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## **Gulf Shores Mayor and City Council Approves New Collaborative Learning Center Addition to Gulf Shores Elementary School**

**Gulf Shores, Ala.** – At the July 27, 2020, Gulf Shores City Council Meeting, Mayor Robert Craft and the City Council unanimously approved a resolution to move forward with the addition of a new Science, Reading, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STREAM) Collaborative Learning Center at Gulf Shores Elementary School. The new center will create the needed capacity to accommodate enrollment growth and introduce a 21st Century Learning environment, which aims to provide a student-centered, experienced-based learning atmosphere that integrates both low and high tech teaching styles in the educational philosophy. In addition, the center will feature six new flexible classrooms, two STREAM labs, break out spaces and outdoor learning areas, with every space being utilized for learning purposes.

“The new STREAM Collaborative Learning Center is an extremely exciting addition for Gulf Shores Elementary. We started Gulf Shores City Schools with a goal of providing the very best educational opportunities for our children,” said City Councilman Jason Dyken. “This new center will continue to deliver on that promise by providing our students with a dynamic STREAM learning environment from the very start of their educational journey.”

The new center is the latest project in a series of capital improvements for Gulf Shores City Schools. Additional projects include major renovations at both Gulf Shores Elementary and Middle, and a new multi-purpose auxiliary gymnasium and a complete overhaul of the competition gymnasium and locker rooms at Gulf Shores High.

“The Gulf Shores City Schools do not exist without Mayor Craft and the City Council’s commitment to providing the very best educational resources for our community. Their passion for local education and continued financial support of our mission is providing our teachers the resources they need to make the greatest impact on our children,” said Matt Akin, Gulf Shores City School System Superintendent.

Construction on the STREAM Collaborative Learning Center is expected to start in August 2020 with an anticipated opening date of August 2021, prior to the start of the school year.

For additional information about the City of Gulf Shores, please visit [www.gulfshoresal.gov](http://www.gulfshoresal.gov).

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