



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 monthly and includes major updates from some of our ongoing projects.

Read on to learn more about upcoming community meetings and the latest project updates. Community members who do not yet receive these updates can subscribe to the ACPS CIP newsletter at [here](#).

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design team held a virtual community meeting on Tues., June 13, 2023, about the new Douglas MacArthur Elementary School. The recorded presentation and presentation slides are available on the [Douglas MacArthur Modernization](#) webpage under *Updates*.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Douglas MacArthur Modernization Virtual Community Meeting

Thurs., July 13, 2023

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

[Join Here](#)

Representatives of ACPS and SKANSKA construction group 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 Douglas MacArthur modernization construction progress and transition. If you cannot attend the virtual community meeting, the presentation will be recorded and made available online.

PROJECT UPDATES

The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



Construction Update

Underground utility work at W. Braddock Road is finishing up. Utility work continues on site adjacent to W. Braddock Road, the courtyard area, and at the northwest corner of the building. The existing west parking lot has been demolished to facilitate work over the summer months. Temporary paths for egress will be set up for existing building use and the fire lane will be maintained. Concrete work is wrapping up with the completion of four stairs within the building. Pool utility work continues, scaffolding over the pool area will be constructed to continue high work in this area. Roof work continues in multiple areas. Building façade exterior framing, exterior sheathing and brick work continues in all areas. Window installation will begin starting at the north side of the building. Removal and set up of exterior lifts will be performed to facilitate masonry work wrapping up at the north side and starting on the south side. City inspections are occurring in completed areas for wall close in and will continue over the next few months. Plumbing piping and equipment is being installed above ceiling and in walls and is also ongoing throughout the building. All mechanical and plumbing work is being tested, inspected and insulated as it is installed. Submittals and fabrications are continuing for all upcoming work.

Community members can send construction questions, comments and concerns to the project email: hsproject@acps.k12.va.us. Gilbane is hosting a [website dashboard](#) to provide project updates. Updates can also be found on the ACPS [Minnie Howard Redevelopment](#) webpage.

Educational Program Update

Alexandria City High School (ACHS) offers 400 courses and has space for approximately 3,800 students between its two major campuses, King Street and Minnie Howard - currently, being used as a ninth grade campus. ACPS plans to educate ninth- through twelfth-grade students together with the expansion of the new Minnie Howard campus. To bring this vision to life, an Education Design Team (EDT) has been created to guide the process.

ACPS welcomed the Learner-Centered Collaborative (LCC), a partner to support the opening of a connected network at ACHS, for two onsite visits in May and June 2023. The LCC team partnered with key central office staff to host family, student and staff input sessions. These sessions included five student focus groups with more than 120 students, 20 educators and 50 family and community members.

A Guiding Coalition met on June 13, which will support and coordinate four working groups tasked with finalizing plans for the student experience, educational programming, operations and communications. A Guiding Coalition is a group of people working together to influence outcomes on a specific issue. Based on the feedback from the ACPS community and the prior work of the EDT, the Guiding Coalition drafted a Learner Profile outlining the desired outcomes for ACHS graduates which will be used as a guide when making working group recommendations and decisions. By Fall 2023, the community can expect to see a project plan identifying key milestones to ensure readiness for the 2024-25 school year. To stay informed on the educational design process, provide input and/or pose questions, community members can email: ask@ACPS.k12.va.us.

Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project



Installation of the scoreboard and climbing wall in the gymnasium are complete. Level two cabinets and wainscoting are complete, installation is ongoing on remaining levels. Traffic coating in the garage has begun, and will continue over the next few weeks. Installation of cafeteria flooring and kitchen equipment is ongoing. Bus loop grading and paving are complete. Installation of kitchen flooring, the gymnasium wall and the learning stair curtain wall are also complete. Restroom tile is complete on level three and fixture installation is ongoing on levels one and three. Metal panel installation along the exterior is nearing completion. Curb and sidewalk work continues in multiple areas.

Community members can send questions, comments and concerns to the project email: newmacarthur@acps.k12.va.us. SKANSKA is hosting a [website dashboard](#) to provide project updates. Updates can also be found on the ACPS [Douglas MacArthur Modernization](#) webpage.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATES

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) is modernizing its school facilities in a process that is expected to take place over the next ten years. The Office of Educational Facilities is responsible for non-capacity projects which include building upgrades, such as HVAC, roof, and safety and security upgrades. Project updates can be found on the [Office of Educational Facilities](#) webpage.

Alexandria City High School

- Perimeter Fence - Footings with rebar completed on Bishop Lane side; Concrete masonry units (CMU) piers completed on Bishops side; masonry columns completed on Woods side, 95% on Bishops side; concrete caps completed on Woods, 80% on Bishops; fence posts completed on Woods, 45% on Bishops; header posts and steel brackets completed on Woods, commenced on Bishops. Fence plank construction set to commence on Woods side. Testing and inspection is ongoing.
- Studio/auditorium upgrades - First phase scope is being procured.

Charles Barrett Elementary School

- Kindergarten wing - Stripping of door frames and railings has commenced.
- Lobby - Stripping of door frames and railings has commenced.
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) renovation has commenced.
- Lobby flooring is in the design phase.

Cora Kelly Elementary School

- Library lighting - Awaiting shipment of materials.
- HVAC renovation has commenced.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School

- HVAC renovation is ongoing - Cranes are set and demolition/removal of roof equipment has commenced.
- Drainage/stormwater management (SWM) - civil engineer is addressing cracked pipes.
- Hardscape parking lot resurfacing requisition has been entered.
- Asbestos remediation is scheduled.

George Washington Middle School

- A-Wing vinyl composite tile (VCT) flooring removal has commenced.
- B and C Wing hallway VCT flooring removal is scheduled to take place after summer school.
- Security safety vestibule - Phase II equipment delivery is scheduled.
- Gym floor engineering moisture assessment is complete; recommendations are being priced.

John Adams Elementary School

- LVT flooring installation is scheduled for this summer.
- Next phase of asbestos remediation is scheduled.

- Stairwell painting is ongoing.

James Polk Elementary School

- Second phase of SWM improvements are scheduled to commence after summer school.
- Restroom renovations are scheduled to commence after summer school.
- Main entrance hall ceiling/lighting is complete; flooring and tile work are scheduled to commence after summer school.
- Asbestos remediation is scheduled to commence after summer school.

Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy

- Playground/outdoor Learning - improvements are postponed until a combined sewer separation route is determined.
- Library painting is scheduled to commence this summer.
- Kitchen renovation - invitation to bid questions have been received and an addendum with answers is forthcoming.

Mount Vernon Community School

- New chiller and soil separator installation schedule is delayed by manufacturer; currently anticipated for the fall.
- Library renovation - summer phase III has commenced.

Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School

- Security safety vestibule/main lobby renovation- construction has commenced.
- Window replacement invitation to bid - bids have been received; an award is forthcoming.
- Asbestos remediation has commenced.

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School

- Flooring demolition has commenced.

William Ramsay Elementary School

- Asbestos remediation is being priced and scheduled for summer.
- First phase of SWM improvements is being scheduled for summer.
- Building envelope - pilaster and window component investigation has commenced.
- HVAC balancing and commissioning is nearing completion.
- Kitchen renovation invitation to bid - bids have been received; an award is forthcoming.

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) serves more than 15,700 students who hail from more than 119 countries and speak 124 languages. ACPS has 18 schools, including two middle schools, two K-8 schools, one pre-K school and the internationally recognized Alexandria City High School. ACPS is committed to ensuring that each and every student succeeds. Visit us on the web at www.acps.k12.va.us and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).