



December 10, 2024

### Virtual Community Meetings

#### George Mason Modernization

**Date:** Mon., Dec. 16, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Location:** [Join Meeting Here](#)

*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. Work is scheduled to be performed on nights, weekends and student closure days. The construction team is coordinating with Gilbane to address any reported issues from building staff.

**Former Campus (Phase II):** Demolition of the existing building is completed. The removal of materials, debris and other waste from the site is ongoing and is expected to be finished this month. Geothermal well drilling is currently underway and is anticipated to continue through January 2025. Underground utility work is progressing near W. Braddock Road, with the remaining work dependent on Comcast's relocation of their underground utilities. Rough grading is ongoing in all available areas. Site work remains contingent on weather and site conditions. Submittals and fabrications are in progress for all upcoming work.

### Patrick Henry Project- Phase III



Installation of the artificial turf field has been completed, including the grooming of the in-fill material, game lines and soccer goals. The new flagpole has been installed, and the installation of the chain-link fence and netting posts is nearing completion. MUSCO sports lights have been energized. Fine grading on the north and south sides of the artificial turf field has been delayed due to recent rain and overnight freezing temperatures.

### 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



The wall insulation is 90% complete, and roof demolition is underway, including the removal of all bollards. Site work has also commenced, with the contractor installing both the silt fence and perimeter fencing. Paint on the fourth floor is 80% complete, while drywall installation is finished on the third floor, with paint priming now in progress. Drywall installation on the second and first floors is ongoing. Additional site work includes layout preparations and demolition activities as part of the initial groundwork.

The Capital Programs, Planning, and Design team shared a brief construction update with the George Mason PTA. To review the presentation in English and Spanish, visit the [1703 North Beauregard Swing Space](#) webpage.

### George Mason Modernization Project



The Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design team held a virtual community with VMDO Architects to provide an update on the selected conceptual design and project timeline. To review the presentation and watch the meeting recording, [visit the George Mason Modernization webpage](#).

The next virtual community meeting will be held on **Mon., Dec. 16, 2024**. This meeting is an opportunity to receive updates on the project timeline and schematic design, including traffic scoping, outdoor space utilization, and building elevations.

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Representatives from ACPS and VMDO Architects will be available to answer questions submitted during the meeting. These questions will also help shape future updates and FAQs on the George Mason Elementary Modernization webpage.

**Language Support:** Interpreters in Spanish, Amharic, Dari and Arabic will be available during the webinar.

If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be accessible online afterward, and all feedback will be shared with the appropriate staff and decision-makers. We encourage you to send your feedback to CIP Communications Specialist Arte'a Funderburk at [artea.funderburk@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:artea.funderburk@acps.k12.va.us).

## 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.

### Alexandria City High School - King Street Campus

- Stadium- the sound system decibel report is completed and being distributed.
- Cistern- the contractor and controls sub is finalizing sequencing for winter implementation.
- Audio/Visual- new studio set in fabrication and to be installed mid-December.

### Charles Barrett Elementary School

- Classroom luxury vinyl tile (LVT) installation being coordinated with school administration.

### Francis C. Hammond Middle School

- Courtyard- the design is being finalized to reduce the size of the stormwater collection vault, sump pump and a forced main to discharge the courtyard storm water remotely. The inlet and courtyard pipe sizing, as well as subbase retention, is being modified.
- Concrete work being finalized for Winter Break.

### George Washington Middle School

- HVAC phase - demolition work on chillers to commence in December, followed by piping and electrical work.
- Pavement - gutter and inlet concrete repair work will be performed during Winter Break.

### James K. Polk Elementary School

- Stormwater/Hardscape- the civil engineer's revised plan is being priced for work and anticipated for next summer.

- Kitchen renovation- the design team is scheduling site reconnaissance to investigate the current condition of the kitchen and cafeteria.

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

- Asbestos remediation- remediation is being scheduled for Winter Break.

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

- Kitchen renovation- the project is complete.

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

- Chiller installation- training being scheduled. Educational Facilities will submit documentation for the Dominion Energy Rebate.
- Asbestos/Flooring- prioritizing the next round of asbestos remediation and LVT flooring is underway with school administration, to coincide with moisture issues.

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

- Window renovation- final phase to be completed Summer Break 2025.

#### **Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School**

- Building envelope- pricing has been received from the contractor; work will be scheduled in phases starting in spring.

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

- Kitchen renovation- work is progressing in the kitchen area on schedule with completion at the end of Winter Break.

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