



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### **Board Approves Additional Funding for High School Renovation Project**

During their August 15, 2023 meeting, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an additional \$14,000,000 to fund the Amherst County High School construction and renovation project, bringing the total funds allocated between the Board of Supervisors and Amherst County School Board to \$32,000,000.

The project includes:

- A new 1400-seat auditorium and fine arts classrooms for band, chorus, and theatre;
- A new kitchen and dining commons;
- Renovation of the existing cafeteria to include new restrooms, four classrooms, and meeting spaces;
- Renovation of restrooms in the school;
- Renovation of the old auditorium to include a new nursing lab, three classrooms, and two offices;
- Renovation of the old band/chorus room to be converted into the Cosmetology lab;
- Renovation of the Welding lab to add five new welding bays;
- Renovation of the Culinary Arts lab;
- Construction of a new Agriculture Sciences lab that will focus on Horticulture and Hydroponics;
- Construction of a Baseball/Softball Field House that will include restrooms, concessions, changing rooms for teams, and an indoor training area.

The additional funding could come from a proposed 2% increase in the Amherst County Meals Tax on prepared meals. The increase would raise the meals tax from 4% to 6%, making it equal to the Town of Amherst and .5% below Lynchburg City Meals Tax. The Board directed staff to advertise a Public Hearing during the September 19, 7:00 pm Board of Supervisors Meeting. If approved, the 2% increase will fund Capital Improvement Projects to upgrade or repair facilities throughout the County.

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