



August 13, 2024

The Columbia County School District continues to work with our contractor and building officials to complete the construction of Westmont Elementary School. At this time, the contractor has relayed that all items may be completed by Friday, August 16, 2024, which will allow us to open the school for students and staff.

While we have been told that the building will be ready on Friday, we have prepared contingency plans where students will report to the Columbia County School District Support Department Complex, located at 4595 River Watch Parkway, if needed.

We also do not expect the need for temporary student accommodations beyond Friday, August 16, 2024, however, we have established contingency plans to hold school at the Columbia County Exhibition Center next week, if needed.

School buses will continue to provide transportation, and grab and go breakfast and lunch will be provided until students return to their new school building. Before and after school care will continue to be available for those who are already registered. Self-contained students will remain in their temporary locations at surrounding schools.

We understand the frustration and uncertainty these delays may have caused, and we apologize for any inconvenience. We are continuing to work diligently to get our students and staff into the new facility as quickly and as safely as possible.

We are fortunate that our dedicated school leaders, teachers and staff at Westmont Elementary have shown a remarkable ability to adapt while still providing a memorable learning experience for our students. We are grateful for the outpouring of support from the community for our incredible students, staff and families of Westmont Elementary School.

We appreciate your continued patience. Further parent communication will be shared on Thursday, August 15, 2024.