



CIP NEWSLETTER

UPDATES ON ACPS' MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Welcome to the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Newsletter. It is a priority for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to keep the community informed about our current capital improvement projects. This newsletter is distributed on the first Monday of every month and includes major updates from some of our ongoing projects.

On Apr. 26, 2023, ACPS celebrated a major milestone in the construction of our new Alexandria City High School Minnie Howard campus by holding an event for the signing of the final steel beam by school and community leaders. Click [here](#) for more information and photos of this special event.

Read on to learn more about upcoming community meetings and the latest project updates.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space Virtual Community Meeting

Wednesday, May 31, 2023
6:00-7:00 p.m.

[Join Here](#)

Representatives of ACPS will be on hand to answer questions submitted during the virtual community meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for the project team to provide an update on the expected utilization of 1703 N. Beauregard as a swing space for George Mason and Cora Kelly.

PROJECT UPDATES



The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment

Underground utility work continues. Washington Gas will return in May to finish the connection through the site to the building. Major steel work is nearly complete, and ACPS celebrated last week with a topping out ceremony. Metal floor decking is ongoing and will be finished in the coming weeks. Temporary stair towers are being removed as stairs within the building are being constructed. Concrete on grade will be finishing up in May, and slab on metal deck will continue throughout the remainder of the building. Pool wall framing has begun, and underground pool utilities will continue throughout the month. The concrete pour of the pool is anticipated to occur in early May. Roof materials have been delivered to the site and, in most cases, raised to the roof. Preparation for brick installation has begun and will continue at the north side of the building and continue around the perimeter. Fireproofing of all columns, beams, and structural elements is ongoing with both spray fireproofing and intumescent fireproof coating. Submittals and fabrications are continuing for all upcoming work. The contractor has been approved for extended work hours as required for concrete work and will request extensions as needed for large concrete slab pours.

Community members can send questions, comments and concerns to the project email: hsproject@acps.k12.va.us. Gilbane is also hosting a [website dashboard](#) to provide project updates.

Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project



Installation of the curtain walls is nearing completion, and water testing will begin this month. Painting and brick installation in the gym is complete, and installation of gym windows has started. The freezer box and hoods in the kitchen have been installed. Kitchen overhead mechanical, electrical and plumbing is ongoing. Ceiling grid, light fixture installation, and window installation are continuous at all levels. Sprinkler testing is constant throughout the building. Bathroom tile installation is ongoing at all levels, and floors on level 1 are being prepped for tile.

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Alexandria City High School

- Perimeter fence: Clearing, tree cutting, and excavation for footers have commenced.
- Television Studio/auditorium upgrades: Architect Design Development documents are ongoing.
- Auditorium: Carpet removal/new carpet square installation is complete.

Charles Barrett Elementary School

- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) renovation project: Materials are in fabrication, and some equipment has been delivered.
- Luxury vinyl tile (LVT) design is ongoing for lobby flooring; color selections will be reviewed with the administration.

Cora Kelly Elementary School

- Entry doors threshold replacement is completed.
- SE section of the parking lot: Asphalt milling and repaving was completed over Spring Break.
- Concrete trench drain was installed at the playground entrance over Spring Break.
- Library lighting upgrade scheduled to be completed over the summer.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School

- HVAC renovation ongoing: Structural steel design is complete. Control wiring and piping work have commenced; some equipment has been delivered and stored.
- Drainage/ stormwater management (SWM): First phase is being procured.
- Hardscape parking lot resurfacing profile is complete. Contractor pricing for anticipated summer work.
- Gymnasium lobby renovation: Flooring installation, painting and graphics were completed over Spring Break.
- Gymnasium: Glazed block coating completed over Spring Break.
- Sinkholes/manhole structure: various sinkholes around the parking lot/fields were repaired. The cracked wall of the manhole structure was removed and replaced.

George Washington Middle School

- Field Renovation: Design work is ongoing.
- Security safety vestibule: System was armed over Spring Break (Completed: security equipment/conduit/wiring; ceiling demolition/re-installation; stairwell door change to emergency access with panic bar).
- Gym floor engineering assessment: Subsurface investigation has been scoped, priced and scheduled.

John Adams Elementary School

- Parking lots/ drive aisles/ bus loop: Asphalt milling and repaving completed over spring break.
- LVT flooring fabrication completed; delivery and installation is being scheduled.
- Stairwell painting funding procured and work has been scheduled.

James Polk Elementary School

- First phase of SWM improvements was completed over Spring Break, including swale enhancements, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) piping placement, replacement of sections of concrete sidewalk, and sod placement.
- Restrooms renovation: Additional stall, new partitions, new ceiling grid/tiles, and new wall coating is being scheduled.
- Main entrance hall and vestibule: Asbestos remediation was completed over Spring Break.
- Main office painting was completed over Spring Break.

Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy

- Playground/Outdoor Learning: Coordination with City of Alexandria to address areawide SWM / combined sewer concerns is ongoing.
- Library painting pricing and scheduling is in process.
- Kitchen renovation: additional funding has been procured.
- Elevator pit and oil separation tank work is being scheduled.

Mount Vernon Community School

- East side yard inlet pricing and scheduling are ongoing for summer commencement. MV summer school will limit some construction activity.
- New chiller delivery and installation is scheduled; site preparation is ongoing.
- Library renovation summer phase III funding is procured.

Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School

- Security safety vestibule/main lobby renovation: Material is chosen and flooring is ordered.
- Lobby flooring asbestos abatement was completed over Spring Break.
- Media Center renovation scoping/design is ongoing (coordinated with lobby components).
- Roof - metal-seam awning installation (at gymnasium entrances) was completed over Spring Break.
- Window replacement invitation to bid (ITB) package completed and procurement is ongoing.

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School

- HVAC testing and balancing completed over Spring Break.

William Ramsay Elementary School

- First phase of SWM improvements to include pricing and scheduling is ongoing. Components are being phased and will commence in the summer.
- Building envelope pilaster and window component investigation has been procured and is being scheduled; repairs will follow.
- HVAC rooftop unit installation was completed over Spring Break.
- Kitchen renovation: additional funding has been procured.
- Lobby flooring asbestos abatement was completed over Spring Break.