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## Virtual Community Meetings

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

## ACPS Announces Sophie Huemer as Director of the Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design Services



Sophie Huemer is the new Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) director of the Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design Services, effective Feb. 12, 2024. In this role, Huemer manages the design and construction of facilities for the division and supervises a diverse staff which includes full- and part-time employees, as well as contractors. The director routinely coordinates with schools and departments, city offices and community organizations.

Huemer first joined ACPS in 2020 and most recently has served as the school division's principal planner, managing the formulation of the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget, aligned with the School Board priorities alongside Facilities and Operations leadership.

“Sophie Huemer has been an invaluable asset to the Capital Programs, Planning & Design team since they joined ACPS in 2020 as the Planner II, later promoted to principal planner. Sophie has led ACPS through

four successful capital improvement program budget cycles where they improved budget development processes and stakeholder engagement. The Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design will undoubtedly benefit from their continued leadership,” Executive Director of Facilities Erika Gulick said.

Prior to joining ACPS, Huemer had seven years of urban planning and project management experience in Hanover County, Virginia, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Denton, Texas.

Huemer earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science at Roanoke College and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University. They also earned a post-baccalaureate certificate

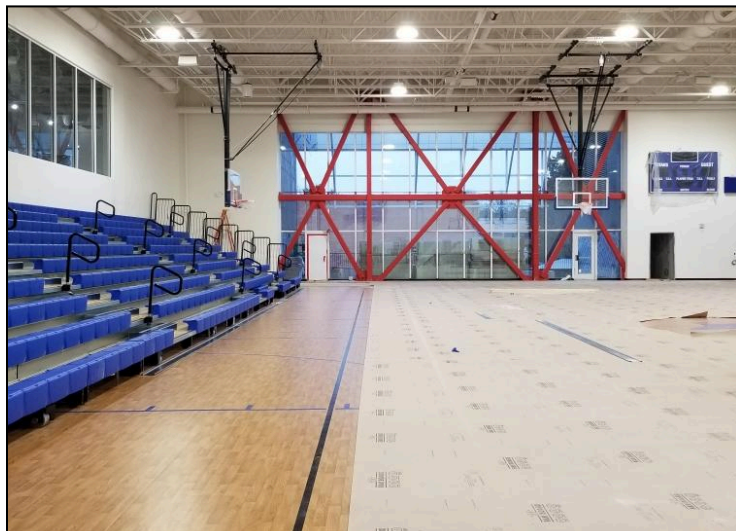
in Geographic Information Systems from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Huemer serves as the chair of the Legislative Committee for the American Planning Association's National Public Schools and Communities Division.

## **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**



Completion of underground utilities on the south side of the building, loading dock area, and courtyard is anticipated by the end of the month. Bioretention ponds will also wrap up by then. Concrete hardscapes and pavers will commence installation across all areas of the building this month, with facade work expected to be finished by March's end, weather permitting. Pool work is ongoing and filling will begin in the first weekend of March. Gym bleacher installation has commenced, and the remaining gym finishes will be installed early in March. Final touches, including paint, flooring, wall protection, millwork, lockers, doors, and hardware are being applied to all interiors. Cleaning of completed spaces continues, along with punch list walks throughout. The City is conducting necessary inspections, and the contractor has obtained a stocking permit to facilitate furniture deliveries. Saturday work and extended shifts, approved by the City from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. Monday through Saturday, will continue while adhering to noise ordinances. The project remains on schedule.

## Patrick Henry Project- Phase III



Demolition work continues, with ongoing removal of debris and materials from the site.

## 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



Interior demolition is nearing completion and is anticipated to be finished in early March. Approximately 90% of the demolition has been accomplished, with the contractor currently focusing on slab opening to complete the demolition process entirely. Subsequently, the project is scheduled to progress into the construction phase in the coming weeks. Majority of the work will be limited to the interior until the end of the school year.

## 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**

- Painting is complete in the entrance, restrooms and stairwell.
- Modular furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) delivery and installation have been scheduled.
- Summer asbestos remediation and flooring work is being scoped and scheduled.

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

- Perimeter Fence- project completed.
- Cistern- submittals and Requests for Information (RFIs) are ongoing; materials have been ordered.
- Auditorium- Invitation to bid (ITB) is prepared for audio/visual renovation. Posting is scheduled for March.
- Planetarium- submittals and RFIs are ongoing. Dome painting and inspection of utilities in the vicinity are being scheduled. Installation is anticipated to commence mid-April.

### **Charles Barrett Elementary School**

- Summer asbestos remediation and flooring work is being scoped and scheduled.

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

- Summer asbestos remediation and flooring work being scoped and scheduled.

### **George Washington Middle School**

- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) phase - ITB for chiller has been posted, and a pre-bid meeting and site walk are scheduled.
- Stormwater management (SWM)/Pavement - underdrains are being designed for the portion of the parking lot that will be included in the repaving scope.
- Flooring - Luxury vinyl tile (LVT) is installed from the health suite hallway to the gymnasium.
- Spring Break renovation work is being scoped and scheduled.

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

- New concrete work - repairs are completed.
- Pavement - the engineer is incorporating a concrete pad for trash trucks into the repaving design.

### **John Adams Elementary School**

- Spring Break and summer asbestos remediation and flooring work are being scoped and scheduled.

### **Jefferson Houston Elementary School**

- Walk-in cooler/freezer - repair work is being monitored and seems to be performing with no issues.

### **Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy**

- Kitchen renovation- electrical wiring is being pulled in the plenum. Ceramic tile has been installed, and installation of server storefront glass and pass-through openings are complete. Duct installation is ongoing.

### **Mount Vernon Community School**

- New chiller and solids separator - still awaiting a delivery date from the manufacturer.
- New SWM piping has been installed in the yard on the east side of the school.
- Asbestos remediation is completed in the main office and further remediation is being scheduled for Spring Break.

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

- Renovation - painting finished in the media center, main office and teachers lounge.
- Window replacement - fabrication is ongoing.

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

- Floor leveling compound application is completed and luxury vinyl tile (LVT) has been ordered.
- Kitchen renovation - submittals and RFIs are ongoing and kitchen equipment is ordered.
- Pavement - engineering design is completed; work is being scheduled.

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) serves more than 16,000 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](#).