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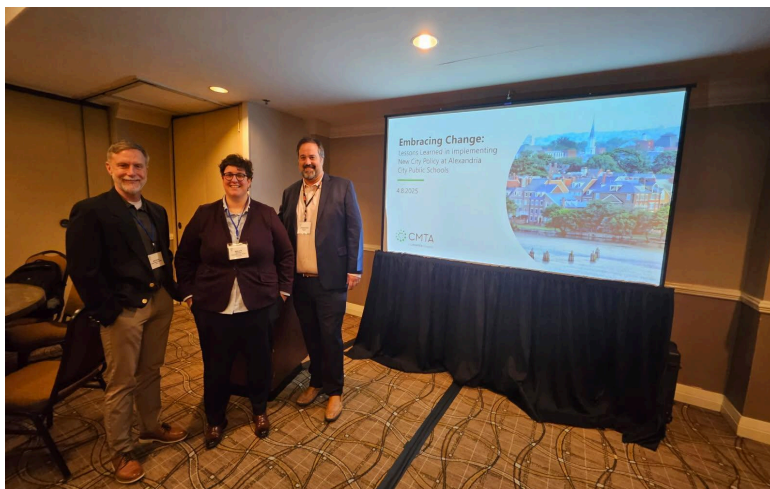
Welcome to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Newsletter. It is a priority for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to keep the community informed about our current capital improvement projects. This monthly newsletter includes major updates from some of our ongoing projects.



**Hi ACPS and Alexandria neighbors!**

Welcome to the very first edition of the Director's Corner! Each month, I'll be sharing some highlights of the amazing work our team is doing to support our schools and students.

Our team was hard at work during the month of April. On April 8th, Assistant Director Arthur Carpenter-Holmes and I attended the Architects for Learning Environments Southeastern Conference right here in Alexandria. We teamed up with CMTA, a national leader in sustainability and K-12 design, to share how ACPS is embracing Alexandria's Green Building Policy and what we've learned from nearly a decade of school modernizations. It was a great opportunity to showcase how our community is leading the way in creating greener, smarter schools.



Then, on April 11th, Mr. Carpenter-Holmes visited the Minnie Howard Early Childhood Pre-K's Building Study Celebration. The Pre-K students shared with us, our construction partner Gilbane, and their families all the important discoveries and accomplishments they've made during their Building Study. They learned how different parts of a building come together to create the spaces where we learn and grow! Seeing their creativity and curiosity in action is a reminder that everything we do is for our students, both those learning in our schools today and the generations who will walk these halls in the future.

I can't wait to keep sharing our progress with you every month! Read on to learn more about upcoming community meetings and the latest project updates.

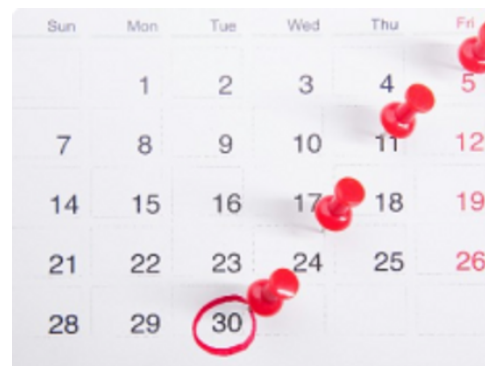


## VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

HOSTED BY: ACPS OFFICE OF CAPITAL PROGRAMS, PLANNING, AND DESIGN

**There are no upcoming meetings scheduled in May at this time.**

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



### 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.

## George Mason Modernization Project



There will be a public hearing to review ACPS's request for a Development Site Plan (DSUP) related to the partial demolition and reconstruction of George Mason Elementary School. The proposal also includes Special Use Permits for both indoor and outdoor recreation facilities. This hearing offers an opportunity for community members to learn more and share feedback on the project.

### Planning Commission

**Date:** Tues., May 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm

**Link:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_T1iDo8S0QDylxEdvvdibxg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T1iDo8S0QDylxEdvvdibxg)

### City Council

**Date:** Sat., May 17, 2025 at 9:30 am

**Link:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2uz\\_G7rXRHa4kUc7qupghg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2uz_G7rXRHa4kUc7qupghg)

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## 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



Finishing touches throughout the building are now complete. The kitchen servery has been finished and successfully passed inspection by the Department of Health. Work on the penthouse is 90% complete, with only the flooring left to install. The nature playground is finished, and fencing installation is currently underway. Construction of the stair tower addition is ongoing. The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system has been fully installed and is operational. Modern playground equipment has been set up, and all storm drains have been installed.

The Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design team held a virtual community meeting to provide an update on the project timeline and construction progress. To view the presentation and watch the meeting recording, [visit the 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space webpage](#).



## The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



**New Campus:** Playground shading is partially installed, with completion expected once a missing piece arrives from the manufacturer. Change orders are being addressed and nearing completion. Repairs inside the building still are being addressed based on work order requests.

**Former Campus (Phase II- Athletic Fields):** Horizontal connections are underway, with 10 completed so far and tie-in work in progress. General grading will begin soon. The StormTech system has been installed and covered. The west retaining wall and foundations for the south retaining wall are complete. The east retaining wall has been poured up to 50%. Fence installation is ongoing. Backfilling and compacting behind the retaining walls is 60% complete.

## Patrick Henry Phase 3- Athletic Fields



The grass paved access path, mow strip, ornamental fencing, fine grading, sodding, landscaping, site lighting, and sidewalk along Taney Avenue are all complete. The Monumental Sign foundation was installed over Spring Break. Remote key switches for the MUSCO sports lighting are being installed, and punch list work continues.

## 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)- phase two integration work is ongoing. 60% of equipment proposals have been received and are under review.

### Alexandria City High School - Minnie Howard Campus

- Security vestibule mat replacement work is complete.

### Charles Barrett Elementary School

- Classroom insert installation on the first floor is complete, including all backordered items.

### Francis C. Hammond Middle School

- Kiln Room Project- renovation is complete, including flooring, painting, ceiling, lighting, exhaust system, and power upgrades.
- Clinic- painting, ceiling and light fixture replacement is complete.
- Cafeteria Glazed Structure- new glazing work continued over Spring Break and remains in

progress.

- Auditorium- phase 2 investigation is complete; results are being reviewed.
- Exterior Graphic- installation is complete.

#### **George Washington Middle School**

- Curb inlet and re-paving work was completed over Spring Break.

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

- Re-paving and stormwater management (SWM)- work is scheduled to begin during Summer Break 2025.

#### **Jefferson Houston K-8 School**

- Exhaust hood installation is complete including water supply, drainage and electrical supply.

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

- Rear corridor LVT- installation is ongoing with completion anticipated for mid-May.
- Library shading- installation is complete, including electrical connections and soffit reinforcement.

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

- Drainage project- APEX replaced the SWM vault cartridges, and the project team will now revisit the Bowman Drainage Plan.

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

- Chiller replacement- the facility has been switched to seasonal cooling mode. Final chiller commissioning, inspections, and training sessions are being scheduled.

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

- Washer/Dryer - installation is complete, including plumbing, drainage, and electrical upgrades.

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) serves more than 16,300 students who hail from more than 118 countries and speak 127 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 X ([Twitter](#)), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).