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Virtual Community Meetings

There are no upcoming meetings scheduled in February 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 by visiting the following link:

https://www.parentsquare.com/community_signups/62755602-e100-40c9-bbeb-84fc5824068c/new

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 complete. Change orders, including the playground shades, have been rescheduled for installation in April. Repairs inside the building are being addressed based on work order requests, and communication is ongoing with the manufacturer regarding warranty items.

Former Campus (Phase II): Site work continues with hauling and rough grading, along with the drilling of geothermal wells, totaling 235 to date. Construction of the retaining wall on the west side of the field is scheduled to begin early February.

Patrick Henry Project- Phase III



Keller Brothers submitted an updated schedule accounting for cold weather and snow. Targeted snow removal on the artificial turf field (ATF) south side allowed for grading, thawing, and proof-rolling along the permeable paver path. Work has resumed on ATF fencing, netting, pavement overlay, electric conduit extension on Taney Ave., and limited sodding with protection. Amendments extending substantial completion are finalized. Keller is pricing the monument sign and conduit enclosure.

1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



Flooring installation on the fourth floor is 80% complete, with doors, final paint, and countertops pending. Window shades are halfway done. Third-floor flooring is also 80% finished, with cabinets installed and paint touch-ups ongoing. On the second floor, drywall is prepped for painting, and flooring prep is underway. First-floor drywall is complete, with painting set to begin soon. Ductwork is 80% done building-wide. The walk-in refrigerator is installed and awaiting electrical connections. Playground work continues. The Goddard fire alarm is installed, pending testing. In the basement, pump system and electrical work are ongoing.

George Mason Modernization Project



The Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design team held a virtual community meeting with VMDO Architects to provide an update on the project timeline and schematic design, including

previously discussed aspects such as traffic scoping, outdoor space utilization, and building elevations. To view the presentation and watch the meeting recording, [visit the George Mason Modernization webpage](#).

Survey for George Mason Elementary Families: Swing Space Child Care Needs

As ACPS prepares for the temporary relocation of George Mason Elementary School (GMES) students to the swing space, the interim location during the construction of the new GMES building, the ACPS Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design is conducting a survey. This survey, designed exclusively for GMES families, aims to assess before- and after-school care needs during the temporary relocation to the swing space.

It is part of the planning process for the 2025–26 and 2026–27 school years. Families with students who will be enrolled at GMES during this time, regardless of their current enrollment status in ACPS, are encouraged to participate.

The survey will be available from Fri., Jan. 31, 2025, through Fri., Feb. 14, 2025. Access the survey by visiting the following link: https://acpsva.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8IjHlSKHtJycqd8

For questions or additional information please contact Arte'a Funderburk, CIP communications specialist, at 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

- Audio/Visual (A/V)- studio work is complete and the punch list walkthrough has been performed. A stakeholder meeting to identify priorities for phase 2 work is complete and recommendations for expenditures will be finalized this month.
- Cistern- the revised scope proposal for HVAC controls, along with the proposal for the additional general contractor work, including a new supply valve, cistern cleaning, and sandtrap replacement, is due in early February. Work is expected to begin in the spring.

Alexandria City High School - Minnie Howard Campus

- Pool lane marker evaluation- the consultant's proposal has been received. Product information and embedment depths will be secured from the installer by the end of January for the consultant's review.
- Security vestibule mat replacement- the proposal to remove the new aluminum and carpet walk-off mat and replace it with carpet tile has been received. Awaiting funding codes for requisition preparation.
- Security vestibule airphone- the proposal has been received.

Charles Barrett Elementary School

- Luxury vinyl tile (LVT) installation of nine classrooms on the first floor is underway.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School

- Courtyard- more soil tests are being conducted near the deep manhole, about 20 feet below the courtyard. The civil engineer is exploring relocating underground storage from the parking area to a grass area and will develop phased plans based on task dependencies and costs.
- Cafeteria- the contractor has mobilized to the site, completed installation of exterior temporary partitions at both structures and completed isolation of the fire sprinkler system.
- Rooftop unit (RTU) replacement - the contractor has completed installation of the service platform structures at units 11, 18, 19, 21, OA-1, and the chiller. They are moving forward to fabricate additional access ladders to unit 11 and steel grating to unit 18.
- Kiln room- abatement of flooring tiles and LVT installation are complete. Proposal for the balance of work is due this month.
- Clinic painting- painting rescheduled for mid-February.
- Rooms 101 and 102 floor repair- a preconstruction review with the contractor and consultant was held in January. The final proposal is due early-February.

George Washington Middle School

- HVAC chiller (phased) - installation of new piping, electrical, pumps and motors, and equipment service pads is complete. Installation and connection of the air handler unit is also complete.
- HVAC boilers renovation - the designer has worked to identify the scope of work and performed an assessment study for the heating system. Completion of the construction documents and specifications is due in March.

James K. Polk Elementary School

- Stormwater/Hardscape- the civil engineer submitted the design for the low slope drainage accommodation and is arranging a relative-order-of-magnitude estimate.
- Playground- the new outdoor playspace officially opened on January 24, 2025. This included seating with a mobile chalkboard and an obstacle course play structure and seated spinners.

John Adams Elementary School

- Rear corridor LVT- materials are backordered. Installation will commence upon arrival with work taking place on evenings and weekends.
- Auxiliary gym- awaiting schedule confirmation from the painting subcontractor to complete the court lining work.

Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy

- Kitchen renovation- the project is complete.

Mount Vernon Community School

- Flooring replacement (Rm. 123)- abatement work is complete. Floors have been ardexed and awaiting LVT delivery. Installation will take place over a weekend.
- Chiller- the facility has been changed over to the seasonal heating mode delaying the commissioning until spring. Training and demonstrations are being scheduled.

Samuel L. Tucker Elementary School

- Security desk- materials have been delivered with final assembly and installation scheduled for the final week of January.
- Washer/Dryer installation- installation requirements are under review.

William Ramsay Elementary School

- Kitchen renovation- final approvals from the Alexandria Health Department for kitchen use is due early-February. Project turnover is anticipated for Feb. 7, 2025.

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