



Alexandria City Public Schools

# George Mason Modernization *Project Update*

PTA Meeting  
Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design  
June 5, 2023





# Agenda

- Swing Space Overview and Design Update
- Project Timeline for George Mason
- Outreach and Communication





# What is the history of the Swing Space and George Mason?

- ACPS determined that due to the facility conditions, inefficient layout of the school, and district-wide capacity needs, George Mason should be replaced. In order to explore options for layout and feasibility of a new school, a Feasibility study was completed in 2021.
- School Board voted to include swing space in its budget to allow for flexibility in design options for the new George Mason.
- Choices on swing space were extremely limited and 1703 N. Beauregard was desirable because of its proximity to another ACPS school.

[Link to Feasibility Study Presentation](#)

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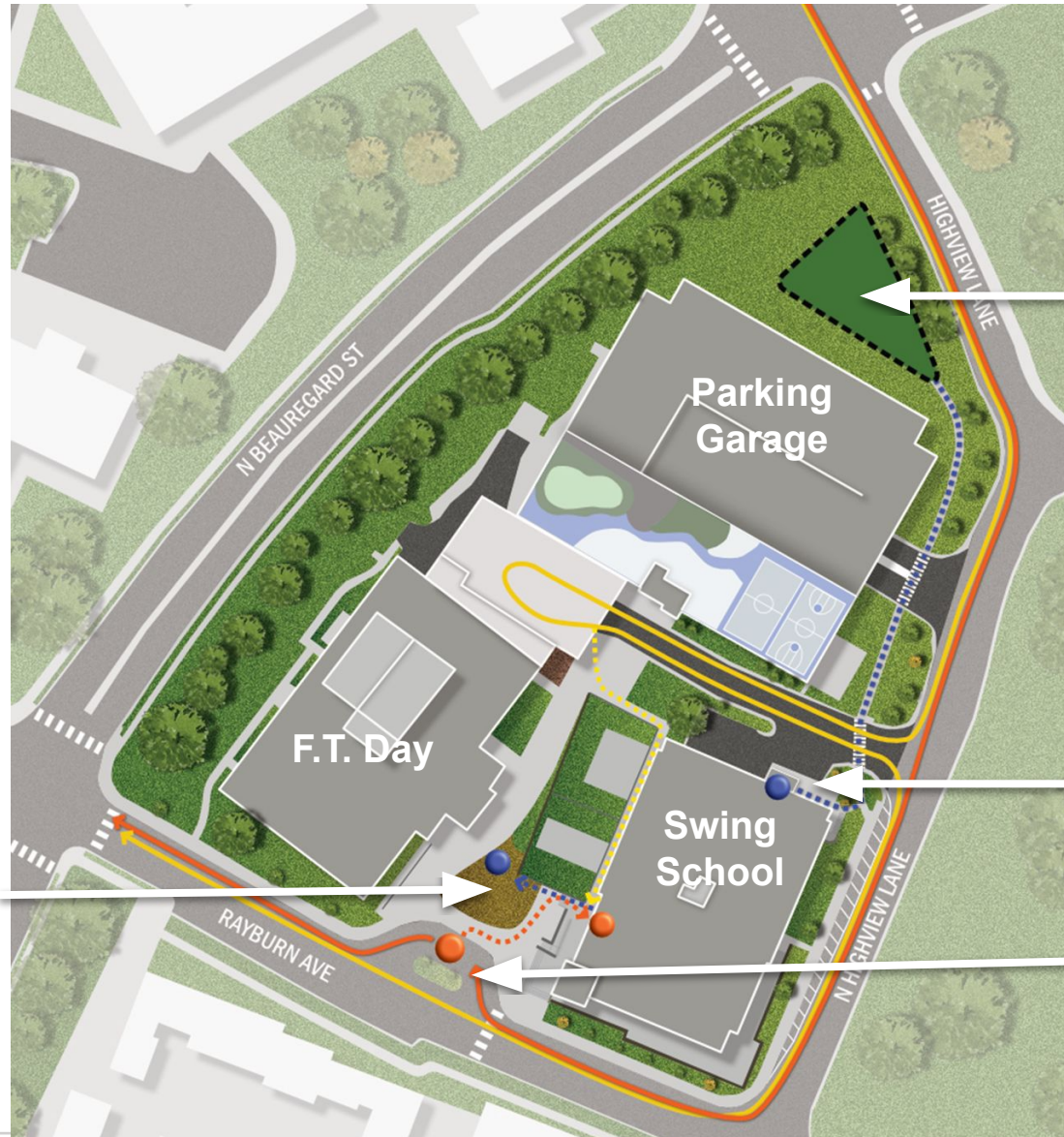


