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### Virtual Community Meetings

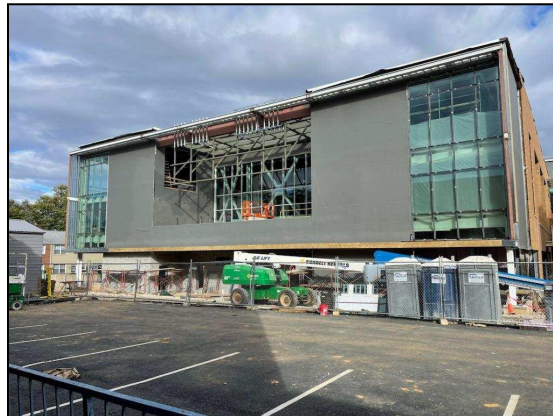
There are no upcoming meetings scheduled in November at this time.

Welcome to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Newsletter. It is a priority for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to keep the community informed about our current capital improvement projects. This monthly newsletter 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 be directed to subscribe to the CIP Newsletter [here](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ACPS Superintendent Announces Fiscal Year 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Program Budget



Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt has announced a Capital Improvement Program Budget of \$313,957,900 for the next 10 years. The fiscal guidance presented by the City recommended that schools maintain the total amount of capital funding included in the approved CIP for years 2-10 (\$316 million), but distributed across the FY 2025 – FY 2034 planning window. This represents an approximately \$50M reduction in City approved ten-year CIP and an approximately \$144M reduction in School Board approved ten-year CIP.

[The full press release is available online.](#)

## CAPITAL PROGRAMS, PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT UPDATES

The ACPS Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design manages new facility projects (capacity projects) from initiation through the end of construction. The office is committed to modernizing school facilities at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

### The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



Site work has begun at the east side of the site. Construction trailers and storage boxes and containers have or are being removed and/or relocated. Excavation of the parking lot area will begin this month. Underground utilities in this area will follow, including stormwater management facilities. Traffic light work at W. Braddock Road may be scheduled prior to the end of November; sidewalk closures may occur during right-of-way work hours. The parking lot north area will receive a stone and stabilization layer of pavement. Exterior façade work continues on all sides of the building, including masonry, glazing and metal panel installation. Exterior masonry is scheduled to be complete by mid-December. Small roof work and detailing are ongoing; main roofing is complete. Fireproofing of all structures at the main pool and touch-up areas is ongoing. Instructional pool construction continues. Building interior work is ongoing with drywall installation over metal studs in all areas, ceiling grids and drywall ceiling continuing, paint in all available areas continuing and ceramic tile will continue in all areas of the building. Temporary heating is being installed inside the building to allow for finishes to continue installation until building equipment is operational. Millwork deliveries will begin this month and installations will begin in available spaces. Elevator installation is ongoing. Submittals and fabrications are continuing for all upcoming work and the project currently remains on schedule.

### Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project



The athletic fields are complete and open for school and community use. The playground will be complete by the end of the month.

## Patrick Henry Project- Phase 3



During the course of the asbestos abatement, a significant amount of additional asbestos was discovered in the mudded (plaster) pipe fittings, interior window caulk, and the glass block caulk. Most of this was discovered above the three layers of ceilings, which had been added over the years, and in the crawlspace.. Adjustments are forthcoming for the parent/student drop-off and pick-up procedures.

### EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATES

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- King Street Campus**

- Perimeter Fence- Change order pricing has been scoped and paperwork submitted.
- Cistern- FY24 renovation money is loaded for the cistern repair; paperwork has been submitted for contract.

#### **Charles Barrett Elementary School**

- Lobby - New ceiling grid, tile and lights are installed. Final flooring choices have been selected. Flooring installation and painting will follow.
- HVAC renovation - The compressor for remote terminal unity (RTU) 6 is installed. The condensers and unit ventilators for kindergarten rooms scheduled for installation over Winter Break.

#### **Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology**

- HVAC renovation- Final RTUs installation scheduled for Winter Break.
- Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) has been delivered and installation is being coordinated with school administration.

#### **Francis C. Hammond Middle School**

- HVAC renovation- New locker room units were started and are operational. Testing and balancing is wrapping up and necessary adjustments are being implemented.
- Drainage/ Stormwater Management (SWM)- The engineer is reworking the approach to breach in pipe under building.
- Flooring- Planning has commenced on the next round of abatement and new flooring (computer labs,

hallway) with anticipated installation summer 2024.

**George Washington Middle School**

- HVAC: Engineering design of next phase of HVAC renovations is ongoing.

**John Adams Elementary School**

- Final LVT installation in main floor hallways is scheduled for Winter Break.

**James K. Polk Elementary School**

- Stormwater improvements are priced and being scheduled.

**Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy**

- Kitchen renovation - The contract has been executed; a kick-off meeting was held; submittals and long-lead items have commenced.

**Mount Vernon Community School**

- The new chiller and soil separator are scheduled for December installation.
- Stormwater improvements on the east side of school are complete.

**Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School**

- Security vestibule ongoing - Steel frame and glass installation are scheduled for mid-November.
- Lobby renovation - New flooring installation is scheduled for mid-November.
- Painting - New trim woodwork installation and painting are scheduled for early November..
- Window replacement - Submittals have commenced.
- Library renovation - New LED light fixtures have been ordered and installation is anticipated for December.

**William Ramsay Elementary School**

- LVT installation for 2nd floor classrooms are scheduled for Winter Break and will be coordinated with school administration.
- Kitchen renovation - Procurement is finalizing the contract.

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](http://www.acps.k12.va.us) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).