



June 3, 2024

Virtual Community Meetings

Minnie Howard Phase II

Date: Wednesday, Jun. 5, 2024
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Location: [Join Meeting Here](#)

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 receive these updates can 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



Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) officially unveiled phase one of the newly constructed Alexandria City High School (ACHS) - Minnie Howard Campus at its ribbon cutting ceremony on May 29, 2024. The ceremony also included remarks from ACPS Superintendent Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Alexandria City School Board Chair Dr. Michelle Rief, Alexandria City Mayor Justin Wilson, ACPS Chief Operating Officer Dr. Alicia Hart and ACHS Executive Principal Alexander Duncan. “I am incredibly ecstatic that the Minnie

Howard Campus is nearly complete and will be ready to welcome students, staff and families for the 2024-25 school year,” said ACHS Executive Principal Alexander Duncan. “This is an innovative educational space that will foster a welcoming environment for our students to learn and grow in.” Recorded footage of the ribbon cutting can be watched on the [ACPS YouTube](#) channel.

Punch list items are being addressed across all areas, and fencing around the site is nearing completion. Commissioning and start-up of all building systems are in progress, with LEED reporting expected to be finished by July. ACPS is conducting final walkthroughs for acceptance of the completed areas. The moving process from the old building to the new one has begun, including packing at the King Street Campus. Phase II pre-construction work has started, with planning and design submittals under review. The tentative start date for this phase is June 2024.

Patrick Henry Project- Phase III



Brick masonry veneer has been installed on the retaining walls. Concrete stairs and accessibility ramps have been constructed, and stormwater management (SWM) pipes and structures have been put in place. Site grading for the future parking lot expansion is currently in progress. The installation of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks in the new parking lot is underway, and the wet-tap for fire line service is in progress.

1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



The building permit is expected to be delivered in early June. The contractor is maintaining the job site and providing pest control. Site activities are expected to resume in June after school is out. The contractor is currently processing sub-contractor contracts. The design team is working on the submittal review process and the final stages of obtaining city permit approval.

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 that 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

- Asbestos remediation is being coordinated for anticipated summer work.

Alexandria City High School- King Street Campus

- Stadium audio- we have obtained an extension for the building permit. Excavation for pole placement on both the home and visitor sides is complete, as is the rebar installation. The inspection is scheduled, and the concrete pour will begin once approval is received. After the pour, there will be a 20-day curing period and subsequent test break reports. We continue to coordinate with the Athletic Department to work around soccer, lacrosse, and track schedules.
- Audio/Visual (Studio/Boardroom/Aud)- work being sorted as general versus specialized. Anticipating summer commencement of general work (electrical, ceiling, etc.).
- Planetarium - planetarium dome has been painted, and the equipment, including hardware and software, has been delivered and installed. Testing is complete, staff training has been conducted, and the old equipment has been removed from the site.
- Practice Field - the irrigation system has successfully been brought online. The new sod is taking well and the fence will be removed in late June.

Charles Barrett Elementary School

- Asbestos remediation is being planned and scheduled for classrooms on the main floor corridor.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School

- Courtyard: the engineer is finalizing the plan to repair a pipe leak.
- Asbestos remediation is being planned and scheduled for the computer labs.

George Washington Middle School

- HVAC phase- chiller bids are being reviewed.
- SWM/pavement- paving and underdrains are being priced for the southern parking lot for summer work.

James K. Polk Elementary School

- SWM/pavement- paving is being priced for anticipated summer work.

John Adams Elementary School

- Auxiliary gym flooring is being scheduled for summer installation.

Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy

- Kitchen renovation- the coiling overhead doors have been installed, and seamless sheet flooring has been laid in the kitchen and servery. The installation of the PA speaker system is currently in progress.

The oil tank and concrete pad have been removed from the elevator equipment room, and a new ceiling grid and lights have been installed. The kitchen equipment has been delivered, and its installation is ongoing.

Mount Vernon Community School

- Chiller installation is scheduled for summer and is being coordinated with maintenance.
- Asbestos remediation is being planned and scheduled for the third floor of the east wing.

Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School

- Window replacement - staging and mobilization plan is completed. Material delivery is scheduled for early June.

William Ramsay Elementary School

- Kitchen renovation - demolition is complete, the slab for the new walk-in cooler/freezer has been poured, and utility line installations are underway.
- Asbestos remediation on the east wing second floor classrooms is being priced and scheduled for summer.

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 and follow us on X ([Twitter](#)), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).