

CIP Mobile Classroom Presentation: Temporary & Flexible Capacity Board Update



Facilities Committee - February 10, 2026

Objectives

Staff will provide the Board with:

- information outlining our current mobile classroom fleet
- cost information associated with managing temporary & flexible capacity
- an update on the current & planned renovation projects containing mobile units
- an update of mobile units scheduled to be removed from campuses prior to the 2029-30 school year

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Priority #3:

We will prioritize establishing structures and processes to provide timely and consistent service for every student and an inviting, safe environment for every school. The priorities will ensure that we operate efficiently, effectively and sustainably for all students, families and employees.

Aim #20:

Establish new systemic processes and guidelines balancing operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and environmental sustainability.

Developing Common Language

Temporary Capacity/ Mobile Unit: portable unit, usually a trailer, that is a prefabricated, stand-alone building placed at a school used to provide quick, flexible, & temporary capacity

- **Multi-classroom Unit (pod or modular)** - mobile classroom building that has multiple classrooms (generally 4, 6 or 8 classrooms)
- **Single Unit (trailer)** - mobile classroom building that contains only one classroom
- **Other Single Unit (non-capacity)** - mobile classroom building that may be used for administration space or outfitted to contain restrooms

Flexible Capacity: additional instructional space (classrooms), within the school building, that may provide flexibility to the school to alleviate short-term crowding concerns

Current Inventory

WCPSS currently has over 600 mobile units providing ~19,000 additional seats of capacity for our school system (~11% of our total capacity)

The majority of the mobile units being utilized are owned by WCPSS (~12% of the total are leased units)

Breakdown of Total Mobile Units by Level:

Elementary - 62%

Middle - 18%

High - 15%

Other - 5%

Fiscal Implications

Estimated Trailer Costs

- **Refresh/Renovate** existing trailers
 - ◆ ~\$125k per classroom
- **Add trailers** to a campus
 - ◆ ~\$300k per classroom
- **Remove trailers** from a campus
 - ◆ ~\$10k per classroom (demolition)
 - ◆ ~\$20k per classroom (demolition & site repair)

Estimated Flexible Capacity Costs

- Add flexible capacity - **major renovation or new school** project
 - ◆ ~\$2.5M per six classroom spaces
- Add flexible capacity - **partial renovation** to an existing school
 - ◆ ~\$3.0M per six classroom spaces*

Renovation Projects with Mobile Classroom Removals

2024: Swift Creek ES

2025: Brentwood ES, Fuquay-Varina ES, Lockhart ES

2026: North Garner MS

2027: Briarcliff ES, East Garner MS

2029: Wendell ES

Total # Mobile Units Removed:

34 (single classroom)

6 (multi-classroom)

2 (other use)

69 Classroom Units Removed

Additional Projects with Mobile Classroom Removals

Prior to 2026-27:

- **Relocations**

- Leesville Road MS - (1) 6-classroom unit
- Middle Creek HS - (1) 8-classroom unit

- **Removals**

- Durant Road MS - (10) single units
- Wake Forest MS - (5) single units
- West Lake MS - (12) single units
- Rock Quarry (storage) - (6) single units, (2) bathroom units

Prior to 2027-28:

- **Relocations**

- Leesville Road ES - (1) 6-classroom unit
- Middle Creek HS - (1) 8-classroom unit

- **Removals**

- East Millbrook Magnet MS - (1) 4-classroom unit, (1) 6-classroom unit
- Leesville Road ES - (4) single units
- Leesville Road MS - (4) single units, (1) 4-classroom unit
- Middle Creek HS - (4) single units
- Wakefield MS - (5) single units

Total # Mobile Units Removed

50 (single units)

3 (multi-classroom)

2 (other use)

64 Classrooms Removed

Total # Mobile Units Relocated

4 (multi-classroom)

Projected Inventory Reduction

By 2029, WCPSS will reduce the number of trailers by 97 units (133 Classrooms).

Of the units projected to be removed, 11 units (19 classrooms) are leased.

Projected Reduction of Mobile Units by Level:

Elementary - 8%

Middle - 47%

High - 4%

Other - 24%

Moving Forward with Temporary & Flexible Capacity

Goal: Reduce Reliance on Trailers for Temporary Capacity by continuing to...

- remove trailers during planned renovations
- monitor and assess underutilized schools to determine which schools may no longer need trailers (prioritizing leased and older units)
- monitor and assess overcrowded schools in continued growth areas to determine if it is appropriate to add flexible capacity through major or minor renovation projects



Questions?

Feedback, Thoughts & Ideas...