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## **Queen City STEM School Adds New Campus to Expand High School Program, Receives Renovations Ahead of 2019-2020 School Year**

*QCSS to add new secondary building, renovate existing campus, and commence free school bus transportation for students*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (July 15, 2019) – Queen City STEM School (QCSS), Charlotte’s premier charter school focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), announces the acquisition of a new campus, renovations of their existing campus, and their commitment to provide free school bus transportation for the 2019-2020 school year.

QCSS boasts a 485-student campus at 8701 Mallard Creek Rd., with a projected 2019-2020 enrollment of 770 students, and will now feature a new high school campus located less than half a mile away. The new campus rests on a 5.74-acre site located at 9026 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte, N.C., consisting of a 9,487 square foot building containing classrooms and a 20,280 square foot building containing a gymnasium, kitchen, classrooms, and offices. With a maximum capacity of 375, the new campus will contain 15 classrooms, three science labs, one computer lab, one library, one indoor gym, one student cafeteria, one teacher lounge, one warming kitchen, two meeting rooms, and six offices upon completion. Phase one of the new campus should be completed by August 2019, with the new campus completed in entirety by July 2020. The school will serve kindergarten through ninth grade students in the 2019-2020 school year, moving towards K-12 in the next three years as students progress through grades.

“The addition of the new high school campus and existing campus renovations gives us even more opportunities to reach students throughout our community and provide them with a tuition-free, high-level education to prepare them for college and beyond,” said Queen City STEM School Principal April Aulmer. “We heard our students, we heard our community and we’re showing up with a solution. Every student deserves an excellent education.”

The existing campus will undergo improvements and projects ahead of the school year, including new asphalt, the addition of a privacy fence, and a new \$53,800 playground to be completed at the beginning of August. The new campus and renovations are funded with \$6 million in tax-exempt bonds. In addition, the school will provide free school bus transportation for enrolled students to ensure a safe, reliable, and sufficient system of transportation.

QCSS is a charter school in Mecklenburg County under NC Charter School Law, publicly funded through taxpayer money and privately governed by a non-profit corporation. QCSS is a tuition-free school with non-discriminatory and non-religious affiliated open enrollment. Visit Queen City STEM School online to [apply for the 2019-2020 school year](#).

### **About TMSA Public Charter Schools**

Triad Math and Science Academy (TMSA) Public Charter School system focuses on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for elementary, middle, and high schools in North Carolina. With a well-defined STEM curriculum, TMSA creates a safe, nurturing, engaging, caring, and culturally-responsive learning environment to build a strong school-family-community relationship in today's globalized, technology-based society. Students are equipped with strong core knowledge and higher-order skills, including critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, effective communication, and collaboration skills for an enriching educational experience. To learn more, visit <https://www.tmsapcs.org>.

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