



September 9, 2024

Virtual Community Meetings

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

To access information on past community meetings, please visit the [Office of Capital Programs, Planning & Design](#) webpage.

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



New Campus: The punch list is nearing completion, with approximately 25 items still open. Work is scheduled to take place during nights and weekends as needed. Students, staff, and the City's shared

partners are currently occupying the campus. The construction team is receiving and addressing issues reported by building staff accordingly.

Former Campus (Phase II): Abatement has been completed in the existing building. All utilities have been cut, capped, and made safe. The demolition permit has been obtained, and demolition work is scheduled to start this week. Phase II site areas have been fenced, and erosion and sediment controls have been installed. Rough grading has been performed where space permits, and geothermal well drilling has begun. The contractor currently has two rigs onsite, with the duration expected to last 3-4 months, weather permitting. Underground utility work is scheduled to begin this month near W. Braddock on the property site.

Patrick Henry Project- Phase III



The final paving, striping, and signage for the new parking area are complete, and the preparation of the subgrade for the future synthetic turf field has begun. The removal of the Douglas MacArthur interim parking lot is currently underway, while the installation of hand and guard rails on the retaining walls has been finished. Additionally, the conduit and bases for exterior light poles in the new parking lot are in place, and the rubber surface for the new playground has been installed.

1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



The building's wall framing is mostly complete. The grease trap has been installed and passed inspection. The new switchgear is being scheduled, and the basement demolition is underway. HVAC ductwork on the 3rd and 4th floors is mostly done, and drywall work is underway. Electrical conduit installation is also underway. The review of submitted materials is still in progress.

George Mason Modernization Project



The Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design, along with VMDO Architects, held a virtual community meeting on September 3, 2024 and a Superintendent's Advisory Team meeting on September 4th, 2024 to give a project update and present three schematic design options. To view the community meeting presentation, visit the [George Mason Modernization](#) webpage, and you can provide feedback on the design options [here](#). These designs will be shared at the School Board meeting on Sept. 19, 2024. The next community meeting is scheduled for Oct. 2, 2024, followed by the SAT meeting on Oct. 3, 2024. Meeting details will be shared through ParentSquare and posted on the George Mason Modernization webpage.

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

- Modular table repair completed.

Alexandria City High School- King Street Campus

- Stadium- concrete has been poured, poles and speakers have been installed, and the sound system has been tested and is functional. The awning repair has been completed, all cementitious paneling has been completed, and landscaping has been completed. Measurements of sound system decibels are scheduled.
- Audio/Visual (A/V)- a new flat screen has been installed and is operational for board meetings. The decorative paneling and framing are complete and A/V staff cubicles are energized.
- Cistern- Pumps have been fabricated and delivered. Installation will require a shutdown of water to integrate a gray-water system. Scheduling for winter break work.

Charles Barrett Elementary School

- Classroom luxury vinyl tile (LVT) installation of remediated rooms is being scheduled for October.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School

- Courtyard- assessment of relocating roof drains and test pits for slab depth underway. Civil Engineer is preparing the Bid Documents.
- LVT, furniture, fixtures, and electrical (FFE) were installed in computer labs, and computers were relocated and connected.
- LVT installation in the auditorium lobby and front hallway is completed. The LVT installation at the vestibule entrance will be coordinated with the relocation of security equipment and conducted over a weekend in late September.
- A100 classroom floor inspected for structural integrity. Area of concern protected and a new concrete pour scheduled for winter break.

George Washington Middle School

- Current HVAC phase - submittals ongoing; equipment being ordered.
- Stormwater Management (SWM)/ Pavement - the installation of new underdrains, full-depth reclamation, repaving and striping were completed ahead of the school opening.

James K. Polk Elementary School

- The civil engineer finalized the low slope drainage and gutter realignment for stormwater flow direction. Work will be scheduled for spring/summer 2025.
- Classroom partition walls have been inspected for structural integrity and deemed safe.

John Adams Elementary School

- Current phase of asbestos remediation completed in the hallway near the gymnasium. Next phase of asbestos remediation is being scheduled for Winter Break.

Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy

- Playground/outdoor learning- fall budget planning commencing in September and will consider top playground priorities.
- Kitchen renovation- the new kitchen and server project is substantially complete. The Health Department has approved, and it is in service. Punch list and project close-out documents are underway.

Mount Vernon Community School

- The new chiller is operational. New pumps and solid separators will be integrated during winter break to not disrupt the two-pipe system.
- Asbestos remediation for portions of the second and third floor of the east wing are completed. LVT installation is complete on the third floor. Three rooms on the second floor will have LVT installed in October.

Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School

- The window replacement project is ongoing. Installation of storefront windows at the rear and northwest corner of the school is complete. Interior finishes completed. Next phase for monumental windows along the front of the school is scheduled for mid-September.

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School

- Classroom flooring repair being scheduled.

William Ramsay Elementary School

- Kitchen renovation - the servery line is completed and fully operational. The cafeteria ceiling lights and ductwork are finished, and the kitchen work area has been fully segregated. The brickwork for the walk-in expansion is also complete. Ongoing work includes the floor drain installation, kitchen ceiling work, and interior finishing.

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](#).