

Virginia Schools for the Deaf & the Blind Capital Needs Assessment & Feasibility Study

Services:

- Master Planning
- Deaf, Blind and Multi-handi-cap Facility Programming
- Deaf, Blind and Multi-handi-cap-Friendly Design Aspects
- Design Reviews

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Date: Currently in progress

Cost: \$110,000

The Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and the Senate Committees on Finance and Education and Health selected BCWH Architects of Richmond, Virginia and Winter & Company Special Needs Studio of Boulder, Colorado to submit a joint report on the capital needs assessment and feasibility of consolidating Virginia's two schools for the deaf, blind and multi-disabled.

The needs of children placed at the two schools have become increasingly complex. To respond to this changing population, children with sensory, deaf and hard of hearing impairments in the new campus will be provided with educational services that are designed for maximum access to the general curriculum.

The Master Plan and schematics reflect the State's commitment to providing high quality standards for learning and living environments of the students, and identifies strategies for preparing the campus and its buildings for accessibility, state-of-the-art education and home-like environment for the educational benefit of the students. This ambitious program combines the campus' urban character with opportunities for open spaces and signature architecture.

New buildings proposed include new Residence Halls, Educational Center for K-12, Early Childhood Center, Student Union, Field House/Wellness Center and Administration Center.

