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Edifice to build \$80M high school in York
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YORK -- A new high school campus planned in York is so large -- 128 acres, 416,000 square feet -- that the Charlotte general contractor is approaching it as three projects in one: an academic area, an activities building and an athletic complex.

The \$80 million-plus project, the largest of its type Edifice Inc. has been selected to build, brings its current educational construction workload to about 800,000 square feet.

The company has identified educational projects as a niche, especially important to builders now that a sputtering economy is slowing other development.

Just how big is this one?

"This project's scope is more along the lines of some of the university work we have done in the past," said Eric Laster, Edifice president and CEO.

The campus, designed to accommodate 1,800 students, will include the Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center offering programs ranging from automotive to cosmetology.

A two-story building will house classrooms, administrative suites and a media center with separate wings for the technology center and academic complex. A single-story activities building will include a gymnasium, auxiliary gym, auditorium, cafeteria and other facilities.

The athletic complex will have a stadium, field houses, concession areas, track, tennis courts and playing fields for baseball, softball and soccer.

The campus will house the only high school in York School District One. Students will come from York, Sharon, Hickory Grove, McConnells, Smyrna and Bullocks Creek.

School officials said they selected the new school site at Alexander Love Highway and Lincoln Road because, it's the "the epicenter" of the district.

Edifice plans to break ground as early as this week and finish

within two years.

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