



December 4, 2023

### Virtual Community Meetings

There are no upcoming meetings scheduled in December 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](#).

## 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



Excavation and prep for the east parking lot is ongoing. Curb and gutter installation will be completed in December, along with paving. Utility work onsite is continuing with the coordination of all new utilities serving the new building. Fire hydrant installation will be completed and testing will be executed. Exterior façade work continues on all sides of the building, including masonry installation, masonry wash down,

glazing, metal panel installation, and steel supports for vertical Photovoltaic panels. Building interior work is ongoing with drywall installation over metal studs in all areas, ceiling grids, baffle ceilings, drywall ceilings, paint, ceramic tile, and other flooring. Elevator installation is wrapping up and one cab will be tested and inspected for construction use starting in December. All interior concealment inspections are being performed by the City prior to work being completed. Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing work is ongoing in all areas. The job site will be closed down from Saturday to Monday on the Christmas and New Year weekends. The winter season is upon us and the exterior spaces of the project will be contingent on weather conditions for the upcoming months. Submittals and fabrications continue for all upcoming work, and the project remains on schedule.

### **Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project**



The contractor continues to progress through punch list items onsite. The playground surfacing is complete and testing is scheduled for the week of Dec. 4, 2023. An update will be sent to the Douglas MacArthur community when the playground has passed testing and is open for the school and community.

### **Patrick Henry Project- Phase 3**



The Contractor is in the final stages of asbestos abatement. All utilities have been disconnected or abandoned. Demolition is scheduled to commence during Winter Break. Submittal submission and review are ongoing. The contractor has requested permission to advance the commencement of Phase B which includes installation of the new parking lot. Communication regarding adjusted traffic patterns is forthcoming.

## 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



Design of the 1703 N. Beauregard swing space is nearing final construction documents and has been submitted for permitting. The ambitious project aims to transform this space into a versatile school swing space. The scope of the renovation project encompasses various aspects, including structural enhancements, interior design modifications, and the incorporation of cutting-edge technologies to ensure the space meets school standards.

Gilbane Building Company has been awarded a contract to undertake the renovation of our previously purchased office space located at 1703 N. Beauregard St. Interior demolition activities may start as early as this week. Currently, Gilbane Building Company is leading the Minnie Howard Redevelopment project construction efforts. As a leading K-12 construction firm, they have a proven track record of delivering high-quality projects on time and within budget, making them a trusted choice for ACPS.

### 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.

#### **ACPS Transportation Facility**

- Asbestos abatement in the main entrance is scheduled for Winter Break. New furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) ordered for modular building.

#### **Alexandria City High School- King Street Campus**

- Gymnasium court bleacher replacement completed.
- Perimeter Fence- Change order work being scheduled for Winter Break.
- Cistern- Contract awarded, equipment ordered, and completion is anticipated in early spring 2024.

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

- Lobby- Lobby painting has commenced.

- HVAC renovation- The condensers and final remote terminal unit (RTU) are on schedule for Winter Break installation.

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

- HVAC renovation- Curb, RTU and control work scheduled for Winter Break.
- Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) completed for "blue" hallway (NW corner of school).

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

- New FFE delivered and installed in E105.
- Final HVAC control work scheduled for Winter Break.
- Drainage/ Stormwater Management (SWM) - The engineer is studying direct boring for new pipe placement under school.

#### **George Washington Middle School**

- HVAC: Engineering design of the next phase of HVAC renovations is 50% complete.

#### **James K. Polk Elementary School**

- Stormwater improvements and concrete work are scheduled for Winter Break.

#### **Jefferson Houston Elementary School**

- Walk-in cooler/ freezer repairs are scheduled for Winter Break.

#### **John Adams Elementary School**

- Final LVT installation in the main floor hallways are on schedule for Winter Break.

#### **Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy**

- Kitchen renovation - Long-lead items have been ordered and submittals are ongoing. Demolition and partition modifications have commenced.

#### **Mount Vernon Community School**

- New chiller and soil separator installation are scheduled for Winter Break..

#### **Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School**

- Lobby renovation - New flooring installation, trim woodwork installation and painting are completed.
- Security vestibule - Steel frame completed and final glass installation scheduled for Winter Break.
- Window replacement - Submittals are ongoing and long-lead items are ordered.
- Library renovation - Ceiling painting is complete. New LED light fixture installation anticipated for December.

#### **William Ramsay Elementary School**

- LVT installation for second floor classrooms is on schedule for Winter Break.
- Kitchen renovation - Procurement is finalizing a contract with prevailing wage requirements for federal funding.

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