# Site Plan

Orange = Bus

Yellow = Parent

Blue = Recess



Potential Playground Location if funding allows

Stair Addition

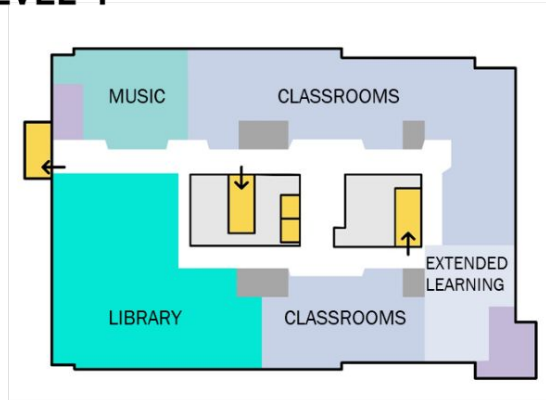
Bus Loop

Natural Playground

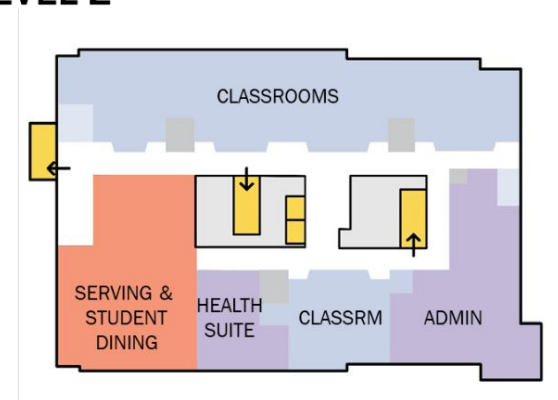


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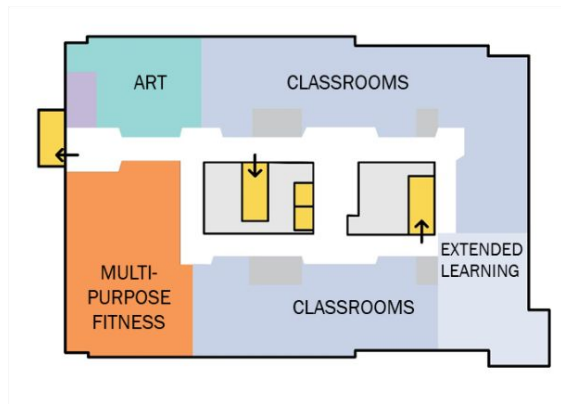
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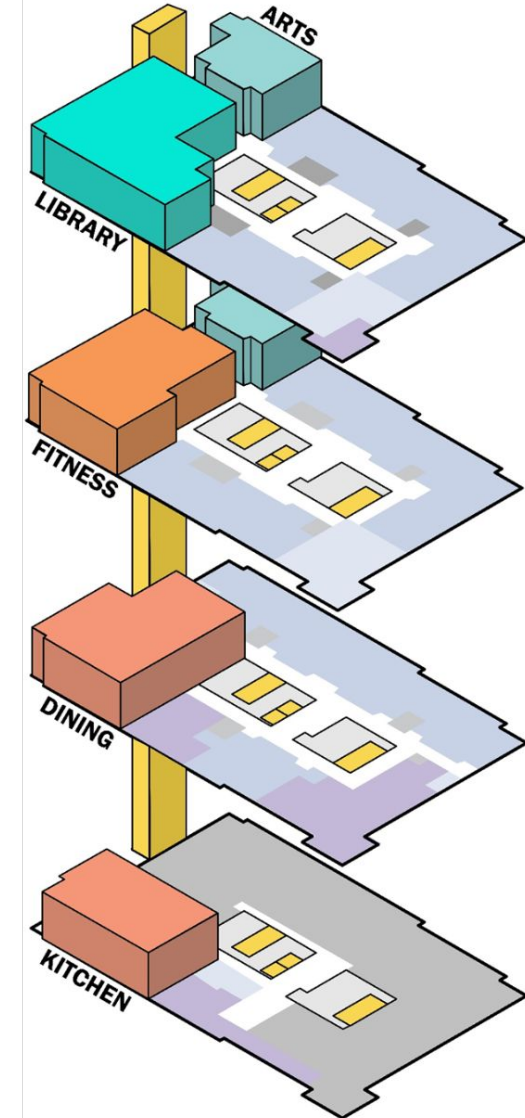
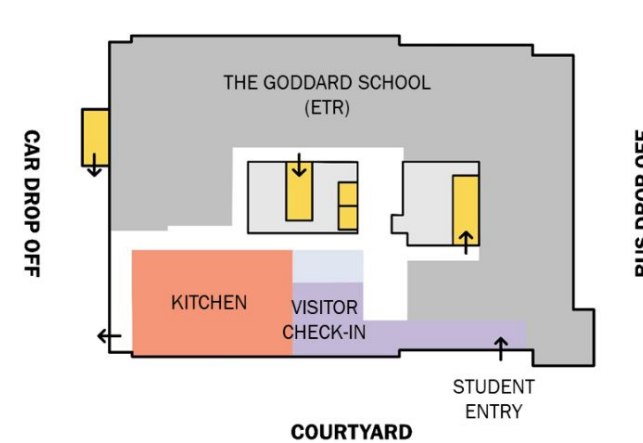


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# Swing Space Logistics

## → Transportation

- ◆ Students will be provided transportation, including students currently in George Mason walk zone
- ◆ Traffic Impact Analysis
  - Safe pick-up and drop off procedures

## → Close coordination with Ferdinand T. Day

- ◆ Staggered start and dismissal times
  - Arrival and dismissal times will be evaluated to reduce congestion and ensure safe and efficient access to the campus for parents and ACPS transportation, likely a minimum of a 30 minute start time delay

