



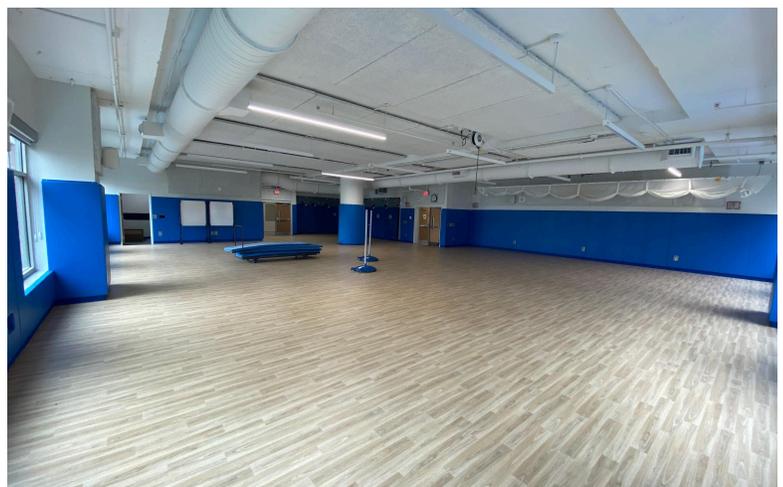
June 9, 2025

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.



May was a busy and exciting month for the Capital Programs team as we moved one project closer to completion and took a major step forward on another. We received City approval of the Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) for the George Mason Elementary School modernization, an important milestone as we prepare to begin demolition of the existing building and make way for a modern new campus.

While George Mason students and staff await their new school, they will utilize the swing space at 1703 N. Beauregard St. This project has reached substantial completion, and furniture installation is already underway!



If you have not had a chance, visit the [1703 N. Beauregard webpage](#) to see updated photos of the vibrant new interior spaces and playgrounds.

As students and staff enjoy a well-deserved Summer Break, our team will remain hard at work to ensure their new spaces are ready to welcome them in the fall! 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

George Mason Modernization Project

Date: Monday, June 9, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: [Online \(Join Here\)](#)

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



On May 17, 2025, the Alexandria City Council unanimously approved ACPS' Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) for the project.

The Capital Programs, Planning, and Design team invites you to join us for a virtual community meeting on **Mon., June 9, 2025**. This meeting is an opportunity to receive updates on the interior and exterior design, DSUP approval and construction timeline.

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Representatives from ACPS and VMDO Architects will be available to answer questions submitted during the meeting.

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 Arte'a Funderburk, CIP communications specialist, at artea.funderburk@acps.k12.va.us.

1703 N. Beaugard Swing Space



New furniture has been delivered and installed, and the building has received its temporary occupancy permit. Preliminary inspections, or "punch list" reviews, are complete on all floors, and follow-up work is underway. About 95% of the site work is finished, with just a few final touches remaining, including the installation of exterior stair railings and the modern playground fence. The building is being cleaned and prepared for use, and maintenance staff are receiving training. Smartboards have been installed, and the building's Wi-Fi is up and running.

The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



New Campus: Playground shading is partially installed, with completion expected to occur during Summer Break.

Former Campus (Phase II- Athletic Fields): The horizontal connections for the geothermal wells are complete, and the pressure test was completed and passed. General grading across the site is finished, and the underground stormwater system has been installed and covered. All retaining walls have been built according to plan, and the new north-side fence adjacent to the Fairlington homes is complete. Musco field lights have been installed on the north side of the field. Crews are now backfilling behind the retaining walls and compacting the soil in preparation for the new turf field. On the south side near Braddock Road, the sidewalk has been removed, and the streetlights have been relocated. Work is underway to expand and adjust the entrance and rebuild the sidewalk.

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

- Auditorium Audio/Visual (A/V) Phase 2 - the design consultant and school team are evaluating equipment options for installation in the auditorium (summer work).
- Stadium Seating Improvement Project - the consultant will propose design options for the replacement of old bleachers and stands, as well as provide design options for additional seating.

- Cistern Improvements - replacement of old pumps, clear drainings and sludge, and update equipment controls.
- Kitchen refrigerator compressor replacement.

Alexandria City High School - Minnie Howard Campus

- Security vestibule upgrades at Door 2 and walk-off mat replacement at Door 8 will take place during Summer Break.

Charles Barrett Elementary School

- First floor classroom corridor flooring abatement and luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring installation scheduled for Summer Break.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School.

- Auditorium - vendor will design a ceiling renovation package, including new tiles, lighting improvements, and minor mechanical improvements. Last month's ceiling water intrusion investigations were completed and proposals for repair work have been received.

George Washington Middle School

- Enhancements to the immersion classroom (ie .black out shades, painting, minor cabling needs, etc.)
- Kitchen refrigerator compressor replacement.

James K. Polk Elementary School

- Re-paving and stormwater management (SWM)- improvements are now under contract and expected to begin early July. To ensure continued access for students and staff, the work will be completed in phases over a two- to three-week period.

John Adams Elementary School

- Skylight shading installation is delayed due to backordered materials and will resume once the materials arrive.
- Kitchen refrigerator compressor replacement.
- Repainting of various corridors.
- Painting of floor lines and numbers on the gym floor.

Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy

- Drainage project- the project team is working with the Council of Architecture (COA) to secure approval for repaving the parking lot as part of the overall improvements.

Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School

- Media Center- New bookshelves and furniture are in production. Requests for flooring abatement, new LVT flooring, and moving services have been submitted. Moving, demolition, and abatement work will begin mid-June.
- Window replacement will take place during Summer Break.

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School

- Washer/Dryer - installation is complete, awaiting trades permits.
- Flooring replacement in kindergarten classrooms will occur over Summer Break.

Mount Vernon Community School

- Flooring replacement in the 1st floor corridor will occur over Summer Break.
- Kitchen refrigerator compressor replacement.

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 nurturing, educating and inspiring each student so they are prepared to thrive in college, career and community. Visit us on the web at www.acps.k12.va.us and follow us on X ([Twitter](#)), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).