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### Virtual Community Meetings

There are no upcoming meetings scheduled in February 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



Underground utilities at the south side of the building, loading dock area and courtyard are continuing. Bioretention excavation and installation continue at the south side of the building and the courtyard as weather permits. Concrete hardscapes and pavers in all areas of the building are scheduled to start at the end

of February. Façade work on all sides of the building is continuing as weather permits. Pool work continues, the main scaffold has been removed, mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) is being completed and the paint and tile are to start later in February. Gym bleachers were delivered to the site, and installation will begin at the beginning of February; the floor installation in the gym has started. All interiors are receiving final paint, flooring, floor base, wall protection, millwork, doors and hardware. Cleaning in all completed spaces will begin in February, and the punch list walks have been scheduled with the design team to occur starting at the beginning of February. All required inspections are being performed by the City. Saturday work will continue with staffing as needed. The contractor applied for and has been approved by the City to work two shifts from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m., Monday through Saturday inside the building through April 15, 2024. The project is currently on schedule and expected to be completed within contractual requirements.

### **Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project**



The Douglas MacArthur Playground is officially open for school use, weather permitting. Only a small amount of minor sod work remains, which was delayed by inclement weather.

### **Patrick Henry Project- Phase III**



Building and sidewalk demolition and the hauling of demolished materials are ongoing.

## 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



The Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design held a virtual community meeting on Jan. 22, 2024. The recorded meeting and accompanying presentation slides can be found on the 1703 N. Beauregard St. webpage [here](#).

Interior demolition at the building commenced on Jan. 3, 2024. During this period, you may notice an increase in the number of contractors around the campus and within the parking garage, but there should be little to no disruption to the daily operations of surrounding campuses.

## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATES

ACPS is modernizing its school facilities in a process that is expected to take place over the next 10 years. The Office of Educational Facilities is responsible for non-capacity projects which include building upgrades, such as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), roof and safety and security upgrades. Project updates can be found on the [Office of Educational Facilities](#) webpage.

### ACPS Transportation Facility

- Floor leveling compound application is complete. The drinking fountain is reattached and painting has been scheduled.

### Alexandria City High School- King Street Campus

- Perimeter fence- change order work is ongoing; completion is anticipated for mid-February.
- Cistern- submittals and request for offers (RFOs) is ongoing.
- Community meeting was held to discuss neighborhood items. The fence project change order schedule and stadium audio winter/spring schedule were discussed.
- Auditorium- Invitation to bid (ITB) prepared for audio/visual renovation.
- Planetarium- the renovation contract has been awarded; a kick-off meeting has been held, submittals commenced and phases scheduled.

### Charles Barrett Elementary School

- HVAC renovation - new refrigerant piping installation is complete.

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

- HVAC renovation - control work phase is complete.

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

- Floor leveling compound completed in the main entrance lobby, auditorium lobby and front hallway.
- Drainage/stormwater management (SWM)- the civil engineer has designed a jack and bore line replacement. A scheduling meeting with school administration to discuss project requirements, options and timing was held.
- HVAC control communication has been installed. Testing and trouble-shooting is ongoing.

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

- HVAC phase - ITB is under review.
- Pavement - soil borings are completed. The engineer is incorporating geotechnical information into the design.
- Flooring - luxury vinyl tile (LVT) has been ordered.

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

- New concrete work - small infill repairs are in progress.
- Pavement - soil borings are completed. The engineer is incorporating geotechnical information into the design.

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

- Walk-in cooler/freezer - monitoring of the temperature and thermal break are ongoing to address any needed additional work.

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

- Kitchen renovation- utility rough-ins are complete, masonry wall completed and HVAC duct installation has commenced.
- Entrance Canopy - soffit installed.

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

- New chiller and solids separator- awaiting delivery date from manufacturer; piping isolation valves have been located and sequenced.

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

- Renovation - painting ongoing in the media center, main office and teacher's lounge.
- Window replacement - Requests for Information (RFIs) and product ordering are ongoing. Fabrication has commenced.

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

- Floor leveling compound application is complete; LVT has been ordered.
- Kitchen renovation - a contract has been finalized and submittals commenced.
- Pavement - soil borings are complete. The engineer is incorporating geotechnical information into the design.

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