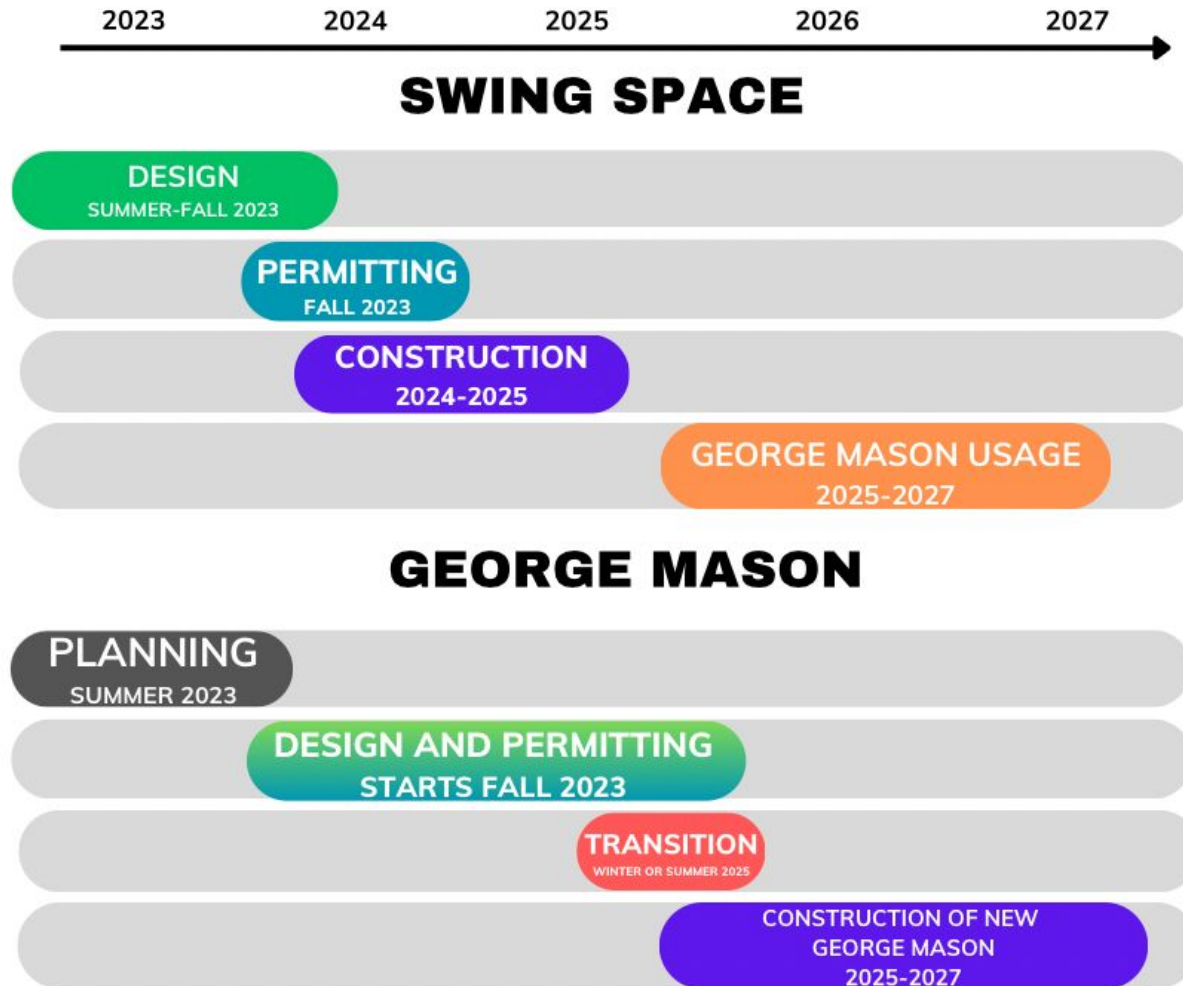


# Project Timeline

Timeframe	Swing Space Timeline	George Mason Timeline
Summer 2023	Design phase continues	Planning phase
Fall 2023	Design continues and permitting begins Construction to start in late 2023	Design team procurement and initiate design process (Design and Permitting Process projected timeline - 2 years from Fall 2023 - Summer 2025) Establish an Advisory Committee
Late 2024 or 2025	Swing Space construction completion	Once Swing Space construction is completed and George Mason project is ready for construction start (Early 2025 or Summer 2025) the school will transition to the Swing Space location.
2025-2027	George Mason use of Swing Space	Construction of new George Mason



# Project Timeline



\*Transition date from George Mason to Swing Space to be determined. This will depend on the permitting and construction timeline for both projects. ACPS currently estimates that **George Mason will move into the swing space in the winter of 2025 or for 2025-2026 school year.**





