property meet the district's current and future needs for property in that area?

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The South Carolina Department of Transportation requires that a traffic study takes place and determines the scope of the study including which intersections and roadways are to be analyzed in the study. That study models anticipated traffic and determines the types of road improvements needed around the school.

The district pays a traffic-engineering consultant to conduct that study. That study will also examine the available road frontage, the depth of the property and the ability to provide necessary traffic circulation on site for the stacking of automobiles during peak student drop-off and pick-up times. We anticipate that the site will allow quite a bit of room for stacking cars on site, which helps keep them off the feeder roads.

Approved by the voters as part of the district's Nov. 6, 2018 \$365 million five-year building plan (2018–2023), the construction of a new elementary school in the White Knoll attendance area ensures that the district can continue to offer its students the facilities they need now and in the future.

Since the district understands that Lexington District One residents want to keep up with the progress of the building plan, the district developed a webpage to do just that. [This site](#) enables residents to see what is currently happening at their child's school and includes "before" photographs, the current phase taking place, photographs of that progress, etc.

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