



Dennis Corporation Assists Local School District with Growth Management Plan *Kelly Tam*

As South Carolina's population steadily rises, the ability of schools to accommodate this growth is slowly deteriorating. While School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties is acutely aware of these growth statistics, they refuse to follow in this down-trend of an over-crowded learning environment for their students. Residents of District Five will vote this fall on a \$256.5 million bond referendum to assist with the costs to build new schools, renovate existing buildings and make improvements around the district.

At the request of the school district, Dennis Corporation, a Columbia based engineering, surveying and construction management firm, has begun preliminary design work to assist the district in their efforts to gain support of the referendum. Over the past several weeks, Dennis Corporation has been coordinating with the school district, Town of Chapin and Lexington County to develop a master plan for the efficiency of roadways surrounding local schools.

The specific areas of interest and focus include student and staff parking, parent drop off areas and bus loading and unloading areas. Dennis Corporation has set a goal to reduce congestion on local roadways during 'busy times' of schools days, while maintaining safety in school zones. Dennis Corporation's site design and traffic divisions will be working closely with county, town and school officials over the next few months to provide School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties the most efficient, effective and safe solutions to these issues as possible.

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