# Outreach and Communication

## Schematic Design/Planning

## Design Development

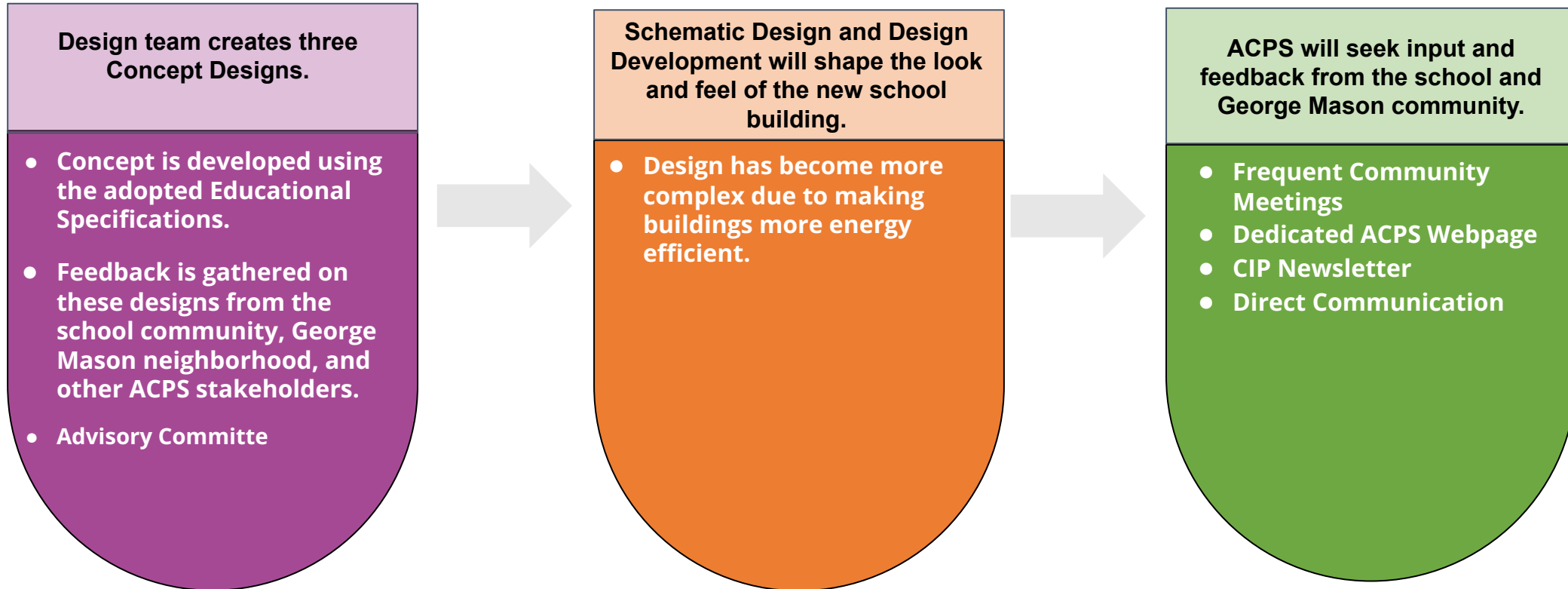
- Design team creates three Concept Designs.
  - Concept is developed using the adopted Educational Specifications.
  - Feedback is gathered on these designs from the school community, George Mason neighborhood, and other ACPS stakeholders.
- Schematic Design and Design Development will shape the look and feel of the new school building.
  - Design has become more complex due to making buildings more energy efficient.
- This part of the process is the most engaging and where ACPS will seek input and feedback from the school and George Mason community.
  - Advisory Committee (Douglas MacArthur Advisory Group, Minnie Howard Superintendent's Advisory Team)
  - Frequent Community Meetings
  - Dedicated ACPS Webpage
  - CIP Newsletter
  - Direct Communication



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# Next Steps and Communications

→ **Planning Phase:** Ongoing

→ **Advisory Group Established:** Fall 2023

- ◆ Advisory groups are committees made up of neighborhood association representatives, school representatives, student representatives and community representatives. They offer insight into projects, and help with communication outreach.

→ **Project Kick-Off:** Fall 2023

→ **Communications:**

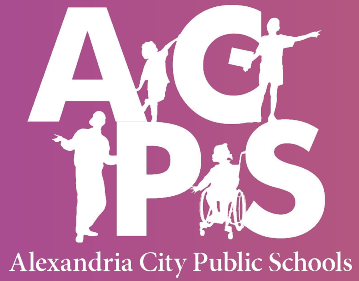
- ◆ Information communicated on the [Capital Programs, Planning, and Design Webpage](#)
- ◆ Sign up for our [CIP Newsletter](#)



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# Thank you!



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